

1 Kings 9

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The Lord Appears to Solomon

¹ And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,

² That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.

³ And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

⁴ And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments:

⁵ Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

⁶ But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:

⁷ Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:

⁸ And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house?

9 And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

Solomon's Other Activities

10 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house,

11 (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not.

13 And he said, What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul unto this day.

14 And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.

15 And this is the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

16 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife.

17 And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the nether,

18 And Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land,

19 And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

20 And all the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which were not of the children of Israel,

21 Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto this day.

22 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bondmen: but they were men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

23 These were the chief of the officers that were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.

24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo.

25 And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house.

26 And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom.

27 And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

28 And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Altar — מזבח (Mizbeach)

Altar, place of sacrifice

The Hebrew **mizbeach** (מִזְבֵּחַ) means altar—from the root 'to slaughter.' Altars were places where sacrifices were offered to God, pointing forward to Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Kingdom — מַלְכוּת (Malkhut)

Kingdom, reign, royal power

The Hebrew **malkhut** (מַלְכוּת) denotes kingdom or royal rule—the realm and reign of a king. God's kingdom represents His sovereign rule over all creation.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Sanctify — קָדַשׁ (Qadash)

To set apart, make holy

The Hebrew **qadash** (קָדַשׁ) means to set apart or consecrate—separating something for God's sacred purposes. God sanctified the seventh day (Genesis 2:3) and calls His people to 'be holy; for I am holy' (Leviticus 11:44).

CROSS REFERENCES

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1 Kings 9:2 **References Lord:** 1 Kings 3:5; 11:9; 2 Chronicles 7:12

1 Kings 9:3 **References Lord:** Deuteronomy 11:12; Psalms 10:17; 116:1. **Prayer:** 1 Kings 8:29; 2 Kings 20:5; 2 Chronicles 6:40; Matthew 6:9; Acts 10:31. **Parallel theme:** 1 John 5:14.

Creation: Exodus 20:11

1 Kings 9:4 **References David:** 1 Kings 3:14; 11:4; 11:6; 11:38; 15:5. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 17:1; Psalms 26:11; Proverbs 28:18; Luke 1:6. **Judgment:** Zechariah 3:7

1 Kings 9:5 **References Israel:** 1 Kings 2:4. **References David:** 1 Kings 6:12; 8:15. **Kingdom:** 2 Samuel 7:12; 7:16. **Covenant:** 1 Kings 8:20

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1 Kings 9:8 **References Lord:** 2 Chronicles 7:21. **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 19:8; 22:28

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1 Kings 9:10 **Kingdom:** 1 Kings 9:1

1 Kings 9:11 **Parallel theme:** 2 Chronicles 8:2

1 Kings 9:13 **Parallel theme:** Joshua 19:27; Amos 1:9

1 Kings 9:14 **Kingdom:** 1 Kings 9:11

1 Kings 9:15

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1 Kings 9:16 **Kingdom:** 1 Kings 3:1

1 Kings 9:17 **Parallel theme:** Joshua 16:3; 21:22

1 Kings 9:18 **Parallel theme:** Joshua 19:44

1 Kings 9:19 **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 9:1

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1 Kings 9:25 **References Lord:** Deuteronomy 16:16; 2 Chronicles 8:16

1 Kings 9:26 **Creation:** 1 Kings 22:48. **Parallel theme:** Numbers 33:35; Deuteronomy 2:8

1 Kings 9:27 **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 5:6; 5:9; 10:11

1 Kings 9:28 **Kingdom:** 2 Chronicles 8:18; Psalms 45:9. **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 10:11; 1 Chronicles 29:4; Job 22:24; 28:16; Isaiah 13:12

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