

1 Kings 7:35

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

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

עַגְלָן	קוֹמָה	הָאֶמָּה	חֶצִי	הַמִּכְנָה	רֹאשׁ
was there a round	high	a cubit	of half	of the base	And in the top
H5696	H6967	H520	H2677	H4350	H7218
וּמִסְגְּרֹתֶיהָ	יְדֵי	הַמִּכְנָה	רֹאשׁ	וְעַל	סֶבֶל
thereof and the borders	the ledges	of the base	And in the top		compass
H4526	H3027	H4350	H7218	H5921	H5439
					מִמְנָה:
					H4480

