

1 Kings 9:7

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 temple represents God's dwelling among His people and foreshadows Christ as Immanuel ('God with us').

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

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

וְהִכָּרַתִּי י	אֶת	יִשְׂרָאֵל ל	מֵעַ ל	פָּנַי	הָאֲדָמָה	אֲשֶׁר
Then will I cut off	H853	Israel	H5921	of my sight	of the land	H834
H3772		H3478		H6440	H127	
נָתַתִּי	וְאֶת	לָהֶם	הַבַּיִת	אֲשֶׁר		
which I have given	H0	H853	them and this house	H834		
H5414			H1004			
הַקֹּדֶשׁ שְׁתִּי	לְשֹׁמְי	אֲשַׁלְּחֵה	מֵעַ ל	פָּנַי	וְהִי ה	
which I have hallowed	for my ~	will I cast out	H5921	of my sight	H1961	
H6942	H8034	H7971		H6440		
יִשְׂרָאֵל ל	לְמִשְׁלָ	וְלִשְׁנֵי ה	בְּכָל	הָעַמִּים:		
Israel	shall be a proverb	and a byword	H3605	among all people		
H3478	H4912	H8148		H5971		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 44:14 (Word): Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.

Jeremiah 24:9 (Parallel theme): And I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for their hurt, to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them.

Deuteronomy 4:26 (Parallel theme): I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed.

Deuteronomy 28:37 (Word): And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee.

Luke 21:24 (Word): And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

2 Kings 25:21 (Parallel theme): And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

2 Kings 25:9 (Parallel theme): And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire.

Jeremiah 26:6 (Parallel theme): Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.

Joel 2:17 (Parallel theme): Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

2 Chronicles 7:20 (Word): Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.