

1 Kings 7:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he made ten bases of brass; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it.

Analysis

And he made ten bases of brass; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it.

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 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is 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

וַיַּעַשׂ	אֶת	הַמִּכּוֹן	הַ	עַשְׂרֵי	נְחֹשֶׁת	וְאַרְבַּע	הַ	בָּאֲמָה
And he made		base		ten	of brass	and four		cubits
H6213	H853	H4350		H6235	H5178	H702		H520
אֲרָבָה	הַ	בָּאֲמָה	הַ	וְאַרְבַּע	הַ	הָאֶחָד	תְּ	הַמִּכּוֹן
was the length		base		and four		of one		base
H753		H4350		H702		H259		H4350
וְשָׁלֹשׁ	הַ	בָּאֲמָה	הַ	קוֹמָתָהּ				
thereof and three		cubits		the height				
H7969		H520		H6967				

Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 4:14 (Creation): He made also bases, and lavers made he upon the bases;

2 Kings 25:13 (Parallel theme): And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that was in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.

Jeremiah 52:17 (Parallel theme): Also the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that was in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans brake, and carried all the brass of them to Babylon.

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