

# 1 Kings 8:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake;**

This verse contributes to the broader narrative of dedication of the temple, 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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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## 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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וְגַם	אֶל	הַנִּזְכָּר	י	לֹא	אֶשְׂר	יִמְעַמְךָ
H1571	H413	Moreover concerning a stranger		H834	H3808	that is not of thy people
		H5237				H5971
לְיִשְׂרָאֵל	הָיָא	וְכָא	מֵאֶרֶץ	רְחוֹקָה	לְמַעַן	שְׁמֶךָ:
Israel	H1931	but cometh out	country	of a far	for	thy ~'s
H3478		H935	H776	H7350	H4616	H8034