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1 Kings 1

David Old and Needing Warmth

1:1 ¶ Now King David was old, advanced in years [about 70: he started at 30 and reigned 40 years.]; and they put covers on him, but he could not get warm. 2 Therefore his servants said to him,

“Let a young woman, a virgin, be sought for our lord the king, and let her stand before the king, and let her care for him; and let her lie in your bosom, that our lord the king may be warm.” 3 So they sought for a lovely young woman throughout all the territory of Israel, and found Abishag [“a wanderer is my father”] the Shunammite [“double resting place”], and brought her to the king. 4 The young woman was very lovely; and she cared for the king, and served him; but the king did not know her.

A Coup to Put Down: Adonijah

5 ¶ Then Adonijah [“YHWH is my lord”; David's fourth son: 2Sa 3:4 || 1Ch 3:2b] the son of Haggith [“festive”] exalted himself, saying, “I will be king”; and he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty [50] men to run before him. 6 (And his father had not rebuked him at any time by saying, “Why have you done so?” He was also very good-looking. His mother had borne him after Absalom.)

7 Then he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest [cf. 1Ch 27:34], and they followed and helped Adonijah. 8 But

Zadok the priest, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Shimei [“renowned”], Rei [“friendly”], and the mighty men who belonged to David were not with Adonijah. 9 And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and oxen and fattened cattle by the stone of Zoheleth [“serpent”], which is by En Rogel [“fount of the fuller”];

he also invited all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's servants. 10 But he did not invite Nathan the prophet, Benaiah, the mighty men, or Solomon his brother.

11 ¶ So Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, “Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith has become king, and David our lord does not know it? 12 Come, please, let me now give you advice, that you may save your own life and the life of your son Solomon. 13 Go immediately to King David and say to him, ‘Did you not, my lord, O king, swear to your maidservant, saying, “Assuredly your son Solomon shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne?”’

Why then has Adonijah become king?’ 14 Then, while you are still talking there with the king, I also will come in after you and confirm your words.” 15 So Bathsheba went into the chamber to the king. (Now the king was very old, and Abishag the Shunammite was serving the king.) 16 And Bathsheba bowed and did homage to the king. Then the king said, “What is your wish?” 17 Then she said to him, “My lord, you swore by the LORD your God to your maidservant, saying, ‘Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne.’ 18 So now, look! Adonijah has become king; and now, my lord the king, you do not know about it. 19 He has sacrificed oxen and fattened cattle and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the sons of the king, Abiathar the priest, and Joab the commander of the army; but Solomon your servant he has not invited. 20 And as for you, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, that you should tell them who will sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. 21 Otherwise it will happen, when my lord the king rests with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon will be counted as offenders.” 22 And just then, while she was still talking with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in. 23 So they told the king, saying, “Here is Nathan the prophet.” And when he came in before the king, he bowed down before the king with

his face to the ground. 24 And Nathan said, “My lord, O king, have you said, ‘Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne?’ 25 For he has gone down today, and has sacrificed oxen and fattened cattle and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's sons, and the commanders of the army, and Abiathar the priest; and look! They are eating and drinking before him; and they say, ‘Long live King Adonijah!’ 26 But he has not invited me — me your servant — nor Zadok the priest, nor Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, nor your servant Solomon. 27 Has this thing been done by my lord the king, and you have not told your servant who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?’ 28 Then King David answered and said, “Call Bathsheba to me.” So she came [back] into the king's presence and stood before the king. 29 And the king took an oath and said, “As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my life from every distress, 30 just as I swore to you by the LORD God of Israel, saying, ‘Assuredly Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place’, so I certainly will do this day.” 31 Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the ground [earth], and paid homage to the king, and said, “Let my lord King David live forever!”

Solomon Crowned King

32 ¶ And King David said,
“Call to me

Zadok the priest,
Nathan the prophet, and
Benaiah the son of Jehoiada.”

So they came before the king. 33

The king also said to them,
“Take with you the servants of your
lord, and have Solomon my son ride
on my own mule, and take him down
to [Gihon](#) [“bursting forth”]. 34 There let

Zadok the priest and
Nathan the prophet
anoint him king over Israel;
and blow the horn, and say,

“Long live King Solomon!” 35
Then you shall come up after him,
and he shall come and sit on my throne,
and he shall be king in my place. For
I have appointed him to be ruler over
[Israel](#) and [Judah](#).” 36

Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered
the king and said,
“Amen! May **the LORD God** of my lord
the king say so too. 37 As **the LORD** has
been with my lord the king, even so
may He be with Solomon, and make
his throne greater than the throne of
my lord King David.” 38

So Zadok the priest,
Nathan the prophet,
Benaiah the son of Jehoiada,
the Cherethites [“executioners”], and
the Pelethites [“couriers”]

went down and had Solomon ride on
King David’s mule, and took him to
[Gihon](#). 39 Then Zadok the priest took
a horn of oil from the tabernacle and
anointed Solomon. And they blew the
horn, and all the people said,

“Long live King Solomon!” 40
And all the people went up after him;
and the people played the flutes and
rejoiced with great joy, so that the
ground [earth] **seemed to** split with
their sound.

41 ¶ Now Adonijah and all the guests
who *were* with him heard *it* as they
finished eating. And when Joab heard
the sound of the horn, he said,
“Why *is* the city in such a noisy
uproar?” 42

While he was still speaking, there came
Jonathan, the son of Abiathar the priest.
And Adonijah said to him,
“Come in, for you *are* a prominent
man, and bring good news.” 43

Then Jonathan answered and said to
Adonijah,
“No! Our lord King David has made
Solomon king. 44 The king has sent
with him

Zadok the priest,
Nathan the prophet,
Benaiah the son of Jehoiada,
the Cherethites, and
the Pelethites;
and they have made him ride on the
king’s mule. 45 So

Zadok the priest and
Nathan the prophet
have anointed him king at [Gihon](#); and
they have gone up from there rejoic-
ing, so that the city is in an uproar.
This *is* the noise that you have heard.

46 Also Solomon sits on the throne of
the kingdom. 47 And moreover the
king’s servants have gone to bless our
lord King David, saying,

‘May God make the name of
Solomon better than your name,
and may He make his throne
greater than your throne.’

Then the king bowed himself on the
bed [*David bowed, acknowledging
Solomon as king*]. 48 Also the king
said thus,

‘Blessed *be* **the LORD God of Israel**,
who has given *one* to sit on my throne
this day, while my eyes see *it!*’” 49

So all the guests who were with Adoni-
jah were afraid, and arose, and each one
went his way. 50 Now Adonijah was
afraid of Solomon; so he arose, and
went and took hold of the horns of the
altar. 51 And it was told Solomon,
saying,

“Indeed Adonijah is afraid of King
Solomon; for look, he has taken hold
of the horns of the altar, saying,

‘Let King Solomon swear to me
today that he will not put his ser-
vant to death with the sword.’” 52

Then Solomon said,
“If he proves himself a worthy man,
not one hair of him shall fall to the
ground [earth]; but if wickedness is
found in him, he shall die.” 53

So King Solomon sent them to bring
him down from the altar. And he came
and fell down before King Solomon;
and Solomon said to him,
“Go to your house.”

1 Chronicles 28:1-21

[Compare [1Ch 22, May 2](#)]

David Tasks Solomon: Build the Temple

28:1 ¶ Now David assembled at
[Jerusalem](#) all the leaders of Israel: the
officers of the tribes and the captains
of the divisions who served the king,
the captains over thousands [*1000s*]
and captains over hundreds [*100s*], and
the stewards over all the substance and
possessions of the king and of his sons,
with the officials, the valiant men, and
all the mighty men of valor. 2 Then
King David rose to his feet and said,
“Hear me, my brethren and my people:
I *had* it in my heart to build a house of
rest for **the ark of the covenant of the
LORD**, and for the footstool of our **God**,
and had made preparations to build it.

3 But **God** said to me,
‘You shall not build a house for **My
name**, because you *have been* a man
of war and have shed blood.’ 4
However **the LORD God of Israel** chose
me above all the house of my father to
be king over Israel forever, for He has
chosen [Judah](#) to be the ruler; and of
the house of Judah, the house of my
father, and among the sons of my father,
He was pleased with me to make *me*
king over all Israel. 5 And of all my
sons (for **the LORD** has given me many
sons) He has chosen my son Solomon
to sit on the throne of the kingdom of
the LORD over Israel. 6 Now He said
to me,

‘It is your son Solomon *who* shall
build **My house** and **My courts**; for
I have chosen him to be **My son**, and
I will be his Father. 7 Moreover
I will establish his kingdom forever,

if he is steadfast to observe
 My commandments and
 My judgments,
 as it is this day.’ 8 [Cf. [2 Sa 7:12b-16](#)]
 Now therefore,
 in the sight of all Israel,
 the assembly of the LORD, and
 in the hearing of our God,
 be careful to seek out
 all the commandments
 of the LORD your God,
 that you may
 possess this good land, and
 leave it as an inheritance
 for your children after you forever. 9
 As for you, my son Solomon,
 know the God of your father, and
 serve Him
 with a loyal heart and
 with a willing mind;
 for the LORD
 searches all hearts and
 understands
 all the intent of the thoughts.
 If you seek Him,
 He will be found by you; but
 if you forsake Him,
 He will cast you off forever. 10
 Consider now, for the LORD has chosen
 you to build a house for the sanctuary:
 be strong, and do it.”

11 ¶ Then David gave his son Solomon
 the plans for
 the vestibule,
 its houses,
 its treasuries,
 its upper chambers,
 its inner chambers, and
 the place of the mercy seat; 12 and

the plans for all that he had [planned]
 by the Spirit,
 of the courts of the house of the LORD,
 of all the chambers all around,
 of the treasuries of the house of God,
 and
 of the treasuries
 for the dedicated things; 13
 also for the division of
 the priests and the Levites,
 for all the work of the service of
 the house of the LORD, and
 for all the articles of service in
 the house of the LORD. 14
 He gave gold by weight for things of
 gold, for all articles used in every kind
 of service; also silver for all articles of
 silver by weight, for all articles used
 in every kind of service; 15 the weight
 for the lampstands of gold, and their
 lamps of gold, by weight for each
 lampstand and its lamps; for the lamp-
 stands of silver by weight, for the
 lampstand and its lamps, according to
 the use of each lampstand. 16 And by
 weight he gave gold for the tables of
 the showbread, for each table, and sil-
 ver for the tables of silver; 17 also
 pure gold for the forks, the basins, the
 pitchers of pure gold, and the golden
 bowls — he gave gold by weight for
 every bowl; and for the silver bowls,
 silver by weight for every bowl; 18
 and refined gold by weight for the altar
 of incense, and for the construction of
 the chariot, that is, the gold cherubim
 that spread their wings and overshadowed
 the ark of the covenant of the
 LORD. 19
 “All this,” said David, “the LORD
 made me understand in writing, by

His hand upon me, all the works of
 these plans.” 20
 And David said to his son Solomon,
 “Be strong and of good courage, and
 do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for
 the LORD God — my God — will be
 with you. He will not leave you nor
 forsake you, until you have finished
 all the work for the service of the
 house of the LORD. 21 Here are the
 divisions of the priests and the Levites
 for all the service of the house of God;
 and every willing craftsman will be
 with you for all manner of workman-
 ship, for every kind of service; also
 the leaders and all the people will be
 completely at your command.”

