

1 Kings 2:24

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 temple represents God's dwelling among His people and foreshadows Christ as Immanuel ('God with us').

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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

וְעַתָּה	הִנֵּה	אָשָׁר	הָכִין	נִ	אֲשֶׁר	וְעַתָּה
H6258	H3068	H834	H3559			
liveth	Now therefore as the LORD		which hath established			
H2416						
עַל	כִּי	אָבִיךְ	תִּשְׁבַּב	עַל	אָשָׁר	אָבִיךְ
H5921	H3678	H1732	H1	H3427	H834	H3559
me and set	me on the throne	of David	my father			
H3427						
בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי
וְעַשָּׂה	לֵבֶן	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי
and who hath made	H0	me an house	H834	as he promised	H3588	this day
H6213		H1004		H1696		H3117
וְעַמְתָּה	אַדְנָיָה					
shall be put to death	Adonijah					
H4191	H138					

Additional Cross-References

1 Chronicles 22:10 (Parallel theme): He shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.

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