

1 Kings 11:43

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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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

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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

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

שָׁלַמָּה	עִם	אָבִיו	רָבִיבָרִי	בָּעֵיר	לְיִהְוֹדָה
And Solomon	H5973	his father	and was buried	in the city	of David
slept	H8010	H1	H6912	H5892	H1732
his father	reigned	and Rehoboam	his son	תְּחִתִּים:	בָּנָיו
H1	H4427	H7346	H1121	H8478	

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 2:10 (References David): So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

2 Kings 21:18 (Kingdom): And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

Matthew 1:7 (Parallel theme): And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa;

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