May 19

1 Chronicles 29 Offerings for the Temple

29:1 ¶ Furthermore King David said to
 all the assembly:
 “My son Solomon, whom alone God
 has chosen, is young and inexperienced;
 and the work is great, because the
 temple is not for man but for the LORD
 God. 2 Now for the house of my God
 I have prepared with all my might:
 gold for things to be made of gold,
 silver for things of silver,
 bronze for things of bronze,
 iron for things of iron,
 wood for things of wood,
 onyx stones, stones to be set,
 glistening stones of various colors,
 all kinds of precious stones, and
 marble slabs in abundance. 3
 Moreover, because I have set my affec-
 tion on the house of my God, I have
 given to the house of my God, over and
 above all that I have prepared for the
 holy house, my own special treasure
 of gold and silver: 4 three thousand
 [3,000] talents of gold¹, of the gold of
 Ophir, and seven thousand [7,000]
 talents of refined silver², to overlay
 the walls of the houses; 5 the gold for
 things of gold and the silver for things
 of silver, and for all kinds of work to
 be done by the hands of craftsmen.
 Who then is willing to consecrate
 himself this day to the LORD?” 6

¹ Each talent is about 60 pounds or 960 ounces or ~\$800,000 at December 2008 prices, so ~\$2.4B.

² 7,000 x 60 lb x 16/oz/lb x ~\$10.80 = ~\$72,576,000 in 2008 dollars.

Then the leaders of the fathers' *houses*,
 leaders of the tribes of Israel,
 the captains of thousands [1000s] and
 of hundreds [100s], with the officers
 over the king's work, offered willingly.
 7 They gave for the work of **the house
 of God** five thousand [5,000] talents³
 and ten thousand [10,000] darics⁴ of
gold, ten thousand [10,000] talents of
silver⁵, eighteen thousand [18,000]
 talents of **bronze**, and one hundred
 thousand [100,000] talents of **iron**. 8
 And whoever had *precious stones*
 gave *them* to the treasury of **the house
 of the LORD**, into the hand of Jehiel
 ["*God lives*"; *same as Jehieli: 26:21-
 22*] the Gershonite. 9 Then the people
 rejoiced, for they had offered will-
 ingly, because with a loyal heart they
 had offered willingly to **the LORD**; and
 King David also rejoiced greatly.

10 ¶ Therefore David blessed **the LORD**
 before all the assembly; and David said:
 "Blessed are You, **LORD God of Israel**,
Our Father, forever and ever. 11
 Yours, O **LORD**, is
 The greatness,
 The power and the glory,
 The victory and the majesty;
 For all is *Yours*
 in heaven and in land [earth];

Yours is the kingdom, O **LORD**, and
 You are exalted as **head over all**. 12
 Both riches and honor *come* from You,
 and
You reign over all.
 In Your hand is power and might —
 In Your hand —
 to make great and
 to give strength to all. 13
 Now therefore, our **God**, we thank
 You and praise **Your glorious name**. 14

But who *am* I, and who *are* my people,
 that we should be able to offer so will-
 ingly as this? For all things *come* from
 You, and of **Your own** we have given
 You. 15 For we *are* aliens and pilgrims
before You, as *were* all our fathers.
 Our days on land [earth] *are* as a
 shadow, and without hope. 16

O **LORD our God**, all this abundance
 that we have prepared to build You a
 house for **Your holy name** is from
Your hand, and is all **Your own**. 17 I
 know also, my **God**, that You test the
 heart and have pleasure in uprightness.
 As for me, in the uprightness of my
 heart I have willingly offered all these
things; and now with joy I have seen
Your people, who are present here to
 offer willingly to You. 18

O **LORD God of
 Abraham,
 Isaac, and
 Israel**,
 our fathers,
 keep this forever in the intent of the
 thoughts of the heart of **Your people**,
 and fix their heart toward You. 19
 And give my son Solomon a loyal
 heart to keep
Your commandments and
Your testimonies and
Your statutes,
 to do all *these things*, and
 to build the temple for which
 I have made provision." 20

Then David said to all the assembly,
 "Now bless **the LORD your God**."
 So all the assembly blessed **the LORD
 God of their fathers**, and bowed their
 heads and prostrated themselves **before
 the LORD** and the king. 21 And they
 made sacrifices to **the LORD** and offered
 burnt offerings to **the LORD** on the next
 day:

a thousand [1,000] bulls,
 a thousand [1,000] rams,
 a thousand [1,000] lambs,
 with their drink offerings, and
 sacrifices in abundance
 for all Israel. 22 So they ate and drank
before the LORD with great gladness on
 that day. And they made Solomon the
 son of David king **the second time** [*in
 reference to 1 Ki 1:39, presumeably*],
 and anointed *him* **before the LORD** to
 be the leader, and Zadok to be priest.

1 Kings 2
Last Instructions to Solomon by David
 2:1 ¶ Now **the days of David drew near
 that he should die**, and he charged
 Solomon his son, saying: 2
 "I go the way of all the land [earth];
 be strong, therefore, and prove your-
 self a man. 3 And keep the charge of
the LORD your God:
 to walk in
His ways,
 to keep
His statutes,
His commandments,
His judgments, and
His testimonies,
 as it is written in the Law of Moses,
 that you may prosper
 in all that you do and
 wherever you turn; 4
 that **the LORD** may fulfill **His word**
that He spoke concerning me,
 saying,
 'If your sons take heed to their way, to
 walk before Me in truth with all their
 heart and with all their soul,' He said,
 'you shall not lack a man on the
 throne of Israel.' 5

³ ~\$4B at December 2008 prices.

⁴ A daric was a Persian coin used from ca. 500 BC to 330 BC. Since David's reigned from 1055 through 1015 BC, the use of the *daric* must be a conversion by the writer or a later editor into contemporary units.

⁵ 10,000 x 60 lb x 16/oz/lb x ~\$10.80 = ~\$103,680,000 in 2008 dollars.

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Moreover you know also what **Joab** the son of Zeruiah did to me, *and* what he did to the two commanders of the armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner and Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed. And he shed the blood of war in peacetime, and put the blood of war on his belt that *was* around his waist, and on his sandals that *were* on his feet. ⁶ Therefore do according to your wisdom, and do not let his gray hair go down to the grave in peace. ⁷

But show kindness to the sons of **Barzillai** the **Gileadite**, and let them be among those who eat at your table, for so they came to me when I fled from Absalom your brother. ⁸

And see, *you have* with you **Shimei** the son of Gera, a Benjamite from Bahurim, who cursed me with a malicious curse in the day when I went to **Mahanaim**. But he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by **the LORD**, saying,

‘I will not put you to death with the sword.’ ⁹

Now therefore, do not hold him guiltless, for you *are* a wise man and know what you ought to do to him; but bring his gray hair down to the grave with blood.”

2 Samuel 23:1-7

David's Last Words

Now these *are* the last words of David. *Thus* says David the son of Jesse; *Thus* says the man raised up on high, The anointed of **the God of Jacob**, And the sweet psalmist of Israel: ²

The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, And His word *was* on my tongue. ³ **The God of Israel** said, **The Rock of Israel** spoke to me:

‘He who rules over men *must be just*, ruling in **the fear of God**; ⁴ and He *must be* like the light⁶

Of the morning *when* the sun rises, A morning without clouds, Bringing the tender grass⁷

Out of the ground [earth],

By clear shining after rain.’ ⁵

Although my house *is* not so with God, Yet⁸ He has made with me **an everlasting covenant**,

Ordered in all *things* and secure.

For *this is*

all my salvation and all my desire;

Will He not make *it* increase? ⁶

But *the sons* of rebellion *shall* all be

as thorns thrust away,

Because they cannot be taken with hands.⁷

But the man *who* touches them

Must be armed with

iron and the shaft of a spear,

And they shall be utterly

burned with fire in *their* place.”

[23:8-39 moved to follow 2Sa 3:5]

⁶ NKJ: “He *shall* be like...”

⁷ NKJ: “Like the tender grass *springing*”

⁸ NAS: “Truly, *is* not my house [family] so with God? For...” (N)RSV similar.

1 Kings 2:10-12 ||

[Some parallels: this column & next:]

¹⁰ So David rested with his fathers, and was buried in **the City of David**.

¹¹ ___ The period that **David** reigned over Israel *was* **forty [40] years**; **seven [7] years** he reigned in Hebron, and **thirty-three [33] years** he reigned in **Jerusalem**. [Last reordered to match] [2949 to 2989 AB: **1Ki 6:1**, May 21]

¹² ¶ Then Solomon sat on the throne

of his father David;

and

his kingdom *was* established **greatly**.

1:1 ¶ **Now** **Solomon** **the son of David** *was* strengthened in his kingdom, and **the LORD his God** *was* with him and exalted **him** ___ exceedingly.

1 Chronicles 29:26-30

[vv23-25 moved below v30]

David Dies

²⁶ Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

²⁷ **And** the period that **he** ___ reigned over Israel *was* **forty [40] years**; **seven [7] years** he reigned in Hebron, and **thirty-three [33] years** he reigned in **Jerusalem**. [2949 to 2989 AB]

²⁸ So he died in a good old age, full of days and riches and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his place.

²⁹ Now the acts of King David, first and last, indeed they *are* written in the book of **Samuel** the seer, in the book of **Nathan** the prophet, and in the book of **Gad** the seer, ³⁰ with all his reign and his might, and the events that happened to him, to Israel, and to all the kingdoms of the lands.

1 Chronicles 29:23-25

Solomon Begins to Reign

²³ ¶ Then Solomon sat on **the throne of the LORD** as king instead

of David his father, *and prospered*;

and all Israel obeyed him. ²⁴ **All the**

leaders and the mighty men, and also **all the sons of King David**, submitted themselves to King Solomon. ²⁵ **So**

← (2 Chronicles 1:1)

the LORD exalted **Solomon** exceedingly

in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed on him *such* royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

1 Kings 2:13-27

Adonijah Asks for Abishag as Wife; Solomon Has Him Executed

13 Now Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. So she said, “Do you come peaceably?” And he said, “Peaceably.” 14 Moreover he said, “I have something *to say* to you.” And she said, “Say it.” 15 Then he said, “You know that the kingdom was mine, and all Israel had set their expectations on me, that I should reign. However, the kingdom has been turned over, and has become my brother’s; for it was his from **the LORD**. 16 Now I ask one petition of you; do not deny me.” And she said to him, “Say it.” 17 Then he said, “Please speak to King Solomon, for he will not refuse you, that he may give me Abishag the Shunammite as wife.” 18 So Bathsheba said, “Very well, I will speak for you to the king.” 19 Bathsheba therefore went to King Solomon, to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her and bowed down to her, and sat down on his throne and had a throne set for the king’s mother; so she sat at his right hand. 20 Then she said, “I desire one small petition of you; do not refuse me.” And the king said to her, “Ask it, my mother, for I will not refuse you.” 21 So she said,

“Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as wife.” 22 And King Solomon answered and said to his mother, “Now why do you ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask for him the kingdom also — for he *is* my **older brother** — for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.” 23 Then King Solomon swore by **the LORD**, saying, “May God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life! 24 Now therefore, *as the LORD* lives, who has confirmed me and set me on the throne of David my father, and who has established a house for me, as He promised, Adonijah shall be put to death today!” 25 So King Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah [*“YHWH has built (up)”*] the son of Jehoiada [*“YHWH knows”*]; and he struck him down, and he died.

