

# 1 Kings 8:66

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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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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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## 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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אֶת יְהוָה בְּיַם הַשְׁמִינִי עַמּוֹ אֶת שֵׁלֹחַ

day On the eighth away H853 his people and they blessed H853

H3117

H8066

H7971

H5971

H1288

אֶת

H853

כָּל עַל לְבָב הַטוֹּב שָׁמְחִים לְאֶתְלִיהָ מִלְכֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ

unto their tents joyful and glad of heart H3605

the king

H1980

H168

H8056

H2896

H3820

וְלֹא שָׁבָא ל עֲבָד וְלֹא דָבַר הַטוֹּב הַיְהָה

and glad had done that the LORD for David his servant and for Israel H3478

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עַמּוֹ:

his people

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