

# 1 Kings 11:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,**

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

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## 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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לְבָבِךְ וְלִתְאֵבָה  
was angry      And the LORD      with Solomon      was turned      because his heart  
H599                    H3068                    H8010                    H3588                    H5186                    H3824

אֶלָּךְ וְבִרְאָה  
And the LORD      God      of Israel      which had appeared      H413  
H5973                    H3068                    H430                    H3478                    H7200

פְּעִמִּים:  
unto him twice  
H6471

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 3:5** (References God): In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

**1 Kings 9:2** (References Lord): That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.

**Exodus 4:14** (References Lord): And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

**Deuteronomy 3:26** (References Lord): But the LORD was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter.

**Deuteronomy 9:8** (References Lord): Also in Horeb ye provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you to have destroyed you.

**Deuteronomy 7:4** (References God): For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

**Deuteronomy 9:20** (References Lord): And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.

**Numbers 12:9** (References Lord): And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed.

**2 Samuel 6:7** (References God): And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.