

# 1 Kings 6:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the cieling: and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.**

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

**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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וַיִּבֶן	אֶת	קִיר וְ	הַבַּיִת	הַבַּיִת	בַּצֵּלַע וְ
And he built	H853	and the walls	of the house	of the house	with boards
H1129		H7023	H1004	H1004	H6763
אֶלְזֵי יִם	קִרְקָע	הַבַּיִת	עַד	קִיר וְ	הַסֹּפֶן
of cedar	both the floor	of the house	H5704	and the walls	of the cieling
H730	H7172	H1004		H7023	H5604
וַיִּצַּף	עֵץ	הַבַּיִת	וַיִּצַּף	אֶת	קִרְקָע
and covered	with wood	of the house	and covered	H853	both the floor
H6823	H6086	H1004	H6823		H7172
הַבַּיִת	בַּצֵּלַע וְ	בְּרוֹשִׁים:			
of the house	with boards	of fir			
H1004	H6763	H1265			

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 7:7** (Parallel theme): Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, even the porch of judgment: and it was covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other.