

1 Kings 10:29

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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

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

וַיָּאֵלֶּה	וְיָצָא	מֶרְכֶּב	הַ	מִמֶּצֶר	יְמִ	בְּשֶׁשׁ	וּמְאַה	וּמְאַה
came up	and went out	And a chariot	of Egypt	for six	for an hundred			
H5927	H3318	H4818	H4714	H8337	H3967			
כֶּסֶף	וְאֵת	וְחַמְשׁ	יְמִ	וּמְאַה	לְכָל	וְכָל		
shekels of silver	and an horse	and fifty	for an hundred	H3651	H3605			
H3701	H5483	H2572	H3967					
וְלְמַלְכִּים	בְּחַתִּים	וְלְמַלְכִּים	אֶבֶן	בְּיַד				
and for the kings	of the Hittites	and for the kings	of Syria	by their means				
H4428	H2850	H4428	H758	H3027				
וְיָצָא								
and went out								
H3318								

Additional Cross-References

Joshua 1:4 (Parallel theme): From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

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