

# 1 Kings 4:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**The son of Heshed, in Aruboth; to him pertained Sochoh, and all the land of Hephher:**

This verse contributes to the broader narrative of Solomon's administration and prosperity, 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 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

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

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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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

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בֶּן	הֶסֶד	בְּאַרְבֹּת	ל	שָׁחָה	וְכָל
H0	The son of Hesed	in Aruboth	H0	to him pertained Sochoh	H3605
	H1136	H700		H7755	
אֶרֶץ	חֶפְרָה				
and all the land	of Hepher				
H776	H2660				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Joshua 12:17** (Parallel theme): The king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hepher, one;

**Joshua 15:35** (Parallel theme): Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,

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