

1 Kings 4:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

Analysis

The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

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

בֶּן	אֲבִינָדָב	כָּל	נְּ פֶת	דֹּר	טַפַּת
H0	The son of Abinadab	H3605	in all the region	of Dor	which had Taphath
	H1125		H5299	H1756	H2955
בַּת	שְׁלֹמֹה	הָ	יָתָהּ	לָ	לְאִשָּׁה:
the daughter	of Solomon	H1961	H0	to wife	
H1323	H8010			H802	

Additional Cross-References

Joshua 11:2 (Parallel theme): And to the kings that were on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west,

