

# 1 Kings 6:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams.**

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

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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

## 1 Corinthians 13:4 – Characteristics of love

## **John 15:13 – Greatest form of love**

## 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

בָּנָה יְהוָה	וְיָדָה	שְׁלַשׁ	וְעַל	בָּנָה יְהוָה	וְיָדָה	בָּנָה יְהוָה
<b>And he built</b>	H853	<b>court</b>	<b>the inner</b>	<b>with three</b>	<b>and a row</b>	<b>of hewed stone</b>
H1129		H2691	H6442	H7969	H2905	H1496
אֶחָזִים:	כְּרָתָת	וְעַל	אֶחָזִים:	כְּרָתָת	וְעַל	אֶחָזִים:
<b>and a row</b>	<b>beams</b>	<b>of cedar</b>				
H2905	H3773	H730				

## Additional Cross-References

**1 Kings 7:12** (Parallel theme): And the great court round about was with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of the LORD, and for the porch of the house.

