

1 Kings 10:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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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

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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

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

וַתָּבֹא	יְרוּשָׁלָם	מִן	מִן	בְּכָל	כַּבְד	כַּבְד	מְאֹד	מְאֹד	מְלִים	מְלִים	נָשָׁא	יָמִן	גַּם
And she came	to Jerusalem	train	great	and very	with camels	that bare							
H935	H3389	H2428	H3515	H3966	H1581	H5375							
אֶל	וַתָּבֹא	יְקַנֵּת	יְקַנֵּת	יְקַנֵּת	יְקַנֵּת	יְקַנֵּת	מְאֹד	מְאֹד	כַּבְד	כַּבְד	יְקַנֵּת	וַתָּבֹא	אֶל
spices	gold	much	and very	stones	and precious	And she came							
H1314	H2091	H7227	H3966	H68	H3368	H413							
עִם	בְּנֵי	הַאֲשֶׁר	כֶּל	אֵת	אֶל	אֶל	יְתַדֵּבֵר	יְתַדֵּבֵר	אֶל	אֶל	בְּנֵי	הַאֲשֶׁר	עִם
to Solomon	she communed						H413	H853	H3605	H834	H1961	H5973	
H8010	H1696												

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with him of all that was in her heart

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Additional Cross-References

Acts 25:23 (Parallel theme): And on the morrow, when Agrippa was come, and Bernice, with great pomp, and was entered into the place of hearing, with the chief captains, and principal men of the city, at Festus' commandment Paul was brought forth.