

# 1 Kings 5:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people.**

This verse contributes to the broader narrative of preparations for building the temple, 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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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

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

## 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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שָׁלֵם הָדָבָר וְיִהְיֶה כַּשְׁמָעַ עַל־  
the words of Solomon  
H1961 heard And it came to pass when Hiram H853  
H8085 H2438 H1697 H8010

אֲשֶׁר־בְּיֹם יְהֹוָה בָּרוּךְ וְאָמַר מְאֹד וְעַז־  
this day be the LORD blessed and said greatly rejoiced  
H834 H3117 H3068 H1288 H559 H3966 H8055

פֶּזֶה: בְּעַל־מִקְדָּשׁ מְלֹא־כָּבוֹד  
over this great people a wise son unto David which hath given  
H2088 H7227 H5971 H5921 H2450 H1121 H1732 H5414

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 9:6** (Parallel theme): For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

**Proverbs 23:24** (Parallel theme): The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.

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