Solomon Removes Abiathar as Priest

26 ¶ And to Abiathar [*“my father is great”*] the priest the king said, “Go to Anathoth [*“answers to prayer”*], to your own fields, for you *are* deserving of death; but I will not put you to death at this time, because you carried **the ark of the Lord God** [*Adonai YHWH*] before my father David, and because you were afflicted every time my father was afflicted.” 27 So Solomon removed Abiathar from being priest to **the LORD**, that he might fulfill **the word of the LORD** that He spoke concerning the house of Eli at Shiloh [*1Sa 3:13*].

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1 Kings 2:28-46

Solomon Has Joab Executed

28 Then news came to Joab, for Joab had defected to Adonijah, though he had not defected to Absalom. So Joab fled to the tabernacle of **the LORD**, and took hold of the horns of the altar. 29 And King Solomon was told, “Joab has fled to **the tabernacle of the LORD**; there *he is*, by the altar.” Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, “Go, strike him down.” 30 So Benaiah went to **the tabernacle of the LORD**, and said to him, “Thus says the king, ‘Come out!’” And he said, “No, but I will die here.” And Benaiah brought back word to the king, saying, “Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.” 31 Then the king said to him, “Do as he has said, and strike him down and bury him, that you may take away from me and from the house of my father the innocent blood that Joab shed. 32 So **the LORD** will return his blood on his head, because he struck down two men more righteous and better than he, and killed them with the sword — Abner [*“my father is a lamp”*] the son of Ner [*“lamp”*], the commander of the army of Israel, and Amasa [*“burden”*] the son of Jether [*“abundance”*], the commander of the army of **Judah** —

though my father David did not know it. 33 Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab and upon the head of his descendants forever. But upon David and his descendants, upon his house and his throne, there shall be peace forever from the LORD.” 34

So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up and struck and killed him; and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

Solomon Appoints Benaiah as General and Zadok as Priest

35 ¶ The king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his place over the army, and the king put Zadok the priest in the place of Abiathar.

Solomon Restricts Shimei to Jerusalem

36 Then the king sent and called for Shimei [“renowned”], and said to him, “Build yourself a house in Jerusalem and dwell there, and do not go out from there anywhere. 37 For it shall be, on the day you go out and cross the Brook Kidron, know for certain you shall surely die; your blood shall be on your own head.” 38

And Shimei said to the king, “The saying is good. As my lord the king has said, so your servant will do.” So Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days. 39 Now it happened at the end of three [3] years, that two [2] slaves of Shimei ran away to Achish [“I will blacken (or terrify)” or “only a man”] the son of Maachah [“oppression”],

king of Gath [“winepress”]. And they told Shimei, saying, “Look, your slaves are in Gath!” 40 So Shimei arose, saddled his donkey, and went to Achish at Gath to seek his slaves. And Shimei went and brought his slaves from Gath. 41 And Solomon was told that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath and had come back. 42 Then the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him,

“Did I not make you swear by the LORD, and warn you, saying, ‘Know for certain that on the day you go out and travel anywhere, you shall surely die?’ And you said to me, ‘The word I have heard is good.’ 43 Why then have you not kept the oath of the LORD and the commandment that I gave you?” 44

The king said moreover to Shimei, “You know, as your heart acknowledges, all the wickedness that you did to my father David; therefore the LORD will return your wickedness on your own head. 45 But King Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD forever.” 46

So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he went out and struck him down, and he died.

Thus [in this way] the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

1 Kings 3:1-4

Solomon Marries Pharaoh’s Daughter
3:1 ¶ Now Solomon made a treaty with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and married Pharaoh’s daughter; then he brought her to the City of David until he had finished building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall all around Jerusalem.

No Temple, so Sacrifices at Gibeon Where the Tabernacle of Moses Was
2 Meanwhile the people sacrificed at the high places, because there was no house built for the name of the LORD until those days. 3 And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and burned incense at the high places. 4 Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place:

[This column parallels the next:]

Solomon

offered a thousand [1,000] burnt offerings on that altar.

[Same 1,000 as 2 Ch 1:6b ↗]

2 Chronicles 1:2-6

2 And Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, to the judges, and to every leader in all Israel, the heads of the fathers’ houses. 3 Then Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for the tabernacle of meeting with God was there, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness. 4 But David had brought up the ark [“chest”] of God from Kirjath Jearim [“city of forests”] to the place David had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. 5 Now the bronze altar that

Bezalel [“in the shadow of God”] the son of Uri [“fiery”], the son of Hur [“hole”], had made, he put before the tabernacle of the LORD; Solomon and the assembly sought Him there. 6 And

Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before the LORD, which was at the tabernacle of meeting, and offered a thousand [1,000] burnt offerings on it _____.

[This column parallels the next: ...]

1 Kings 3:5-15 ||

5 ¶ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said,

“Ask! What shall I give you?” 6

And Solomon said _____:

“You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked

before You

in truth,

in righteousness, and

in uprightness of heart

with You;

You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7

Now, O LORD my God,

You have made Your servant king

instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in [i.e., judge: v9b]. 8

And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. 9

Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge

Your people, that I may discern between good and evil;

for who is able to judge this great people of Yours?” 10

The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11

[but the wording is quite different here]

2 Chronicles 1:7-13

Solomon Asks God for Wisdom

7 On that night God appeared to Solomon _____, and _____

said to him,

“Ask! What shall I give you?” 8

And Solomon said to God:

“You have shown great mercy to _____ David my father,

_____ and have made me

king in his place. 9

Now, O LORD God, let Your promise to David my father be established,

for You have made me _____ king over a people like the dust of the land [earth] in multitude.

10 Now give me _____ wisdom and knowledge,

_____ that I may go out and

come in before this people;

for who can _____ judge this great people of Yours?” 11

[This column parallels the next: ...]

1 Kings 3

Then God said to him:

“Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked _____

the life of your enemies, but

have asked for yourself

_____ understanding to discern justice, 12

behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you

_____ a wise and understanding heart,

so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. 13 And I have also

given you what you have not asked:

_____ both riches and honor,

so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.

14 So if you walk in

_____ My ways, to keep

_____ My statutes and

_____ My commandments,

as your father David walked,

then I will lengthen your days.” 15

Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he

came to Jerusalem

and

stood before

_____ the ark of the covenant of the LORD,

offered up burnt offerings,

offered peace offerings, and

made a feast for all his servants.

[but the wording is quite different here]

2 Chronicles 1

And God said to Solomon:

“Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life —

_____ but

have asked

_____ wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king — 12

_____ wisdom and knowledge

are granted to you;

_____ and I will

give you

_____ riches and wealth and honor,

such as none of the kings have had who were before you, nor shall any after you have the like.”

13 ¶ So Solomon

came to Jerusalem

from the high place that was at Gibeon, from before the tabernacle of meeting,

and reigned over Israel.

1 Kings 3:16-28

Solomon Determines the Mother

16 ¶ Now two women *who were* harlots came to the king, and stood before him. 17 And one woman said, “O my lord, this woman and I dwell in the same house; and I gave birth while she *was* in the house. 18 Then it happened, the third day after I had given birth, that this woman also gave birth. And we *were* together; no one *was* with us in the house, except the two of us in the house. 19 And this woman’s son died in the night, because she lay on him. 20 So she arose in the middle of the night and took my son from my side, while your maidservant slept, and laid him in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. 21 And when I rose in the morning to nurse my son, there he was, dead. But when I had examined him in the morning, indeed, he was not my son whom I had borne.” 22

Then the other woman said,
“No! But

the living one *is* my son, and
the dead one *is* your son.”

And the first woman said,
“No! But

the dead one *is* your son, and
the living one *is* my son.”

Thus they spoke before the king. 23
And the king said,

“The one says,

‘This *is* my son, who lives, and
your son *is* the dead one’;
and the other says,

‘No! But

your son *is* the dead one, and
my son *is* the living one.’” 24

Then the king said,
“Bring me a sword.”

So they brought a sword before the king. 25 And the king said,
“Divide the living child in two, and give half to one, and half to the other.” 26

Then the woman whose son *was* living spoke to the king, for she yearned with compassion for her son; and she said,
“O my lord, give her the living child, and by no means kill him!”

But the other said,

“Let him be neither mine nor yours,
but divide *him*.” 27

So the king answered and said,
“Give the first woman the living child, and by no means kill him; she *is* his mother.” 28

And all Israel heard of the judgment **that** the king had rendered; and they feared the king, for they saw that **the wisdom of God** *was* in him to administer justice.

[4:1-28 moved to follow 10:29]

[4:29-34 moved to start

the Writings of Solomon]

May 21

1 Kings 5:1

Hiram King of Tyre Honors Solomon

5:1 ¶ Now Hiram [*“noble”*] king of Tyre [*“a rock”*] sent his servants to Solomon, because he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for Hiram had always loved David.

[This column ~parallels the next: ...

1 Kings 5:2-18 ||

2 Then Solomon sent to Hiram _____, saying: 3

“You know how my father David could not build a house for the name of **the LORD** his God because of the wars **that** were fought against him on every side, until **the LORD** put *his foes* under the soles of his feet. 4 But now **the LORD my God** has given me rest on every side; *there is* neither adversary nor evil occurrence.

5 And behold, I propose to build _____ a house for **the name of the LORD my God**, as **the LORD** spoke to my father David, saying, “Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, he shall build the house for **My name**.”

but mostly in an interleaved way]

2 Chronicles 2:1-18

2:1 ¶ Then Solomon determined to build a temple for the name of **the LORD**, and a royal house for himself. 2 Solomon selected seventy thousand [70,000] men to bear burdens, eighty thousand [80,000] to quarry stone in the mountains, and three thousand six hundred [3,600] to oversee them.

3 Then Solomon sent to Hiram king of Tyre, saying:

“As you have dealt with David my father, and sent him cedars to build himself a house to dwell in, *so deal with me*. 4 Behold, I am building a temple for **the name of the LORD my God**,

to dedicate *it* to Him,
to burn before Him sweet incense,
for the continual showbread,
for the burnt offerings
morning and evening,
on the Sabbaths,
on the New Moons, and
on the set feasts of **the LORD our God**.
This *is an ordinance* forever to Israel.

[This column ~parallels the next: ...

1 Kings 5

6 Now therefore, command that they cut down **cedars** for me from **Lebanon** [*“whiteness”*]; and my servants will be with your servants, and I will pay you wages for your servants according to whatever you say. For you know there is none among us who has skill to cut **timber** like the Sidonians.

[*kor: a dry measure, 6.25 bushels, → so 20,000 kors = 125,000 bushels*]
[*However, NLT says 100,000*]

[*bath: a liquid measure, ~40 liters, → so 20,000 baths ~ 800,000 liters*]
[*However, NLT says 110,000 gallons, closer to the rabbinical tradition.*]

but mostly in an interleaved way]

2 Chronicles 2

5 And the temple which I build *will be great*, for **our God** is greater than all gods. 6 But who is able to build Him a temple, since heaven and the heaven [*expanse*] of heavens cannot contain Him? Who *am* I then, that I should build Him a temple, except to burn sacrifice before Him?

