

# 1 Kings 11:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king's seed in Edom.**

This verse contributes to the broader narrative of Solomon's apostasy and death, within the book's focus on Solomon's wisdom, temple building, and tragic apostasy.

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. Solomon's reign (c. 970-930 BCE) represented Israel's golden age of peace and prosperity.

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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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

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

## Study Questions

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1. How did Solomon's disobedience to God's clear commands lead to his downfall, and what warnings does this provide?
2. What role do relationships and alliances play in either strengthening or compromising our faith?
3. How does this verse point toward or prepare for the coming of Christ and His eternal kingdom?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיִּקְם	יְהוָה	שָׂטָן	לְשֹׁלֹמֹה	אֵת	הָדָד
stirred up	And the LORD	an adversary	unto Solomon	H853	Hadad
H6965	H3068	H7854	H8010		H1908
הָעֲדֹמִי	מִן־בֶּעַ	הָמֶלֶךְ	וְהָ	בְּעֲדֹם:	
the Edomite	seed	he was of the king's	H1931	in Edom	
H130	H2233	H4428		H123	

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