

# 1 Kings 1:48

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

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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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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## 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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יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה
H1571	H3602	H559	H4428	H1288	H3068	H430
And	also	thus	said	the	king	Blessed
be	the	LORD	God			
יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה
H1571	H3602	H559	H4428	H1288	H3068	H430
of	Israel	which	hath	given	this	day
H3478	H834	H5414	H3117	H3427	H5921	H3678
one	to	sit	on	my	throne	
יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	יְהוָה
H1571	H3602	H559	H4428	H1288	H3068	H430
mine	eyes	even	seeing			
H5869	H7200					

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 3:6** (Parallel theme): And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

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