

# 1 Kings 2:45

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And king Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD for ever.**

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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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## 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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וְהִי לְ	לְ	שָׁלֵם	וְהִי	בֶּרֶת	וְהִי	יְכֹסֶן	וְהִי	דָּוִיד	וְהִי	הַ	וְהִי	לְ
And king	Solomon	shall be blessed		and the throne		of David						H1961
H4428	H8010	H1288		H3678		H1732						
וְעַזְלָמָה:	לְפָנֵי	הַ	יְהִי	עַד	וְעַזְלָמָה:	לְפָנֵי	הַ	יְהִי	עַד	וְעַזְלָמָה:	לְפָנֵי	
shall be established	before	the LORD	for	ever		shall be established	before	the LORD	for	ever		
H3559	H6440	H3068	H5704	H5769		H3559	H6440	H3068	H5704	H5769		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Proverbs 25:5** (Kingdom): Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.