

1 Kings 3:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the broader narrative of Solomon's wisdom and the famous judgment, 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 does the temple as God's dwelling place help us understand Christ's incarnation and the church as God's temple today?
2. What does Solomon's prayer and dedication teach about approaching God in worship and prayer?
3. How does this verse point toward or prepare for the coming of Christ and His eternal kingdom?

Interlinear Text

וַתַּחֲתֵּן	אֶת	שְׁלֹמֹה	אֶת	פַּרְעֹה	מֶלֶךְ	מִצְרַיִם	וַתֵּקַח	אֶת
made affinity		And Solomon	H854	Pharaoh's	king	of Egypt	and took	H853
H2859		H8010		H6547	H4428	H4714	H3947	
בֵּת	פַּרְעֹה	וַיְבִיֵּאָהָּ	אֶל	עִיר	דָּוִד	עַד		
daughter	Pharaoh's	and brought	H413	her into the city	of David			H5704
H1323	H6547	H935		H5892	H1732			
כָּלָתָּהּ	לְבָנָהּ	אֶת	בֵּית	וְאֶת	בֵּית			
until he had made an end	of building	H853	and the house	H853	and the house			
H3615	H1129		H1004		H1004			
יְהוָה	וְאֶת	חוֹמַת	יְרוּשָׁלַם	סָבִיב:				
of the LORD	H853	and the wall	of Jerusalem	round about				
H3068		H2346	H3389	H5439				

Additional Cross-References

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 11:1 (Kingdom): But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;

2 Samuel 5:7 (References David): Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David.