

1 Kings 7:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the broader narrative of temple furnishings and Solomon's palace, 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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

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

עַל סָבִיב טוֹרִים וּשְׁנֵי הָעַמּוּדִים אֶת עָשָׂה הַ
And he made H6213 H853 **the pillars** H5982 **and two** H8147 **rows** H2905 **round about** H5439 H5921

עַל אֲשֶׁר לָכֶתֶת רֶתֶת אֶת לְכַסּוֹת הָאֶחָד תַּשְׁבֵּךְ הַ
network H7639 **upon the one** H259 **to cover** H3680 H853 **chapter** H3805 H834 H5921

לָכֶתֶת רֶתֶת עָשָׂה הַ וְכִי הָרִמְנוֹתֵי אֵשׁ
that were upon the top H7218 **with pomegranates** H7416 H3651 **And he made** H6213 **chapter** H3805

הַשְּׁנִית:
he for the other
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