

1 Kings 10:5

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 temple represents God's dwelling among His people and foreshadows Christ as Immanuel ('God with us').

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

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

וְמִצְמָמָתְךָ לְמִצְמָמָתְךָ
And the meat of his table and the sitting of his servants and the attendance
H3978 H7979 H4186 H5650 H4612

מִשְׁרָתְךָ וְמִלְבָשֵׁיכָם אֶשְׁר וְעַלְתָּה וְמִשְׁקָה
of his ministers and their apparel and his ascent
H8334 H4403 H4945 H5930 H834

בְּיַעַל הַבָּיִת יְהוָה וְלֹא בְּבֵית הַבָּיִת
by which he went up unto the house of the LORD
H5927 H1004 H3068 H3808 H1961 H0 H5750

רוּם:

there was no more spirit
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Additional Cross-References

1 Chronicles 26:16 (Parallel theme): To Shuppim and Hosah the lot came forth westward, with the gate Shallecheth, by the causeway of the going up, ward against ward.

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