

1 Kings 2:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the broader narrative of David's death and Solomon's consolidation of power, 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

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

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

אָמַם	שְׁבָע	בְּתַעֲבָה	בְּאַל	סְגִינַת	בְּנֵי	וְאַדְנִי	הָוֶה	בָּאַדְנִי
Comest	And Adonijah	the son	of Haggith				to Bathsheba	the mother
H935	H138	H1121	H2294	H413	H0		H1339	H517
שְׁלָמָם	שְׁלָמָם	בָּאַדְנִי	וְאַמְרָה	וְאַמְרָה	וְאַמְרָה	וְאַמְרָה	וְאַמְרָה	וְאַמְרָה
of Solomon	And he said	Peaceably	Comest	And he said	Peaceably			
H8010	H559	H7965	H935	H559	H7965			

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