

# 1 Kings 4:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal,**

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

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

## 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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וְיָהּ י	לֶחֶם	שְׁלֹמֹה ה	לִי וּמ	אֶחָד	שְׁלֹשִׁים	כָּר
H1961	provision	And Solomon's	day	for one	was thirty	measures
	H3899	H8010	H3117	H259	H7970	H3734
סֵלֶת	וּשְׁשִׁים	כָּר	קִמְחָ:			
of fine flour	and threescore	measures	of meal			
H5560	H8346	H3734	H7058			

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