

# 1 Kings 2:30

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

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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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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## 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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אֵל יְהוָה לְאמֹר בְּנֵי הָוֶה יָבֹא  
And he said to the tabernacle of the LORD  
And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD  
And he said And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD

בָּקָה לְאמֹר כִּי לְאִם רַבָּה  
And he said the king Come forth And he said the king  
the king said And he said the king said

לְאִם רַבָּה אֶת בְּנֵי הָוֶה יְשַׁב  
And he said again And Benaiah said the king word And he said  
Nay but I will die again And Benaiah said the king word And he said

כִּי יְאָבֶד בְּנֵי הָוֶה  
Thus said Joab and thus he answered  
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