

# 1 Kings 9:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.**

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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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## 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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וַיָּבֹאוּ	אֶל־	מִשָּׁם	וַיִּקְחוּ	אֶת־	אֹפִיר
And they came	to	from thence	and fetched	gold	four
H935		H8033		H2091	H702
מֵאֵל	וַיָּבֹאוּ	כֶּסֶף	וְעֶשְׂרִים	וְהָיָה	לְשֹׁלֹמֹה
hundred	And they came	talents	and twenty	it to king	Solomon
H3967	H935	H3603	H6242	H4428	H8010

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Chronicles 8:18** (Kingdom): And Hiram sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

**1 Chronicles 29:4** (Parallel theme): Even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal:

**Isaiah 13:12** (Parallel theme): I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

**Psalms 45:9** (Kingdom): Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

**Job 28:16** (Parallel theme): It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

**Job 22:24** (Parallel theme): Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks.

**1 Kings 10:11** (Parallel theme): And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones.