

1 Kings 9:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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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

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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

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

שְׁלֹמֹה הָיָה אֲשֶׁר הִמְסִכְנוֹתָ עָרֵי כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל
H8010 H1961 H834 H4543 H5892 H3605 H853
that Solomon **of store** **And all the cities**

עָרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעָרֵי כְּבֹד הָיָה לָהֶם וְעָרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
H5892 H853 H7393 H5892
And all the cities **for his chariots** **And all the cities**

לְבָנוֹת וְהָיָה אֲשֶׁר שְׁלֹמֹה הָיָה שָׁקָה וְהָיָה לָהֶם
H1129 H2836 H834 H8010 H2837 H853 H6571
to build **desired** **that Solomon** **and that** **for his horsemen**

מִמְּשָׁלָתוֹ: אֶת כָּל הָאֲדָמָה וּבְלִבָּנוֹן וּבִירוּשָׁלַם
H4475 H776 H3605 H3844 H3389
of his dominion **and in all the land** **and in Lebanon** **in Jerusalem**

Additional Cross-References

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,