

# 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

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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

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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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

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לְמַלְאָכָה יְהוָה אָתָּה וְיִתְּמִשֵּׁחַ ۱  
have anointed H853 And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet him king  
H4866 H6659 H3548 H5416 H5030 H4428

וְיַעֲלֵה בְּגַח־יְהוָה מִשְׁמָךְ יְמִינָה שְׁמִמְךְ יְמִינָה  
in Gihon and they are come up H1521 H5927 H8033 from thence rejoicing H8056 rang again H1949

שְׁמַעְתֶּם: אֲשֶׁר־בְּקָרְבֵּי הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וְלֹא־הַיְאָה  
so that the city H1931 This is the noise H6963 H834 that ye have heard H8085

## Additional Cross-References

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**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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