7 Therefore send me at once **a man** skillful to work in **gold** and **silver**, in **bronze** and **iron**, in purple and crimson and blue, who has skill to engrave with the skillful men who are with me in **Judah** and **Jerusalem**, whom David my father provided. 8 Also send me **cedar and cypress and algum logs** from **Lebanon**,

for I know that your servants have _____ skill to cut timber in **Lebanon**; and indeed my servants *will be* with your servants, 9 to prepare timber for me in abundance, for the temple which I am about to build *shall be* great and wonderful. 10 And indeed I will give to your servants, the woodsmen who cut timber, twenty thousand [20,000] kors of ground wheat, twenty thousand [20,000] kors of barley, twenty thousand [20,000] baths of wine, and twenty thousand [20,000] baths of oil.”

[This column ~parallels the next: ...

7 So it was, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly and said, “Blessed *be* **the LORD** this day, for He has given David a wise son over this great people!”

8 Then Hiram

sent to Solomon, saying:

“I have considered *the message that* you sent me, *and* I will do all you desire concerning the **cedar and cypress logs**. 9 My servants shall bring *them* down from **Lebanon** to the sea; I will float them in rafts by sea to the place you indicate to me, and will have them broken apart there; then you can take *them* away. And you shall fulfill my desire by giving food for my household.”

but mostly in an interleaved way]

11 ¶ Then Hiram **king of Tyre** answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon _____:

“Because **the LORD** loves His people, He has made you king over them.” 12 Hiram also said: “Blessed *be* **the LORD** God of Israel, who made heaven and land [earth], for He has given King David a wise son, endowed with prudence and understanding, who will build a temple for **the LORD** and a royal house for himself!

13 And now I have sent a skillful man, endowed with understanding, Hiram [*“noble”*; cf. **1Ki 7:13**] my master *craftsman* 14 (the son of a woman of the daughters of **Dan**, and his father was a man of **Tyre**), skilled to work in **gold** and **silver**, **bronze** and **iron**, stone and wood, purple and blue, fine linen and crimson, and to make any engraving and to accomplish any plan **that** may be given to him, with your skillful men and with the skillful men of my lord David your father.

[This column ~parallels the next: ...

1 Kings 5

10 ¶ Then Hiram gave Solomon cedar and cypress logs according to all his desire. 11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand [20,000] kors of wheat as food for his household, and twenty [20] kors of pressed oil.

Thus Solomon gave to Hiram year by year. 12 So the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as He had promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a treaty together. 13

Then King Solomon raised up a labor force out of all Israel; and the labor force was thirty thousand [30,000] men. 14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand [10,000] a month in shifts: they were

one [1] month in Lebanon and two [2] months at home;

Adoniram [“exalted is my lord”] was in charge of the labor force.

but mostly in an interleaved way]

2 Chronicles 2

15 Now therefore, the wheat, the barley, the oil, and the wine of which my lord has spoken, let him send to his servants. 16 And we will cut wood from Lebanon, as much as you need; we will bring it to you in rafts by sea to Joppa, and you will carry it up to Jerusalem.”

17 Then Solomon numbered all the aliens who were in the land of Israel, after the census in which David his father had numbered them; and there were found to be one hundred and fifty-three thousand six hundred [153,600].

[This column ~parallels the next: ...

1 Kings 5

15 Solomon had seventy thousand [70,000] who carried burdens, and eighty thousand [80,000] who quarried stone in the mountains, 16 besides three thousand three hundred [3,300] from the chiefs of Solomon’s deputies, who supervised the people who labored in the work.

17 And the king commanded them to quarry large stones, costly stones, and hewn stones, to lay the foundation of the temple. 18 So Solomon’s builders, Hiram’s builders, and the Gebalites [men of Gebal] quarried them; and they prepared timber and stones to build the temple.

1 Kings 6:1 ||

6:1 ¶ And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth [480th] year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth [4th] year of Solomon’s reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv [“brightness”], which is the second [2nd] month, that he began to build the house of the LORD.

[↑ Solomon-Reign:4/02/02 →]
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but mostly in an interleaved way]

2 Chronicles 2

18 And he made seventy thousand [70,000] of them bearers of burdens, eighty thousand [80,000] stonecutters in the mountain, and three thousand six hundred [3,600] overseers to make

the people work.
[Total: 153,600 of v17]

2 Chronicles 3:1-2

Exodus to Temple: 480 Years

[← So 2992 AB: Ex 12:40-42, Feb 4]

3:1 ¶ Now Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan [“light was perpetuated: their fir trees”] the Jebusite [“descendant of Jebus”]. 2 And he began to build on the second day of the second month in the fourth year of his reign.

1 Kings 6:2-3 ||

2 Now the house **that** King Solomon built for **the LORD**, its length was sixty [60] cubits,

its width twenty [20], and its height thirty [30] cubits.

3 ___ The vestibule _____ in front of the sanctuary of the house was twenty [20] cubits long across the width of the house, and the width of the vestibule extended ten [10] cubits from the front of the house.

2 Chronicles 3:3-4

Temple Plan and Construction

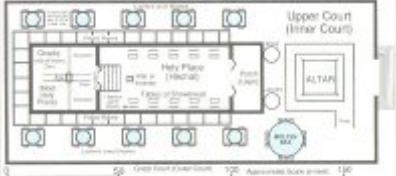
3 This is the foundation that Solomon laid for building the house of God: The length was sixty [60] cubits (by cubits according to the former measure [~18 inches each]) and the width twenty [20] cubits. [So, ~90 ft long, 30 ft wide, 45 ft high.]

4 And the vestibule that was in front of the sanctuary _____ was twenty [20] cubits long across the width of the house,

and the height was one hundred and twenty [120] [cubits???: 1Ki 6:2e]. He overlaid the inside with pure gold.

[\[Illustration of Solomon's Temple\]](#)

[\[Floorplans of Solomon's Temple\]](#)



1 Kings 6:4-15

4 And he made for the house windows with beveled frames.

5 Against the wall of the temple he built chambers all around, *against* the walls of the temple, all around the sanctuary and **the inner sanctuary**. Thus he made side chambers all around it. 6 The lowest chamber was five [5] cubits wide, the middle was six [6] cubits wide, and the third was seven [7] cubits wide; for he made narrow ledges around the outside of the temple, so that *the support beams* would not be fastened into the walls of the temple.

7 And the temple, when it was being built, was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or chisel or any **iron** tool was heard in the temple while it was being built.

8 The doorway for the middle story was on the right side of the temple. They went up by stairs to the middle story, and from the middle to the third.

9 So he built the temple and finished it, and he paneled the temple with beams and boards of cedar. 10 And he built side chambers against the entire temple, each five [5] cubits high; they were attached to the temple with cedar beams.

The LORD's **Covenant** With Solomon

11 ¶ Then the word of **the LORD** came to Solomon, saying: 12 "Concerning this temple **that** you are building, **if** you

walk in **My statutes**,
execute **My judgments**,
keep all **My commandments**, and
walk in them,

then I will perform **My word** with you, which I spoke to your father David. 13 And **I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel.**"

14 So Solomon built the temple [*foundation, framing, construction*] and finished it [*fine details*].

Finish Work On The Temple

15 ¶ And he built the inside walls of the temple with cedar boards; from the floor of the temple to the ceiling he paneled the inside with wood; and he covered the floor of the temple with planks of cypress.

2 Chronicles 3:5-7

5 The larger room he paneled with cypress, which he overlaid with fine gold, and he carved palm trees and chainwork on it. 6 And he decorated the house with precious stones for beauty, and the gold was gold from Parvaim [*"oriental regions"*]. 7 He also overlaid the house — the beams and doorposts, its walls and doors — with gold; and he carved cherubim on the walls.

1 Kings 6:16-18

16 Then he built the twenty-cubit room at the rear of the temple, from floor to ceiling, with cedar boards; he built *it* inside as **the inner sanctuary**, as **the Most Holy Place**. 17 And in front of it the temple sanctuary was forty [40] cubits long. 18 The inside of the temple was cedar, carved with ornamental buds and open flowers. All was cedar; there was no stone to be seen.

1 Kings 6:19-20 ||

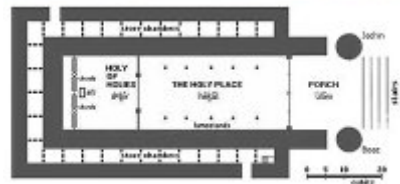
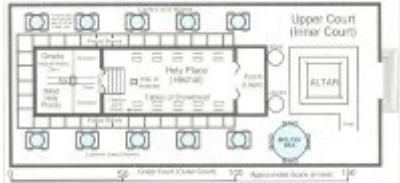
19 And he prepared **the inner sanctuary** inside the temple, to set **the ark of the covenant of the LORD** there. 20

The inner sanctuary was twenty [20] cubits long, twenty [20] cubits wide, and twenty [20] cubits high. He overlaid it with pure **gold**,

and overlaid the altar of cedar.

[\[Illustration of Solomon's Temple\]](#)

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2 Chronicles 3:8-9

8 And he made **the Most Holy Place**.

Its length was according to the width of the house, twenty [20] cubits, and its width twenty [20] cubits.

→ [20 cubits ~ 30 feet]
He overlaid it with **six hundred [600] talents⁹ of fine gold**. 9 The weight of the nails was fifty [50] shekels¹⁰ of **gold**; and he overlaid the upper area with **gold**.

1 Kings 6:21-22

21 So Solomon overlaid the inside of the temple with pure **gold**. He stretched **gold** chains across the front of the inner sanctuary, and overlaid it with **gold**. 22 The whole temple he overlaid with **gold**, until he had finished all the temple; also he overlaid with **gold** the entire altar that was by **the inner sanctuary**.

⁹ Each talent is about 60 pounds or 960 ounces or ~\$800,000 at December 2008 prices, so 600 talents ~ \$480M.

¹⁰ A gold shekel may have been ~1/60th of a pound, so 16/60 x ~\$800 = \$213.33, so 50 shekels =~ \$10,666, in 2008 dollars.

1 Kings 6:23-28 ||

23 Inside **the inner sanctuary** he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten [10] cubits high. 24

One wing of the ___ cherub was five [5] cubits, and the other wing of the cherub five [5] cubits:

[5 cubits ~ 7.5 feet]

ten [10] cubits from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other. 25 And the other cherub was ten [10] cubits; both cherubim were of the same size and shape. 26 The height of one cherub was ten [10] cubits, and so was the other cherub.

[20 cubits ~ 30 feet]

27 Then he set the cherubim inside the inner room; and they stretched out the wings of the cherubim so that the wing of the one touched *one* wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall. And their wings touched each other in the middle of the room. 28 Also he overlaid the cherubim with **gold**.

2 Chronicles 3:10-14

10 ¶ In **the Most Holy Place** he made two cherubim, fashioned by carving,

and overlaid them with **gold**.

11 The wings of the cherubim were twenty [20] cubits in overall length: one wing of the one cherub was five [5] cubits, touching the wall of the room, and the other wing _____ was five [5] cubits, touching the wing of the other cherub; 12 one wing of the other cherub was five [5] cubits, touching the wall of the room, and the other wing *also* was five [5] cubits, touching the wing of the other cherub.

[10 cubits ~ 15 feet]

13 The wings of these cherubim spanned twenty [20] cubits overall. They stood on their feet, and they faced inward. 14 And he made the veil of blue, purple, crimson, and fine linen, and wove cherubim into it.

