

1 Kings 4:27

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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

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

וְאֵת שָׁלֹם הַ בְּמִלְחָמָה לְהַעֲלֵמָה יְמִינָה
provided victual And those officers H428 H853 for king Solomon H853
H3557 H5324 H4428 H8010

כֹּל וְשָׁלֹם הַ בְּמִלְחָמָה לְהַעֲלֵמָה אֶל
and for all that came table for king Solomon every man H376
H3605 H7131 H413 H7979 H4428 H8010 H376

לְאֵת יְמִינָה בְּרִאָה
in his month they lacked nothing H1697
H2320 H3808 H5737