

# 1 Kings 11:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And this was the cause that he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.**

This verse contributes to the broader narrative of Solomon's apostasy and death, 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

## **Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment**

## Romans 2:1 — Judging others

## 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

בְּ לֹהֶן	בְּ לֹהֶן	הַר יְמִינָה	אֲשֶׁר	הַזָּבֵבָר	וְזַהֲרָה	וְזַהֲרָה
H2088	And this was the cause	H834	that he lifted up	his hand	against the king	
	H1697		H7311	H3027	H4428	

שְׁלָמָה	בָּנָה	וְמַלְאָכָה	בָּנָה	אֶת	אֶת	בָּנָה	שְׁלָמָה
<b>Solomon</b>	<b>built</b>	H853	<b>Millo</b>	<b>and repaired</b>	H853	<b>the breaches</b>	<b>of the city</b>
H8010	H1129		H4407	H5462		H6556	H5892

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of David his father  
H1732 H1

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 9:24** (References David): But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo.

**1 Kings 9:15** (Kingdom): And this is the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

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