1 Kings 6:29-38

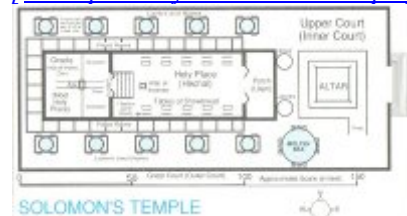
29 Then he carved all the walls of the temple all around, both **the inner** and outer *sanctuaries*, with carved figures of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers. 30 And the floor of the temple he overlaid with **gold**, both the inner and outer *sanctuaries*. 31 For the entrance of **the inner sanctuary** he made doors of olive wood; the lintel and doorposts were one-fifth [1/5th] of the wall. 32 The two [2] doors were of olive wood; and he carved on them figures of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, and [he] overlaid them with **gold**; and he spread **gold** on the cherubim and on the palm trees. 33 So for the door of **the sanctuary** he also made doorposts of olive wood, one-fourth [1/4th] of the wall. 34 And the two [2] doors were of cypress wood; two [2] panels comprised one folding door, and two [2] panels comprised the other folding door. 35 Then he carved cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers on them, and [he] overlaid them with **gold** applied evenly on the carved work. 36 And he built the inner court with three [3] rows of hewn stone and a row of cedar beams.

Completion Of The Temple

37 In the fourth [4th] year the foundation of the house of **the LORD** was laid, in the month of Ziv [“brightness”] [Solomon-Reign: 4/02, 2992 AB]. 38 And in the eleventh [11th] year, in the month of Bul [“increase: produce”, hence, harvest; modern October-November], which is the eighth month [Solomon-Reign: 11/08, 2999 AB], the house was finished in all its details and according to all its plans. So he was seven [7] years in building it [actually, 7.5 years: v1]. [For AB dates, see v1.]

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May 22

1 Kings 7:1-14

Other Construction by Solomon

7:1 ¶ But Solomon took thirteen [13] years to build **his own house**; so he finished all his house. 2 He also built **the House of the Forest of Lebanon**: its length was one hundred [100] cubits, its width fifty [50] cubits, and its height thirty [30] cubits, [~150 ft. long, 75 ft. wide, 45 ft. high] with four rows of cedar pillars, and cedar beams on the pillars. 3 And it was paneled with cedar above the beams that were on forty-five [45] pillars, fifteen [15] to a row. 4 There were windows with beveled frames in three [3] rows, and window was opposite window in three [3] tiers. 5 And all the doorways and doorposts had rectangular frames; and window was opposite window in three [3] tiers. 6 He also made **the Hall of Pillars**: its length was fifty [50] cubits, and its width thirty [30] cubits; and [~75 ft. long, 45 ft. wide] in front of them was a portico with pillars, and a canopy was in front of them.

7 Then he made a hall for the throne, **the Hall of Judgment**, where he might judge; and it was paneled with cedar from floor to ceiling. 8 And the house where he dwelt had another court inside the hall, of like workmanship.

Solomon also made a house like this hall **for Pharaoh's daughter**, whom he had taken as wife.

9 All these were of costly stones cut to size, trimmed with saws, inside and out, from the foundation to the eaves, and also on the outside to the great court. 10 The foundation was of costly stones, large stones, some ten [10] cubits [~15 ft.] and some eight [8] cubits [~12 ft.]. 11 And above were costly stones, hewn to size, and cedar wood. 12 The great court was enclosed with three [3] rows of hewn stones and a row of cedar beams. So were the inner court of **the house of the LORD** and the vestibule of the temple.

Temple Furnishings

13 ¶ Now King Solomon sent and brought Hiram [“noble”; cf. 2Ch 2:13] from **Tyre**. 14 He was the son of a widow from the tribe of **Naphtali**, and his father was a man of **Tyre**, a **bronze** worker; he was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill in working with all kinds of **bronze** work. So he came to King Solomon and did all his work.

1 Kings 7:15-26 ||

[This column parallels the next:]

15 And he cast two [2] pillars of bronze, each one eighteen [18] cubits [~27 ft] high, and a line of twelve [12] cubits measured the circumference of each. 16 Then he made two [2] capitals of cast bronze, to set on the tops of the pillars.

The height of one capital was five [5] cubits, and the height of the other capital was five [5] cubits.

17 He made a lattice network, with wreaths of chainwork, for the capitals that were on top of the pillars:

seven [7] chains for one capital and seven [7] for the other capital. 18

So he made the pillars, and two [2] rows of pomegranates above the network all around to cover the capitals that were on top; and thus he did for the other capital. 19 The capitals that were on top of the pillars in the hall were in the shape of lilies, four [4] cubits. 20 The capitals on the two [2] pillars also had pomegranates above, by the convex surface that was next to the network; and there were two hundred [200] such pomegranates in

rows on each of the capitals all around. 21 Then he set up the pillars by the vestibule of the temple;

he set up the pillar on the right _____ and called its name

2 Chronicles 3:15-4:5

Two Pillars: Jachin and Boaz

15 Also he [Solomon, via Hiram] made in front of the temple two [2] pillars [2x18 ≈ 35?] thirty-five [35] cubits high, and [← ~18 feet in circumference] the capital that was on the top of each of them

[← ~7.5 feet high ↓] was five [5] cubits.

16 He made wreaths of chainwork, as in the inner sanctuary, and put them on top of the pillars;

[← 6 feet]

[Discrepancy: 100 each of 2 rows?] and he made one hundred [100] _____ pomegranates, and put them on the wreaths of chainwork.

17 Then he set up the pillars before _____ the temple, one on the right hand and the other on the left; he called the name of the one on the right hand

[This column parallels the next:]

Jachin [“he will establish”], and he set up the pillar on the left and called its name

Boaz [“fleetness”]. 22

The tops of the pillars were in the shape of lilies. So the work of the pillars was finished. 23

[~30 feet long →]

[~30 feet wide →]

[~15 feet high →]

And he made the Sea of cast bronze, ten [10] cubits [~15 feet] from one brim to the other; it was completely round. Its height was five [5] cubits [~7.5 feet], and a line of thirty [30] cubits [~45 feet] measured its circumference. 24

Below its brim were ornamental buds

encircling it all around, ten [10] to a cubit, all the way around the Sea.

The ornamental buds were cast in two [2] rows when it was cast. 25

It stood on twelve [12] oxen: three [3] looking toward the north, three [3] looking toward the west, three [3] looking toward the south, and

three [3] looking toward the east; the Sea was set upon them, and all their back parts pointed inward. 26 It was a handbreadth thick; and its brim was shaped like the brim of a cup, like a lily blossom. It contained two thousand [2,000] baths [~80,000 l.].

[Why the discrepancy?]

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Jachin [“he will establish”], and the name of the one on the left

Boaz [“fleetness”].

The Bronze Altar

4:1 Moreover he made a bronze altar: twenty [20] cubits was its length, twenty [20] cubits its width, and ten [10] cubits its height. 2

The “Sea”

Then he made the Sea of cast bronze, ten [10] cubits [~15 feet] from one brim to the other; it was completely round. Its height was five [5] cubits [~7.5 feet], and a line of thirty [30] cubits [~45 feet] measured its circumference. 3

And under it was the likeness of oxen encircling it all around, ten [10] to a cubit, all the way around the Sea.

The oxen _____ were cast in two [2] rows when it was cast. 4

It stood on twelve [12] oxen: three [3] looking toward the north, three [3] looking toward the west, three [3] looking toward the south, and

three [3] looking toward the east; the Sea was set upon them, and all their back parts pointed inward. 5 It was a handbreadth thick; and its brim was shaped like the brim of a cup, like a lily blossom. It contained three thousand [3,000] baths [~120,000 l.].

The Sea



[Found [here.](#)]

1 Kings 7:27-39a

The Ten Carts

27 He also made ten [10] carts of **bronze**: four [4] cubits the length of each cart, four [4] cubits its width, and three [3] cubits its height. 28

[~ 6 feet long, 6 feet wide, 4.5 feet high]

And this was the design of the carts: They had panels, and the panels were between frames; 29 on the panels that were between the frames were

lions,
oxen, and
cherubim.

And on the frames was a pedestal on top. Below the lions and oxen were wreaths of plaited work. 30 Every cart had four [4] **bronze** wheels and axles of **bronze**, and its four [4] feet had supports. Under the laver were supports of cast **bronze** beside each wreath.

31 Its opening inside the crown at the top was one [1] cubit in diameter [~18 inches]; and the opening was round, shaped like a pedestal, one and a half [1½] cubits in outside diameter [~27 inches]; and also on the opening were engravings, but the panels were square, not round. 32 Under the panels were the four [4] wheels, and the axles of the wheels were joined to the cart. The height of a wheel was one and a half [1½] cubits [~27 inches]. 33 The workmanship of the wheels was like the workmanship of a chariot wheel; their axle pins, their rims, their spokes, and their hubs were all of cast **bronze**.

34 And there were four [4] supports at the four [4] corners of each cart; its supports were part of the cart itself. 35 On the top of the cart, at the height of

half [½] a cubit [~9 inches], it was perfectly round. And on the top of the cart, its flanges and its panels were of the same casting. 36 On the plates of its flanges and on its panels he engraved cherubim,

lions, and
palm trees,

wherever there was a clear space on each, with wreaths all around. 37 Thus he made the ten [10] carts.

All of them were of the same mold, one measure, and one shape.

The Ten Lavers

38 Then he made ten [10] lavers of **bronze**: each laver contained forty [40] baths, and each laver was four [4] cubits [~6 feet]. On each of the ten [10] carts was a laver. 39a And he put

five [5] carts on the right side of the house, and five [5] on the left side of the house.

2 Chronicles 4:6-9

He also made ten [10] lavers, and put five [5] on the right side and five [5] on the left,

to wash in them; such things as they offered for the burnt offering they would wash in them, but the Sea was for the priests to wash in. 7

The Ten Lampstands

And he made ten [10] lampstands of **gold** according to their design, and set them in the temple,

five [5] on the right side and five [5] on the left. 8

The Ten Tables

He also made ten [10] tables, and placed them in the temple, five [5] on the right side and five [5] on the left.

The Hundred Bowls

And he made one hundred [100] bowls of **gold**. 9

The Courts

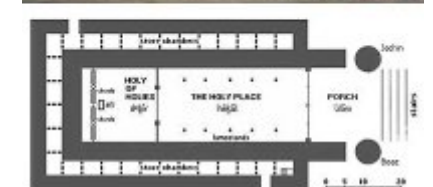
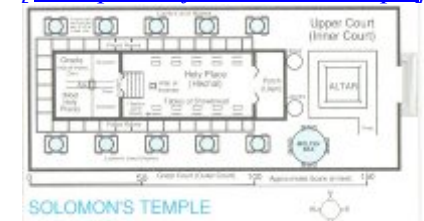
Furthermore he made

the court of the priests, and the great court

and doors for the court; and he overlaid these doors with **bronze**.

[[Illustration of Solomon's Temple](#)]

[[Floorplans of Solomon's Temple](#)]



1 Kings 7:39b-51 ||

[This column parallels the next:]

39b He set the Sea on the right side of the house, toward the southeast.

