

# 1 Kings 7:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and the porch was before them: and the other pillars and the thick beam were before them.

## Analysis

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**And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and the porch was before them: and the other pillars and the thick beam were before them.**

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

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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

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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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

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וְאֵת	וְאֹלָם	וְעַמֹּד יָם	עָשָׂה	חֲמִשָּׁן יָם	אַמָּה	אָרְכוֹ
H853	<b>a porch</b>	<b>of pillars</b>	<b>And he made</b>	<b>thereof was fifty</b>	<b>cubits</b>	<b>the length</b>
	H197	H5982	H6213	H2572	H520	H753
וְשִׁלֹּשׁ יָם	אַמָּה	וְרֹחְבוֹ	וְאֹלָם	עַל	פְּנֵיהֶם:	וְעַמֹּד יָם
<b>thereof thirty</b>	<b>cubits</b>	<b>and the breadth</b>	<b>a porch</b>	H5921	<b>was before</b>	<b>of pillars</b>
H7970	H520	H7341	H197		H6440	H5982
וְעַבֵּי	עַל	פְּנֵיהֶם:				
<b>and the thick beam</b>	H5921	<b>was before</b>				
H5646		H6440				

