

# 1 Kings 4:24

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

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

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## 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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מִתְפָּסֵחַ	בְּנֵבֶת	רָבֶבֶת	עַבְבָּרִי	בְּכָל	רַדְחָה	הַאֲנָא	כִּי
H8607	H5104	H5676	H5676	H3605	H7287	H1931	H3588
from Tiphshah	the river	on this side	the river	in	dominion	he had	For
וְעַד	רָבֶבֶת	עַבְבָּרִי	מֶלֶכֶת	בְּכָל	עַבְבָּרִי	רָבֶבֶת	וְעַד
H5704	H5104	H5676	H4428	H3605	H5676	H5104	H5804
even to Azzah	the river	on this side	over all the kings	in	on this side	the river	
וְשָׁלֵם	מִכְלָל	עַבְבָּרִי	מִכְלָל	לְזִבְחָה	עַבְבָּרִי	מִכְלָל	וְשָׁלֵם
H7965	H3605	H5676	H5676	H0	H1961	H1961	H7965
round about	on this side	on this side	in				

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Chronicles 22:9** (Peace): Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days.

**Psalms 72:11** (Kingdom): Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

**Genesis 10:19** (Parallel theme): And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.