

1 Kings 7:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made
king Solomon for the house of the LORD:

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

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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

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

עֲשֵׂה	חִירָם	אֶת	הַכִּיֹּרֹת	וְאֶת	הַזֵּעִים	וְאֶת
an end of doing	And Hiram	H853	the lavers	H853	and the shovels	H853
H6213	H2438		H3595		H3257	
וְהַמְזֻקִּים	וַיַּעַל	חִירָם	עֲשֵׂה	אֶת	כָּל	הַמְלָאכָה
and the basins	made	And Hiram	an end of doing	H853	H3605	all the work
H4219	H3615	H2438	H6213			H4399
אֲשֶׁר	עֲשֵׂה	לְמֶלֶךְ	שְׁלֹמֹה	בֵּית	יְהוָה:	
H834	an end of doing	king	Solomon	for the house	of the LORD	
	H6213	H4428	H8010	H1004	H3068	

