

1 Kings 9:20

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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of 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

כָּל	בָּעֵם	רְבָעֵת	מִן	בָּאָמֹרִים	בְּחָתִים	בְּפָרָזִים
H3605	And all the people	that were left	H4480	of the Amorites	Hittites	Perizzites
	H5971			H567	H2850	H6522

חִוִּים	לֹא	אֲשֶׁר	רְבִיבּוֹס	מִבְנֵי	וְשָׁרָא
Hivites	and Jebusites	H834	H3808	which were not of the children	of Israel
H2340	H2983			H1121	H3478

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