

1 Kings 6:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the broader narrative of construction of 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

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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

וַיִּבְנֶן	אֶת	הַצִּמְּצִים	עַל	כָּל	הַבַּיִת	שֶׁ
And then he built	H853	chambers	H5921	H3605	against all the house	five
H1129		H3326			H1004	H2568
קוֹמָתוֹ	וְהָיוּ	וַיִּשְׁכְּבוּ	אֶת	הַבַּיִת	בְּעֵצֵי	
cubits	high	and they rested	H853	against all the house	with timber	
H520	H6967	H270		H1004	H6086	
אֶצְבָּעֵי						
of cedar						
H730						