

1 Kings 1:39

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the broader narrative of Solomon's accession and Adonijah's rebellion, within the book's focus on succession narrative and establishment of Solomon's reign.

The Hebrew text reveals nuances important for understanding this passage's contribution to 1 Kings' theological message about kingship, covenant, and faithfulness to Yahweh. This verse demonstrates the consequences when God's people—especially their leaders—either follow or forsake the covenant established at Sinai.

Historical Context

First Kings was written during or after the Babylonian exile (6th century BCE), reflecting on the monarchy period (10th-9th centuries BCE) to explain why the kingdoms fell. This passage describes events around 970 BCE during the transition from David to Solomon.

Ancient Near Eastern kingship ideology viewed kings as divine representatives

responsible for maintaining cosmic order through right worship. Archaeological discoveries from sites like Megiddo, Hazor, and Samaria confirm the historical reliability of 1 Kings' descriptions of building projects and administrative structures.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does this passage illustrate the importance of clear succession planning and communication in leadership transitions?
2. What does Solomon's consolidation of power reveal about the relationship between justice, mercy, and political necessity?
3. How does this verse point toward or prepare for the coming of Christ and His eternal kingdom?

Interlinear Text

וְיָקַח	וְיָקַח	זָדּוֹק	בָּכֶה	אֶת	בָּכֶה	וְיָקַח	מִן	פֶּשֶׁת	מִן	
took	And Zadok	the priest		H853		an horn		of oil	H4480	
H3947	H6659	H3548				H7161		H8081		
בְּאַתְּ	בְּאַתְּ	וְיָמַשׁ	וְיָמַשׁ	אֶת	וְיָמַשׁ	שְׁלֹמֹה	וְיָמַשׁ	בְּשׁוֹפֵךְ	רְגִינְתְּקָרְבָּן	
out of the tabernacle		and anointed		H853		Solomon	And they blew	the trumpet		
H168		H4886				H8010	H8628		H7782	
כֹּל	כֹּל	בְּעֵד	בְּעֵד	יְהִי	יְהִי	שְׁלֹמֹה	בְּעֵד	לְךָ		
said	H3605	and all the people	H5971	God save	H2421	king	H4428	Solomon		
H559								H8010		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 89:20 (Parallel theme): I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:

1 Chronicles 29:22 (Kingdom): And did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him unto the LORD to be the chief governor, and Zadok to be priest.

1 Kings 1:34 (Salvation): And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon.

1 Samuel 10:24 (Salvation): And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king.