

# 1 Kings 9:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**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.**

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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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of 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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שָׁלֵם הִיא אֲשֶׁר בַּמִּסְכָּנָה  
And all the cities of store that Solomon  
H853 H3605 H5892 H4543 H834 H1961 H8010

עָרִים וְאֶת בָּרְכָב עָרִים וְאֶת  
And all the cities for his chariots And all the cities  
H853 H5892 H7393 H5892

לְבָנָה וְתַּשְׁקָה אֲשֶׁר רְשָׁוָת יְמֵי  
for his horsemen and that that Solomon desired to build  
H6571 H853 H2837 H8010 H834 H2836 H1129

מִמְשְׁלָתוֹ אֶרֶץ וּבָלָן וּבָכָל וּבַיְהוּדָה  
in Jerusalem and in Lebanon and in all the land of his dominion  
H3389 H3844 H3605 H776 H4475

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 9:1** (Parallel theme): 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,