

1 Kings 1:45

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 prophetic office represents God's faithful witness even in apostasy, calling His people back to covenant faithfulness.

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

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

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

לִמְלֶכְךָ	הַנָּבִיא	יָאֵן	וְנָתָן	הַכֹּהֵן	צָדוֹק	אֶת	וַיִּמְשָׁח
him king	the prophet	and Nathan	the priest	And Zadok	have anointed		
H4428	H5030	H5416	H3548	H6659	H4886	H853	
וַיָּרָא	שָׁמָּה	יָם	מִשָּׁם	וַעֲלֶה	בְּגִיחַ	וְ	
rang again	from thence rejoicing			and they are come up	in Gihon		
H1949	H8056		H8033	H5927	H1521		
שָׁמַעְתֶּם:	אֲשֶׁר	רָ	הִקּוֹל	הָיָא	הַקִּרְיָה		
that ye have heard			This is the noise		so that the city		
H8085	H834		H6963	H1931	H7151		

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 1:40 (Parallel theme): And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

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