

1 Kings 7:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The two pillars, and the two bowls of the chapiters that were on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters which were upon the top of the pillars;

Analysis

The two pillars, and the two bowls of the chapiters that were on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters which were upon the top of the pillars;

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

הַעֲמוּדִים:	שְׁתֵּי	גַלּוֹת	הַכְּתָרִת	אֲשֶׁר	עַל
of the pillars	The two	and the two bowls	of the chapters	H834	H5921
H5982	H8147	H1543	H3805		

רֹאשׁ	הַעֲמוּדִים:	שְׁתֵּי	וְהַשֹּׁבָכֹת	שְׁתֵּי	לְכַסֹּת
that were on the top	of the pillars	The two	networks	The two	to cover
H7218	H5982	H8147	H7639	H8147	H3680

אֵת	שְׁתֵּי	גַלּוֹת	הַכְּתָרִת	אֲשֶׁר	עַל
H853	The two	and the two bowls	of the chapters	H834	H5921
	H8147	H1543	H3805		

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