

1 Kings 6:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the two doors were of fir tree: the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding.

Analysis

And the two doors were of fir tree: the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding.

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 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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

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

וּשְׁנֵי י	הַדָּלָת	עֵץ י	בְּרוֹשׁ ים	וּשְׁנֵי י	צִלְעַ ים	הַדָּלָת
And the two	door	tree	were of fir	And the two	leaves	door
H8147	H1817	H6086	H1265	H8147	H6763	H1817
הָאֶחָת	גָּלִילִים:	וּשְׁנֵי י	קִלְעַ ים	הַדָּלָת	הַשֵּׁנִי ית	
of the one	were folding	And the two	leaves	door	of the other	
H259	H1550	H8147	H7050	H1817	H8145	
גָּלִילִים:						
were folding						
H1550						

