

# 1 Kings 9:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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

This verse contributes to the broader narrative of God's covenant with Solomon and his building projects, 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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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How did Solomon's disobedience to God's clear commands lead to his downfall, and what warnings does this provide?
2. What role do relationships and alliances play in either strengthening or compromising our faith?
3. How does this verse point toward or prepare for the coming of Christ and His eternal kingdom?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיֵּצֵא	חִירָם	מִצֵּר	לִרְאוֹת	אֶת	הָעָרִים	אֲשֶׁר
came out	And Hiram	from Tyre	to see	H853	the cities	H834
H3318	H2438	H6865	H7200		H5892	
נָתַן	לֹ	שְׁלֹמֹה	וְלֹ	יִשָּׂר וְ	בְּעֵינָיו:	
had given	H0	which Solomon	H3808	him and they pleased	H5869	
H5414		H8010		H3474		