

# 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

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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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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## **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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וּמֵאֵכָל ל	שְׁלֹחַנֹו	וּמוֹשֵׁב	עֲבָדָיו	וּמַעַמְּד		
And the meat	of his table	and the sitting	of his servants	and the attendance		
H3978	H7979	H4186	H5650	H4612		
מִשְׁרָתֹו	וּמִלְבָּשֵׁיהֶם	וּמִשְׁקֵי יוֹ	וְעֹלָתֹו	אֲשֶׁר		
of his ministers	and their apparel	H4945	and his ascent	H834		
H8334	H4403		H5930			
יַעֲלֶה	בֵּית	יְהוָה	וְלֹא	הָיָה	בָּה	עוֹד
by which he went up	unto the house	of the LORD	H3808	H1961	H0	H5750
H5927	H1004	H3068				
וְכֵן הָיָה:						
there was no more spirit						
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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.