

# 1 Kings 5:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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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 temple represents God's dwelling among His people and foreshadows Christ as Immanuel ('God with us').

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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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## 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

תְּאַנִּי בְּיִם מִן פָּלָבָן וְלִבְנָה מִן יְרֵךְ דָּו שְׁלָמִים וְלִבְנָה  
H589 H3844 H3220 H4480 H3881 H5650 My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon them by sea

אֲשִׁים מִדְבָּר וְתַּבְּנֵם בְּיָם עַד וְתַּפְּלִק וְתַּבְּנֵה אֲשֶׁר  
and I will convey in floats them by sea H5704 unto the place H834  
H7760 H1702 H3220 H4725

תַּשְׁלַח	אֶל	יְמִינְפְּצָת	שׁ
that thou shalt appoint	H413	me and will cause them to be discharged	H8033

ה א ת י	ת ש א	י א ת ה	ת ג ש ה
H859	<b>there and thou shalt receive</b>	H859	<b>them and thou shalt accomplish</b>

בֵּיתִי לְקַם לִתְתַּחַטְפָּצָא אֶת H853 my desire in giving food for my household H2656 H5414 H3899 H1004

## Additional Cross-References

**Ezekiel 27:17** (Parallel theme): Judah, and the land of Israel, they were thy merchants: they traded in thy market wheat of Minnith, and Pannag, and honey, and oil, and balm.

**Ezra 3:7** (Parallel theme): They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

**Acts 12:20** (Parallel theme): And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's country.

**2 Chronicles 2:16** (Parallel theme): And we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need: and we will bring it to thee in flotes by sea to Joppa; and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem.

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