

# 1 Kings 10:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold,**

This verse contributes to the broader narrative of queen of sheba and solomon's wealth, within the book's focus on Solomon's wisdom, temple building, and tragic apostasy.

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. Solomon's reign (c. 970-930 BCE) represented Israel's golden age of peace and prosperity.

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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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

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

## Study Questions

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1. How did Solomon's disobedience to God's clear commands lead to his downfall, and what warnings does this provide?
2. What role do relationships and alliances play in either strengthening or compromising our faith?
3. How does this verse point toward or prepare for the coming of Christ and His eternal kingdom?

## Interlinear Text

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וְהָיָה	כִּי	אֵשׁ	זָהָב:	מִשְׁקַל	לְשָׁלֹמֹה	בְּשָׁנָה
H1961		H834		H4948	H8010	H8141
		that came	of gold	Now the weight	to Solomon	year
		H935	H2091			
וְהָיָה	כִּי	אֵשׁ	זָהָב:	מִשְׁקַל	לְשָׁלֹמֹה	בְּשָׁנָה
H259		H8337		H3967	H8010	H8141
in one		and six	of gold	hundred	to Solomon	year
		H3603	H2091			

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 9:28** (Parallel theme): And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.