

1 Kings 4:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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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

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

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

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

וְאֶת בָּנָיו וְאֶת בָּנָי בְּאַרְבָּה וְאֶת בָּנָי בְּשָׁכְנָה וְאֶת בָּנָי בְּשָׁכְנָה

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וְאֶת בָּנָי בְּאֶרְץ חֵפֶר:
and all the land of Hepher

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Additional Cross-References

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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