The Lavers, Shovels, and Bowls

40 Hiram made the lavers and the shovels and the bowls.

So Hiram finished doing all the work that he was to do for King Solomon for the house of the LORD: 41

the two [2] pillars, the two bowl-shaped capitals that were on top of the two [2] pillars;

the two [2] networks covering the two [2] bowl-shaped capitals that were on top of the pillars; 42

four hundred [400] pomegranates for the two [2] networks (two [2] rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two [2] bowl-shaped capitals that were on top of the pillars); 43

the ten [10] carts, and ten [10] lavers on the carts; 44 one Sea, and twelve [12] oxen under the Sea; 45

the pots, the shovels, and the bowls. All these articles that Hiram

made for King Solomon for the house of the LORD were of burnished bronze. 46

In the plain of Jordan the king had them cast in clay molds, between Succoth ["booths"] and Zaretan ["their distress"]. 47

2 Chronicles 4:10-5:1

Location Of The "Sea"

10 He set the Sea on the right side _____, toward the southeast.

The Pots, Shovels, and Bowls

11 Then Hiram made the pots and the shovels and the bowls.

Summary

So Hiram finished doing the work that he was to do for King Solomon for the house of God: 12

the two [2] pillars and the bowl-shaped capitals that were on top of the two [2] pillars;

the two [2] networks covering the two [2] bowl-shaped capitals that were on top of the pillars; 13

four hundred [400] pomegranates for the two [2] networks (two [2] rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two [2] bowl-shaped capitals that were on _____ the pillars); 14 he also made

_____ carts and the _____ lavers on the carts; 15 one Sea and twelve [12] oxen under it; 16 also

the pots, the shovels, _____ the forks — and all their articles _____ Hiram his master craftsman made

of burnished bronze for King Solomon for the house of the LORD. 17

In the plain of Jordan the king had them cast in clay molds, between Succoth ["booths"] and Zeredah ["their distress"]. 18

[This column parallels the next:]

And Solomon did not weigh all the articles, because there were so many; _____ the weight of the bronze was not determined.

48 ¶ Thus Solomon had all the furnishings made for the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold

on which was the showbread; 49 the lampstands _____ of pure gold, five [5] on the right side and five [5] on the left

in front of the inner sanctuary, with the flowers and the lamps and the wick-trimmers of gold; 50

the basins, the trimmers, the bowls, the ladles, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors

of the inner room (the Most Holy Place) and for the doors of the main hall of the temple.

51 So all the work that King Solomon had done for the house of the LORD was finished; and Solomon brought in the things that his father David had dedicated:

the silver and the gold and _____ the furnishings.

He put them in the treasuries of the house of the LORD.

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And Solomon had _____ all these articles made in such great abundance that the weight of the bronze was not determined.

19 Thus Solomon had all the furnishings made for the house of God: the altar of gold and the tables _____

on which was the showbread; 20 the lampstands with their lamps of pure gold,

to burn in the prescribed manner in front of the inner sanctuary, 21 with the flowers and the lamps and the wick-trimmers of gold, of purest gold; 22

the trimmers, the bowls, the ladles, and the censers of pure gold.

As for the entry of the sanctuary, its inner doors to the Most Holy Place, and _____ the doors of the main hall of the temple, were gold.

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5:1 ¶ So all the work that _____ Solomon had done for the house of the LORD was finished; and Solomon brought in the things that his father David had dedicated:

the silver and the gold and all the furnishings.

And he put them in the treasuries of the house of God.

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1 Kings 8:1-50a ||

[This column parallels the next:]

8:1 Now Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the City of David, which is Zion.

2 Therefore all the men of Israel assembled with King Solomon at the feast in the month of Ethanim [“enduring”], which is the seventh [7th] month. 3 So all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.

4 Then they brought up the ark of the LORD, the tabernacle of meeting, and all the holy furnishings that were in the tabernacle.

The priests and the Levites brought them up. 5 Also King Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled with him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen that could not be counted or numbered for multitude. 6 Then the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to the Most Holy Place, under the wings of the cherubim. 7 For the cherubim spread their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles.

2 Chronicles 5:2-6:39

The Ark Is Brought To The Temple

2 Now Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel, in Jerusalem, that they might bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD up from the City of David, which is Zion.

3 Therefore all the men of Israel assembled with the king at the feast that was in

the seventh [7th] month. 4 So all the elders of Israel came, and the Levites took up the ark.

5 Then they brought up the ark, the tabernacle of meeting, and all the holy furnishings that were in the tabernacle.

The priests and the Levites brought them up. 6 Also King Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled with him before the ark, were sacrificing sheep and oxen that could not be counted or numbered for multitude. 7 Then the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to the Most Holy Place, under the wings of the cherubim. 8 For the cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles.

[This column parallels the next:]

8 The poles extended so that the ends of the poles could be seen from the holy place, in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day. 9 Nothing was in the ark except the two [2] tablets of stone that Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the [Most] Holy Place,

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9 And the poles extended so that the ends of the poles of the ark could be seen from the holy place, in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day. 10 Nothing was in the ark except the two [2] tablets that Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they had come out of Egypt.

The Cloud Fills The Temple

11 And it came to pass when the priests came out of the Most Holy Place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without keeping to their divisions), 12 and the Levites who were the singers, all those of

Asaph [“gatherer”] and Heman [“faithful”] and Jeduthun [“praising”], with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty [120] priests sounding with trumpets — 13 indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying:

“For He is good,
For His mercy endures forever,”

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[This column parallels the next:]
that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, 11

so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

Solomon Addresses The Assembly

12 ¶ Then Solomon spoke:
“The LORD said He would dwell in the dark cloud. 13 I have surely built You an exalted house, And a place for You to dwell in forever.” 14 Then the king turned around and blessed the whole assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing. 15 And he said:
“Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who spoke with His mouth to my father David, and with His hand has fulfilled it, saying, 16 ‘Since the day that I brought My people Israel out of _____ Egypt, I have chosen no city from any tribe of Israel in which to build a house, that My name might be there;

but I chose David to be over My people Israel.’ 17 Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel. 18 But the LORD said to my father David,

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that the house _____, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, 14 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God _____.

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6:1 ¶ Then Solomon spoke:
“The LORD said He would dwell in the dark cloud. 2 I have surely built You an exalted house, And a place for You to dwell in forever.” 3 Then the king turned around and blessed the whole assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing. 4 And he said:
“Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who has fulfilled with His hands what He spoke with His mouth to my father David, saying, 5 ‘Since the day that I brought My people _____ out of the land of Egypt, I have chosen no city from any tribe of Israel in which to build a house, that My name might be there, nor did I choose any man to be a ruler over My people Israel. 6 Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name may be there; and I have chosen David to be over My people Israel.’ 7 Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel. 8 But the LORD said to my father David,

[This column parallels the next:]

‘Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well _ that it was in your heart. 19 Nevertheless you shall not build the temple, but your son who will come from your body, he shall build the temple for My name.’

[Cf. 2Sa 7:12b-13a] 20
So the LORD has fulfilled His word that He spoke; and I have filled the position of my father David, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised; and I have built a temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel. 21 And there I have made a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD that He made with our fathers _____, when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.”

Solomon’s Prayer of Dedication

22 ¶ Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel,

[~7.5 ft long, 7.5 ft wide, 4.5 ft high:]

and spread out his hands toward heaven; 23 and he said:
“LORD God of Israel, there is no God in heaven above or on land [earth] below like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts.

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‘Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well in that it was in your heart. 9 Nevertheless you shall not build the temple, but your son who will come from your body, he shall build the temple for My name.’

[Cf. 1Ch 17:11b-12a] 10
So the LORD has fulfilled His word that He spoke, and I have filled the position of my father David, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised; and I have built the temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel. 11 And there I have put _____ the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD that He made with the children of Israel.”

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12 ¶ Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands 13 (for Solomon had made a bronze platform five [5] cubits long, five [5] cubits wide, and three [3] cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and he stood on it, knelt down on his knees before all the assembly of Israel), and spread out his hands toward heaven; 14 and he said:
“LORD God of Israel, there is no God in heaven _____ or on land [earth] _____ like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts.

[This column parallels the next:]

24 You have kept what You promised **Your servant David** my father; You have both spoken with **Your mouth** and fulfilled *it* with **Your hand**, as *it is* this day. 25 Therefore, **LORD God of Israel**, now keep what You promised **Your servant David** my father, saying,

‘You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk before Me as you have walked before Me.’ 26

And now I pray, O **God of Israel**, let **Your word** come true **that** You have spoken to **Your servant David** my father. 27 But will God indeed dwell _____ on the land [earth]? Behold, heaven [*air: Ge 1:20,25*] and the heaven [*expanse: Ge 1:8; where He put the stars: Ge 1:17*] of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple **that** I have built! 28 Yet regard the prayer of **Your servant** and his supplication, O **LORD my God**, and listen to the cry and the prayer **that Your servant** is praying before You **today**: 29 that Your eyes may be open toward this temple **night** and **day**, toward the place of which You said,

‘My name shall be there’, that You may hear the prayer **that Your servant** **makes** toward this place. 30 And may You hear the supplication_ of **Your servant** and of **Your people Israel**, **when** they pray toward this place. **Hear in _____ heaven** Your dwelling **place**; and when You hear, forgive.

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15 You have kept what You promised **Your servant David** my father; You have both spoken with **Your mouth** and fulfilled *it* with **Your hand**, as *it is* this day. 16 Therefore, **LORD God of Israel**, now keep what You promised **Your servant David** my father, saying,

‘You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk in My law as you have walked before Me.’ 17

And now _____, O **LORD God of Israel**, let **Your word** come true **that** You have spoken to **Your servant David** _____. 18 But will God indeed dwell **with men** on the land [earth]? Behold, heaven [*air: Ge 1:20,25*] and the heaven [*expanse: Ge 1:8; where He put the stars: Ge 1:17*] of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple **that** I have built! 19 Yet regard the prayer of **Your servant** and his supplication, O **LORD my God**, and listen to the cry and the prayer **that Your servant** is praying before You _____: 20 that Your eyes may be open toward this temple **day** and **night**, toward the place where _____ You said

‘You would put Your name, that You may hear the prayer **that Your servant** **prays** toward this place. 21 And may You hear the supplications_ of **Your servant** and of **Your people Israel**, **when** they pray toward this place. **Hear from _____ heaven** Your dwelling **place**, and when You hear, forgive.

[This column parallels the next:]

31 **When** anyone sins against his neighbor, and is forced to take an oath, and comes *and* takes an oath before Your altar in this temple, 32 **then hear in _____ heaven**, and act, and judge **Your servants**, **condemning _____** the wicked, **_____** bringing his way on his _____ head, and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.

33 **When** **Your people Israel** are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and **when** they **turn back to You** and confess **Your name**, and pray and make supplication to _____ You in this temple,

34 **then hear in heaven**, and forgive the sin of **Your people Israel**, and bring them back to the land **that** You gave to _____ their fathers.

35 **When** the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, **when** they pray toward this place and confess **Your name**, and turn from their sin because You afflict them,

36 **then hear in _____ heaven**, and forgive the sin of _____ **Your servants**, _____ **Your people Israel**, that You may teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on **Your land** **that** You have given to **Your people** as an inheritance.

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22 **If _____** anyone sins against his neighbor, and is forced to take an oath, and comes *and* takes an oath before Your altar in this temple, 23 **then hear from _____ heaven**, and act, and judge **Your servants**, **bringing retribution on** the wicked **by** bringing his way on his **own** head, and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.

