

1 Kings 2:45

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

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

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

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

וְהָיָה לְךָ	שְׁלֹמֹה ה'	בָּרֵךְ וְיִבְרַךְ	וְכִסֵּה א	דָּוִד ה'	יְהוָה ה'
And king	Solomon	shall be blessed	and the throne	of David	H1961
H4428	H8010	H1288	H3678	H1732	
וְנִכְנָח	לְפָנֶי י	יְהוָה ה'	עַד	עוֹלָם:	
shall be established	before	the LORD	for	ever	
H3559	H6440	H3068	H5704	H5769	

Additional Cross-References

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