

1 Kings 7:51

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 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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

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

שְׁלֹמֹה הַמֶּלֶךְ עָשָׂה אֲשֶׁר הַמְּלָאכָה כָּל וַתֵּשֶׁלֶם
So was ended H3605 **all the work** H834 **made** H6213 **that king** H4428 **And Solomon** H8010
H7999 H4399

קִדָּשׁ יוֹ אֶת שְׁלֹמֹה הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיָּבֵא אֶת־יְהוָה: בֵּית
for the house H1004 **of the LORD** H3068 **brought in** H935 **And Solomon** H8010 H853 **had dedicated** H6944

אֶת־הַזָּהָב וְאֶת־הַכֶּסֶף אֶת־אָבִיו דָּוִד
the things which David H1732 **his father** H1 H853 **even the silver** H3701 H853 **and the gold** H2091 H853

יְהוָה: בֵּית הַמִּצְחָה וְכֵלֵי יָם
and the vessels H3627 **did he put** H5414 **among the treasures** H214 **for the house** H1004 **of the LORD** H3068

Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 5:1 (Creation): Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished: and Solomon brought in all the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.