

# 1 Kings 11:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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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

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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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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## 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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אֲשֶׁר רַאֲשָׁוֹן

H3282

H834

נִשְׁאָב וְנִ

H5800

נִשְׁתְּפָחוֹת

H7812

Because that they have forsaken me and have worshipped

אֱלֹהִים לְעֵשֶׂתֶתֶת

Ashtoreth

the god

אֱלֹהִים צִדְקָנִים

of the Zidonians

מוֹאָב אֱלֹהִים לְקָמֹשׁ

Chemosh the god

מוֹאָב אֱלֹהִים לְקָמֹשׁ

of the Moabites

H6253

H430

H6722

H3645

H430

H4124

אֱלֹהִים וְלִמְלָכֶם

and Milcom

the god

בְּנֵי אֱלֹהִים

of the children

וְעַמּוֹן

of Ammon

H3808

and have not walked

H4445

H430

H1121

H5983

H1980

בְּעֵינֵי רֹאשׁ וְתַבְדֵּל

in my ways

to do

that which is right

בְּעֵינֵי רֹאשׁ וְתַבְדֵּל

in mine eyes

וְהַקְרִין

and to keep my statutes

H1870

H6213

H3477

H5869

H2708

וּמְשֻׁפֵּט

and my judgments

בְּנֵי דָּוִיד

אָבִיו

H1732

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