

# 1 Kings 6:12

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

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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

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## 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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הַבְּ יְהֹוָה	אַתָּה אֲשֶׁר בָּנָה	בָּנָה אָמַן
Concerning this house	אַתָּה אֲשֶׁר בָּנָה	which thou art in building
H1004	H834 H859	H1129 H518
בְּחֻקָּתִי תַּלְלֶךְ	וְאַתָּה מְשֻׁפֵּט וְעֹשֶׂה	כָּל אֲתָּה וְשִׁמְרָתִ
H1980 in my statutes	H853 my judgments	H6213 and execute
H2708	H4941	H8104 and keep
מְצֻוּמָה	בְּכָם לְכָת	וְיַהֲקֹמָתִ
all my commandments	H1980 H0	in them then will I perform
H4687		H6965 H853
אֲשֶׁר דָּבַר אֶל דָּבָרְךָ	אֲלֹהִים אֶל דָּבָרְךָ	אֲבִיךָ אֶל דָּבָרְךָ
my word	H854 H834	H1696 with thee which I spoke
H1697		H413
unto David	H1732	unto David
		H1 thy father

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Chronicles 22:10** (Parallel theme): He shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.

**Colossians 1:23** (Parallel theme): If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

**Psalms 132:12** (Parallel theme): If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

**1 Kings 3:14** (Word): And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.