

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

וְהִנֵּה מִאֵת וְאֶשְׁר רַבְבָּנָים וְשָׁמְעָה עָדָנִי הוּא וְכֹל

heard And Adonijah H3605 and all the guests H834 H854 H1992

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כֹּל וְשָׁמְעָה עָדָנִי יָאָב אֶת יָאָב כֹּל

it as they had made an end of eating heard And when Joab H853

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H8085

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לֹאֵל וְשָׁמְעָה עָדָנִי מִד וְעַי אָמַר כֹּל

Wherefore is this noise of the trumpet he said H4069 Wherefore is this noise H6963

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of the city being in an uproar

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