

# 1 Kings 4:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing.**

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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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**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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וְכָל־כֹּלֵלֹו	הַנִּצָּבִים	אֶת־הָאֵלֹהִים	הַמֶּלֶךְ	שְׁלֹמֹה	וְאֵת־
provided victual	And those officers		for king	Solomon	
H3557	H5324	H428	H853	H4428	H853
כָּל־	הַקָּרִיבִים	אֶל־	שֻׁלְחַן־	הַמֶּלֶךְ	שְׁלֹמֹה
H3605	and for all that came	H413	table	for king	Solomon
	H7131		H7979	H4428	H8010
בְּחֹדֶשׁ־	לֹא־	יָעִדְרוּ־	דָּבָר־		
in his month	they lacked	nothing			
H2320	H3808	H5737	H1697		