

# 1 Kings 8:60

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God, and that there is none else.**

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

## **Romans 2:1 – Judging others**

## **Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment**

## 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

עִזּוֹד אֵין כָּאֵלֶּה יְמִין הַזֶּה וְאַתָּה  
H1931 is God H369 H5750  
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## Additional Cross-References

**Deuteronomy 4:35** (References God): Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him.

**1 Kings 18:39** (References God): And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

**2 Kings 19:19** (References God): Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God, even thou only.

**Isaiah 44:8** (References God): Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.

**Isaiah 45:22** (References God): Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

**Isaiah 44:6** (References God): Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

**Joshua 4:24** (References God): That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever.

**1 Samuel 17:46** (References God): This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

**Isaiah 44:24** (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

**Deuteronomy 4:39** (References God): Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.