

# 1 Kings 7:2

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 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

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## **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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יָבַן אֶת בֵּית יֵעֶר הַלְבָּנוֹן מֵאָה  
**He built** <sup>H1129</sup> <sup>H853</sup> **also the house** <sup>H1004</sup> **of the forest** <sup>H3293</sup> **of Lebanon** <sup>H3844</sup> **thereof was an hundred** <sup>H3967</sup>

אֹמֶת הָאֹמֶת אֶרְכּוֹ אֹמֶת הָאֹמֶת וְשִׁלְשִׁים מֵאָה אֹמֶת  
**cubits** <sup>H520</sup> **the length** <sup>H753</sup> **thereof fifty** <sup>H2572</sup> **cubits** <sup>H520</sup> **and the breadth** <sup>H7341</sup> **thereof thirty** <sup>H7970</sup> **cubits** <sup>H520</sup>

וְכִרְתָּ וְאֶרְזֵי יָם הָעֲמֹדִים: טוֹרֵי אַרְבָּעָה עַל קוֹמַת וְ  
**and the height** <sup>H6967</sup> <sup>H5921</sup> **upon four** <sup>H702</sup> **rows** <sup>H2905</sup> **pillars** <sup>H5982</sup> **of cedar** <sup>H730</sup> **beams** <sup>H3773</sup>

הָעֲמֹדִים: עַל אֶרְזֵי יָם  
**of cedar** <sup>H730</sup> <sup>H5921</sup> **pillars** <sup>H5982</sup>

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 10:17** (Parallel theme): And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

**2 Chronicles 9:16** (Parallel theme): And three hundred shields made he of beaten gold: three hundred shekels of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.