24 **Or if _____** **Your people Israel** are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and **[when they] return _____** and confess **Your name**, and pray and make supplication **before You** in this temple,

25 **then hear from heaven** and forgive the sin of **Your people Israel**, and bring them back to the land **that** You gave to **them and** their fathers.

26 **When** the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, **when** they pray toward this place and confess **Your name**, and turn from their sin because You afflict them,

27 **then hear in _____ heaven**, and forgive the sin of _____ **Your servants**, _____ **Your people Israel**, that You may teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on **Your land** **that** You have given to **Your people** as an inheritance.

[This column parallels the next:]

37 **When** there is famine in the land, pestilence *or* blight *or* mildew, locusts *or* grasshoppers;

when their enemy besieges them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness *there is*; 38 whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, *or* by all **Your people Israel**,

when each one knows the plague of _____ his own heart, and spreads out his hands toward this temple:

39 **then hear in _____ heaven Your dwelling place**, and forgive, **and act**, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men), 40 **[purpose:] that** they may fear You

all the days that they live in the land that You gave to our fathers.

41 Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who *is* not of **Your people Israel**, but **has come _____ from a far country for Your name's sake** 42 (for they will hear of

Your great name and Your strong hand and Your outstretched arm),

when he _____ comes and prays toward this temple,

43 **[then] hear in _____ heaven Your dwelling place**, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, **[purpose:] that** all peoples of the lands [earth] may know **Your name** and fear You, as *do* **Your people Israel**, and **[purpose:] that** they may know that this temple **that I have built is called by Your name.**

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28 **When** there is famine in the land, pestilence or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers;

when their enemies besiege them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness *there is*; 29 whatever prayer, whatever supplication is *made* by anyone, or by all **Your people Israel**,

when each one knows his own burden and his own grief, and spreads out his hands to _____ this temple:

30 **then hear from _____ heaven Your dwelling place**, and forgive, _____ and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of _____ the sons of men), 31 **[purpose:] that** they may fear You, **to walk in Your ways as long as _____ they live in the land that You gave to our fathers.**

32 Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of **Your people Israel**, but **who comes _____ from a far country for the sake _____ of**

Your great name and Your mighty hand and Your outstretched arm,

when they come _____ and pray _____ in _____ this temple;

33 **then hear from _____ heaven Your dwelling place**, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, **[purpose:] that** all peoples of the lands [earth] may know **Your name** and fear You, as *do* **Your people Israel**, and **[purpose:] that** they may know that this temple **that I have built is called by Your name.**

[This column parallels the next:]

44 **When** **Your people** go out to battle against their enemy, wherever You send them, and

when they pray to the LORD toward the city **that** You have chosen and the temple **that I have built for Your name**,

45 **then hear in _____ heaven** their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

46 **When** they sin against You (for *there is* no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to the land of the enemy, far or near; 47 *yet*

when they come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication to You in the land of those who took them captive, saying, 'We have sinned **and _____ done wrong**, we _____ have committed wickedness'; 48 and

when they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who led them away _____ captive, and pray to You toward their land **that You gave to their fathers**, the city **that You have chosen and _____ the temple that I have built for Your name**:

49 **then hear in _____ heaven Your dwelling place** their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause, 50a and forgive **Your people** who have sinned against You,

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34 **When** Your people go out to battle against their enemies, wherever You send them, and

when they pray to You _____ toward this city that You have chosen and the temple that I have built for Your name,

35 **then hear from _____ heaven** their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

36 **When** they sin against You (for *there is* no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to a _____ land _____ far or near; *yet*

37 **when** they come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication to You in the land of their captivity _____, saying, 'We have sinned, we have done wrong, and have committed wickedness'; 38 and

when they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been carried captive, and pray _____ toward their land that You gave to their fathers, the city **that You have chosen, and toward the temple that I have built for Your name**:

39 **then hear from _____ heaven Your dwelling place** their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive **Your people** who have sinned against You.

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and all their transgressions **that** they have transgressed against You; and grant them compassion before those who took them captive, *[purpose:]* **that** they may have compassion on them ⁵¹ (for they *are* **Your people** and **Your inheritance**, whom You brought out of **Egypt**, out of the **iron** furnace).

⁵² *[O]* that **Your eyes** may be open to the supplication of **Your servant** and the supplication of **Your people Israel**, to listen to them whenever they call to You. ⁵³ For You separated them from among all the peoples of the lands [earth] *to be* **Your inheritance**, as You spoke by **Your servant Moses**, when You brought our fathers out of **Egypt**, O **LORD GOD** *[Adonai YHWH]*.”
[Cf. Ex 19:5,6; De 7:6, 32:9]

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⁴⁰ Now, my God, I pray,
Let **Your eyes** be open and
Let **Your ears** *be* attentive
to the prayer *made* in this place. ⁴¹
Now therefore, Arise,
O **LORD God**,
to **Your resting place**,
You and the ark of **Your strength**.
Let **Your priests**,
O **LORD God**,
be clothed with salvation, and
Let **Your saints** rejoice in goodness. ⁴²
O **LORD God**,
Do not turn away
the face of **Your Anointed**;
Remember
the mercies of **Your servant David**.”

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1 Kings 8:54-61

Solomon's Prayer For The People

⁵⁴ ¶ And so it was, when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication to **the LORD**, that he arose from before the altar of **the LORD**, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. ⁵⁵ Then he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying: ⁵⁶

“Blessed *be* **the LORD**,
who has given rest to **His people Israel**,
according to all that He promised.
There has not failed one word of all
His good promise **that** He promised
through **His servant Moses**. ⁵⁷
May **the LORD our God** be with us,
as He was with our fathers.

May He not leave us nor forsake us, ⁵⁸
that He may incline our hearts
to Himself,
to walk in all
His ways, and
to keep

His commandments and
His statutes and
His judgments

that He commanded our fathers. ⁵⁹
And may these words of mine,
with which I have made
supplication **before the LORD**,
be near **the LORD our God**
day and night,
that He may maintain
the cause of **His servant** and
the cause of **His people Israel**,
as each day may require, ⁶⁰ that all the
peoples of the land [earth] may know
that **the LORD is God**; *there is* no other.

⁶¹ Let your heart therefore be loyal to **the LORD our God**, to
walk in **His statutes** and
keep **His commandments**,
as at this day.”

2 Chronicles 7:1-3

The Lord's Glory Fills The Temple

^{7:1} ¶ When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and **the glory of the LORD** filled the temple. ² And the priests could not enter **the house of the LORD**, because **the glory of the LORD** had filled **the LORD's house**. ³ When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and **the glory of the LORD** on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised **the LORD**, *saying*:

“For *He is* good,
For **His mercy** *endures* forever.”

1 Kings 8:62-9:9 ||

[This column parallels the next:]

62 ¶ Then the king and all Israel with him offered sacrifices before the LORD.

63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to the LORD:

twenty-two thousand [22,000] bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand [120,000] sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.

64 On the same day the king consecrated the middle of the court that was in front of the house of the LORD; for there he offered burnt offerings, grain offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that was before the LORD was too small to receive the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 At that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great assembly, [which came] from the entrance of Hamath [in the north] to the Brook of Egypt [in the south], before the LORD our God, seven [7] days and seven [7] more days — fourteen [14] days.

2 Chronicles 7:4-22

King and People Offer Sacrifices

4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.

5 King Solomon offered a sacrifice of

twenty-two thousand [22,000] bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand [120,000] sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. 6

And the priests attended to their services; the Levites also with instruments of the music of the LORD, which King David had made to praise the LORD, saying, "For His mercy endures forever", whenever David offered praise by their ministry. The priests sounded trumpets opposite them, while all Israel stood.

7 Furthermore Solomon consecrated the middle of the court that was in front of the house of the LORD; for there he offered burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat.

8 At that time Solomon kept the feast seven [7] days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, [which came] from the entrance of Hamath [in the north] to the Brook of Egypt [in the south]. [Hamath: "fortress"; the principle city of upper Syria in the valley of the Orontes River.]

[This column parallels the next:]

66 On the eighth [8th] day

*[same as the 1st 7 in 1Ki 8:65b→]
[same as the 2nd 7 in 1Ki 8:65b→]*

he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the good that the LORD had done for His servant David, _____, and for Israel His people.

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9:1 ¶ And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished building the house of the LORD and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire that he wanted to do,

2 that the LORD appeared to Solomon _____ the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon. 3 And the LORD said to him: "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me;

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9 And on the eighth [8th] day they held a sacred assembly, for they observed the dedication of the altar seven [7] days, and the feast seven [7] days. 10 On the twenty-third day of the seventh month [07/23] he sent the people away

to their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the good that the LORD had done for _____ David, for Solomon, and for His people Israel.

The LORD Appears to Solomon Again

11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD and the king's house; and Solomon successfully accomplished all that came into his heart to make in the house of the LORD and in his own house.

12 ¶ Then the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, [← 1Ki 3:5-15 || 2Ch 1:7-13] and _____ said to him: "I have heard your prayer,

and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. 13 When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, 14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place. 16

[This column parallels the next:]

I have consecrated this house **that** you have built to put My name _____ there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. 4 Now _____ if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, 5 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised _____ David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.' 6 But if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes that I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, 7 then I will cut off Israel from the land, which I have given them; and this house **that** I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight. Israel will be _____ a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 8 And as for this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and will hiss, and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?' 9 Then they will answer, 'Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore the LORD has brought all this calamity on them.'"

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For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. 17 As for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked, and _____ do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, 18 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom _____, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man as ruler in _____ Israel.' 19 But if you _____ turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments that I have set before you, and go and serve other gods, and worship them, 20 then I will uproot them from My land, which I have given them; and this house **that** I have sanctified for My name I will cast out of My sight, and _____ will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 21 And as for this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished _____ and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and _____ this house?' 22 Then they will answer, 'Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and _____ embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore He _____ has brought all this calamity on them.'"

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1 Kings 9:10-28 ||

[This column parallels the next:]

10 ¶ Now it happened at the end of twenty [20] years [Solomon-Reign: 20], when Solomon had built the two [2] houses: the house of the LORD and the king's house 11 (Hiram the king of Tyre had supplied Solomon with cedar and cypress and gold,

as much as he desired), that King Solomon then gave Hiram twenty [20] cities in the land of Gallee. 12 Then Hiram went from Tyre to see the cities **that** Solomon had given him, but they did not please him. 13 So he said, "What kind of cities are these that you have given me, my brother?" And he called them the land of Cabul ["binding"], as they are to this day. 14 Then Hiram sent the king one hundred and twenty [120] talents of gold¹¹.

15 ¶ And this is the reason for the labor force **that** King Solomon raised, to build:

the house of the LORD, his own house,

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Summary: Solomon's Construction

8:1 ¶ It came to pass at the end of twenty [20] years [Solomon-Reign: 20], in which Solomon had built:

[← ↓ v2: Did they swap cities?]

the house of the LORD and his own house, 2 that the cities **that** Hiram had given to Solomon, Solomon built them; and he settled the children of Israel there.

¹¹ Each talent is about 60 pounds or 960 ounces or ~\$800,000 at December 2008 prices, so ~\$96M.

