

# 1 Kings 6:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.

## Analysis

**The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.**

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

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## 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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הַבָּיִת כְּתַר אֶל  
בְּבַיִת כְּתַר אֶל  
the door chamber chamber and out of the middle H413  
H6607 H6763 H8484 H413  
side of the house H1004

עַל יְמִינְךָ יָמָן  
עַל יְמִינְךָ יָמָן  
was in the right with winding stairs and they went up H5921  
H3233 H3883 H5927

אֶל בְּתִיכְתָּךְ הַבִּתְכְּתָךְ הַבִּתְכְּתָךְ  
chamber and out of the middle H4480 chamber and out of the middle H413  
H8484 H8484 H413

בְּשִׁלְשִׁים:  
into the third  
H7992

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