

# 1 Kings 2:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar.**

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

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for 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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עַל תְּחִטָּה יְהוָה יְהוָיָה עַל בְּנֵי בְּנֵי בְּנֵי בְּנֵי  
put And the king H853 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada H8478 H5921  
H5414 H4428 H1141 H1121 H3077

בְּמִלְחָמָה אֶת בְּנֵי בְּנֵי בְּנֵי בְּנֵי בְּנֵי  
in his room over the host H853 and Zadok the priest put And the king  
H6635 H6659 H3548 H5414 H4428

תְּחִטָּה אֶבְיָתָר  
H8478 in the room of Abiathar  
H54

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 2:27** (Parallel theme): 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.

**1 Chronicles 24:3** (Parallel theme): And David distributed them, both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service.

**1 Chronicles 29:22** (Kingdom): And did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him unto the LORD to be the chief governor, and Zadok to be priest.

**1 Kings 4:4** (Parallel theme): And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the host: and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests:

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