

1 Kings 9:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

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

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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

גַּרְאָה	הַכֹּאַשׁ	רַ	שִׁנְיָתְ	שִׁלְמָה	אֶל	יְהִי	הַ	נִרְאָה	הָ
appeared	That the LORD		the second time						appeared
H7200	H3068	H413	H8010					H8145	H7200
בְּגִבְעָן:	אֶל	יְ							
H413	unto him at Gibeon								
		H1391							

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 3:5 (References Lord): In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

2 Chronicles 7:12 (References Lord): And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.

1 Kings 11:9 (References Lord): And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,

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