

1 Kings 2:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD; that he might fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for 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

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| וַיִּגְרֹשׁ | שְׁלֹמֹה | אֶת | אֲבִיָּתָר | מִהֵן | כֹּהֵן | יְהוָה |
| thrust out | So Solomon | H853 | Abiathar | H1961 | from being priest | of the LORD |
| H1644 | H8010 | | H54 | | H3548 | H3068 |
| לְמַלֵּא | אֶת | דְּבַר | יְהוָה | אֲשֶׁר | דִּבֶּר | עַל |
| that he might fulfil | H853 | the word | of the LORD | H834 | which he spake | H5921 |
| H4390 | | H1697 | H3068 | | H1696 | |
| בֵּית | עֲלֵי | בְּשִׁילָה: | | | | |
| concerning the house | of Eli | in Shiloh | | | | |
| H1004 | H5941 | H7887 | | | | |

