

1 Kings 1:41

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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

וַיִּשְׁמַע	אֲדֹנִי הוּא	וְכָל	הַקָּרָאִים	אֲשֶׁר	אֵת	וְהֵם
heard	And Adonijah	H3605	and all the guests	H834	H854	H1992
H8085	H138		H7121			
כָּל	וַיִּשְׁמַע	לֶאֱכֹל	יֹאבֵב	אֵת		
it as they had made an end	heard	of eating	And when Joab			
H3615	H8085	H398	H3097			
קוֹל	הַשּׁוֹפָר	וַיֹּאמֶר	מֶדְוַע	קוֹל		
Wherefore is this noise	of the trumpet	he said	H4069	Wherefore is this noise		
H6963	H7782	H559		H6963		
הַקִּירָה	הוֹמָה:					
of the city	being in an uproar					
H7151	H1993					