

# 1 Kings 2:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.**

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

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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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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

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

## 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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בָּאָהָ	אֲדֹנִי הוּא	בֶּן	חַגִּית	אֶל	בֵּית	שֵׁבַע	אִם
<b>Comest</b>	<b>And Adonijah</b>	<b>the son</b>	<b>of Haggith</b>	H413	H0	<b>to Bathsheba</b>	<b>the mother</b>
H935	H138	H1121	H2294			H1339	H517
שְׁלֹמֹה	וַיֹּאמֶר	שְׁלוֹמִי:	בָּאָהָ	וַיֹּאמֶר	שְׁלוֹמִי:		
<b>of Solomon</b>	<b>And he said</b>	<b>Peaceably</b>	<b>Comest</b>	<b>And he said</b>	<b>Peaceably</b>		
H8010	H559	H7965	H935	H559	H7965		

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