

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

שָׁלֵם הַבְּתָם לְגַת עָשָׂה אֲשֶׁר הַמֶּלֶךְ הַכֹּל וַתִּשְׁלַם
So was ended H3605 all the work H834 made H6213 that king H4428 And Solomon H8010
H7999 H4399 H834 H6213 H4428 H8010

בְּיַת יְהָהוָה אֲבָת שְׁלִמְמָה יְבָא אֶת קָדְשֵׁי
for the house of the LORD brought in And Solomon H853 had dedicated H6944
H1004 H3068 H935 H8010 H853 H6944

אֲתָה בְּיַבְבָּשׂ וְאֲתָה בְּיַבְבָּשׂ אֶת אָבִיךָ
the things which David his father H853 even the silver H853 and the gold H853
H1732 H1 H3701 H2091

יְהָהוָה בְּיַת בָּאָצֶר וְתָנַת בְּכָל יִם
and the vessels did he put among the treasures for the house of the LORD H1004 H3068
H3627 H5414 H214 H1004 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.

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