

1 Kings 7:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And there were four undersetters to the four corners of one base: and the undersetters were of the very base itself.

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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

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

פְּנֵי	וּת	אֶרֶב	עַ	פִּתְפִּיכָּה:	אֶל	אֶרֶב	עַ	פְּנֵי	וּת
And there were four	and the undersetters			H413		And there were four		corners	
H702		H3802				H702		H6438	
בְּאַפָּתְּהַמְּכָנָה מִן	הַמְּכָנָה בְּאַפָּתְּהַמְּכָנָה			כִּתְפִּיכָּה:					
base	of one	H4480	base		and the undersetters				
H4350	H259		H4350		H3802				

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