

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	חִי	יְהוָה	אֲשֶׁר	הָכִינִי	
H6258	liveth	Now therefore as the LORD	H834	which hath established	
	H2416	H3068		H3559	
וְשִׁיבֵי יָנִי	עַל	כִּסֵּא	דָּוִד	אָבִי	וְאֲשֶׁר
me and set	H5921	me on the throne	of David	my father	H834
H3427		H3678	H1732	H1	
וְעָשָׂה	לִי	בַּיִת	כְּאֲשֶׁר	דִּבֶּר	כִּי הַיּוֹם
and who hath made	H0	me an house	H834	as he promised	H3588
H6213		H1004		H1696	H3117
יִמָּוֶת	אֲדֹנִיָּהוּ				
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.