

Exegetical Notes – 1 Kings 2:26-27

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Verses 26-27

²⁶ To Abiathar the priest the king said, “Go back to your fields in Anathoth. You deserve to die, but I will not put you to death now, because you carried the ark of the Sovereign Lord before my father David and shared all my father’s hardships.”²⁷ So Solomon removed Abiathar from the priesthood of the Lord, fulfilling the word the Lord had spoken at Shiloh about the house of Eli.

- Abiathar, the priest, had been a supporter of Adonijah. Solomon declared that Abiathar also deserved to die and could not be trusted. But because of his service as priest (see 2 Samuel 15:24), he would be spared. Instead of executing Abiathar, Solomon sent Abiathar home, removing him from office as priest.
- The removal of Abiathar from priestly office fulfilled the prophecy against the house of Eli (see 1 Samuel 2:30-35).

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