[This column parallels the next:]

the Millo [“rampart”/ “mound”],
the wall of Jerusalem,
Hazor [“castle”],
Megiddo [“place of crowds”], and
Gezer [“portion”]. 16

(Pharaoh king of Egypt
had gone up and taken Gezer
and burned it with fire,
had killed the Canaanites
who dwelt in the city, and
had given it as a dowry to his
daughter, Solomon’s wife.)

17 And Solomon built
Gezer,

Lower Beth Horon
[“house of hollowness”], 18

Baalath [“mistress”], and
Tadmor [“palm tree”]
in the wilderness; [and]
in the land of Judah, 19
all the storage cities
that Solomon had:
cities for his chariots and
cities for his cavalry; and
whatever Solomon desired to build
in Jerusalem,
in Lebanon, and
in all the land of his dominion.

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3 And Solomon went to
Hamath Zobah [“fortress
of Zobah”] and seized it.

4a He also built
4c all the storage cities
that he built in Hamath.

5 He built
Upper Beth Horon and
Lower Beth Horon
[“house of hollowness”]:
fortified cities with
walls, gates, and bars; 6a also

4b Baalath [“mistress”] and
Tadmor [“palm tree”]
in the wilderness, and

6b all the storage cities
that Solomon had, and
all the chariot cities and
the cities of the cavalry, and
all that Solomon desired to build
in Jerusalem,
in Lebanon, and
in all the land of his dominion.

[This column parallels the next:]

20 All the people who were left of the
Amorites [“highlanders”],
Hittites [sons of Heth: Ge 10:6],
Perizzites [“rustics”],
Hivites [“tribesmen”], and
Jebusites [dwellers in Jebus],

who were not of the children of Israel
— 21 that is, their descendants who
were left in the land after them,
whom the children of Israel had
not been able to destroy completely
— from these Solomon raised
forced labor, as it is to this day. 22

But of the children of Israel Solomon
made no forced laborers,
because they were

men of war and his servants:
his officers, his captains,
commanders of his chariots, and
his cavalry. 23

Others were chiefs of the officials
who were over Solomon’s work:
five hundred and fifty [550],
who ruled over the people
who did the work.

24 But
Pharaoh’s daughter came
up from the City of David to her
house that Solomon had built for her.

Then he built the Millo.

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7 All the people who were left of the
Hittites,
Amorites,
Perizzites,
Hivites, and
Jebusites,

who were not of _____ Israel
— 8 that is, their descendants who
were left in the land after them,
whom the children of Israel did
not _____ destroy _____
— from these Solomon raised
forced labor, as it is to this day. 9

But Solomon did not make the chil-
dren of Israel servants for his work.
Some _____ were

men of war,
captains of his officers,
captains _____ of his chariots, and
his cavalry. 10

And others were chiefs of the officials
of King _____ Solomon _____:
two hundred and fifty [250],
who ruled over the people.

A Separate House for Pharaoh’s Daughter

11 Now Solomon brought
the daughter of Pharaoh
up from the City of David to the
house he _____ had built for her,
for he said,
“My wife shall not dwell in the house
of David king of Israel, because the
places to which the ark of the LORD
has come are holy.”

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[This column parallels the next:]

25 Now three [3] times a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings _____ on the altar _____ **that** he had built for **the LORD**, and he burned incense with them *on the altar that was before the LORD.*

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Solomon Follows The Law

12 ¶ Then Solomon offered burnt offerings _____ **to the LORD** on the altar of **the LORD** **that** he had built before the vestibule, 13

according to the daily rate, offering according to the commandment of Moses, for *[cf. Le 23:44]* the Sabbaths, the New Moons, and the three [3] appointed yearly feasts: the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, the Feast of Tabernacles. 14

And, according to the order of David **his father**,

he appointed the divisions of the priests for their service, the Levites for their duties (to praise and serve before the priests) as the duty of each day

required, and the gatekeepers by their divisions at each gate;

for so **David the man of God** had commanded. 15 They did not depart from the command of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter or concerning the treasuries.

16 Now all the work of Solomon was well-ordered from the day of the foundation of **the house of the LORD** until it was finished. So **the house of the LORD** was completed.

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[This column parallels the next:]

26 King Solomon also built a fleet of ships at Ezion Geber,

which is near Elath

on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom. 27 Then Hiram sent his servants with the fleet, seamen who knew the sea, to work with the servants of Solomon. 28 And they went to Ophir,

and acquired four hundred and twenty [420] talents of **gold**¹² from there, and brought it to King Solomon.

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Solomon's Fleet of Ships

17 Then Solomon went to Ezion Geber

["backbone of a man"; city at the head of the Gulf of Aqaba]

and _____ Elath

["grove of lofty trees"; a port on the northeast arm of the Red Sea"]

on the seacoast, in the land of Edom. 18 And Hiram sent him ships by the hand of his servants, and _____ servants who knew the sea. They went with the servants of Solomon

to Ophir *["reducing to ashes"; a land or city in southern Arabia or in India (as the map shows)],*

and acquired four hundred and fifty [450] talents of **gold**¹³ from there, and brought it to King Solomon.

¹² Each talent is about 60 pounds or 960 ounces or ~\$800,000 at December 2008 prices, so 420 x 800,000 ~\$336M.

¹³ Each talent is about 60 pounds or 960 ounces or ~\$800,000 at December 2008 prices, so 450 x 800,000 ~\$360M.

So he finished **the temple**.

1 Kings 10:1-25 ||

[This column parallels the next:]

10:1 ¶ Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions. 2 She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue: with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart. 3 So Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing so difficult for the king that he could not explain it to her. 4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, 5 the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers, _____ and his entryway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her. 6

Then she said to the king: “It was a true report **that** I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. 7 However I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half _____ was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard. 8 Happy *are* your

2 Chronicles 9:1-24

The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon

9:1 ¶ Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to Jerusalem to test Solomon with hard questions, having _____ a very great retinue: _____ camels that bore spices, gold in abundance, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart. 2 So Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing so difficult for Solomon that he could not explain it to her. 3 And when the queen of Sheba had seen _____ the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, 4 the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers _____ and their apparel, and his entryway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her. 5

Then she said to the king: “It was a true report **that** I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. 6 However I did not believe their words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me. You _____ exceed the fame of which I heard. 7 Happy *are* your

[This column parallels the next:]

men and happy *are* these your servants, who stand continually before you *and* hear your wisdom! 9 Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you, setting you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD has loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king _____, to do justice and righteousness.” 10

Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty [120] talents of gold [~\$96M], spices in great quantity, and precious stones. There never again came such abundance of spices _____ as _____ the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon. 11

Also, the ships _____ of Hiram, which brought gold from Ophir, brought great quantities of almug wood and precious stones from Ophir. 12 And the king made steps _____ of the almug wood for the house of the LORD and for the king’s house, also harps and stringed instruments for singers. _____ There never again came such almug wood, nor has the like been seen to this day.

13 Now King Solomon gave _____ the queen of Sheba all she desired, whatever she asked, besides what Solomon had given her according to the royal generosity. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

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men and happy *are* these your servants, who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom! 8 Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you, setting you on His throne to be king for the LORD your God! Because your God has loved Israel, to establish them forever, therefore He made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness.” 9

And she gave the king one hundred and twenty [120] talents of gold [~\$96M], spices in great abundance, and precious stones. There never were any spices such as those the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon. 10

Also, the servants of Hiram and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, brought _____ almug wood and precious stones _____ . 11 And the king made walkways of the almug wood for the house of the LORD and for the king’s house, also harps and stringed instruments for singers; and there were none _____ such as these seen before in the land of Judah.

12 Now King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all she desired, whatever she asked, much more than she had brought to the king. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

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[This column parallels the next:]

14 ¶ The weight of **gold** that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six [666] talents of **gold** [~\$533M], 15 besides *that* from the traveling merchants, from the income of traders, from all the kings of Arabia, and from the governors of the country.

16 And King Solomon made two hundred [200] large shields of hammered **gold**; six hundred [600] *shekels* of gold¹⁴ went into each shield. 17 He also *made* three hundred [300] shields of hammered **gold**; three [3] minas of gold went into each shield. The king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

18 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure **gold**. 19 The throne had six [6] steps, and the top of the throne was round at the back;

there were armrests on either side of the place of the seat, and two [2] lions stood beside the armrests. 20 Twelve [12] lions stood there, one on each side of the six [6] steps; nothing like *this* had been made for any *other* kingdom.

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Solomon's Fame and Other Exploits

13 ¶ The weight of **gold** that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six [666] talents of **gold** [~\$533M], 14 besides *what* the traveling merchants and traders brought; and all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

15 And King Solomon made two hundred [200] large shields of hammered **gold**; six hundred [600] *shekels* of hammered gold¹⁴ went into each shield. 16 *He* also *made* three hundred [300] shields of hammered **gold**; three hundred [300] shekels of gold went into each shield. The king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

17 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure **gold**. 18 The throne *had* six [6] steps, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne;

there were armrests on either side of the place of the seat, and two [2] lions stood beside the armrests. 19 Twelve [12] lions stood there, one on each side of the six [6] steps; nothing like *this* had been made for any *other* kingdom.

[This column parallels the next:]

21 All King Solomon's drinking vessels were **gold**, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were pure **gold**. Not *one* was **silver**, for this was accounted as nothing in the days of Solomon. 22 For the king had merchant ships at sea with the fleet of Hiram. Once every three [3] years the merchant ships came bringing **gold, silver, ivory, apes, and monkeys.** 23

So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the lands [earth] in riches and wisdom [cf. 1Ki 3:12-13]. 24

Now all [*the kings of*] the lands [earth] sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. 25 Each man brought his **present:**

articles of **silver** and **gold**, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year [taxes!].

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20 All King Solomon's drinking vessels were **gold**, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were pure **gold**. Not *one* was **silver**, for this was accounted as nothing in the days of Solomon. 21 For the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram. Once every three [3] years the merchant ships came bringing **gold, silver, ivory, apes, and monkeys.** 22

So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the lands [earth] in riches and wisdom [cf. 2Ch 1:12]. 23

And all the kings of the lands [earth] sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. 24 Each man brought his **present:**

articles of **silver** and **gold**, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year [taxes!].

¹⁴ A gold shekel may have been ~1/60th of a pound, so 16/60 x ~\$800 = \$213.33, so 600 shekels =~ \$128,000, in 2008 dollars. www.GenesisHistory.org/content/1yr1Kings.pdf

[This column parallels the next **three**.]

1 Kings 10:26-29 ||

26 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; he had one thousand four hundred [1,400] chariots and twelve thousand [12,000] horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.

27 _____ The king made silver _____ as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar trees as abundant as the sycamores **that are** in the lowland. 28

Also Solomon had horses imported from Egypt and Keveh [“hope”; a place in Cilicia; aka Kue]; the king’s merchants bought them in Keveh at the *current* price. 29 Now a chariot that was imported from Egypt cost _____ six hundred [600] shekels of silver¹⁵, and a horse _____ one hundred and fifty [150]; and thus, through their agents, they exported *them* to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

2 Chronicles 9:25-28 ||

25 Solomon had four thousand [4,000] stalls for horses and _____ chariots,

_____ and twelve thousand [12,000] horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem. 26

So he reigned over all the kings from the [Euphrates] River to the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt. 27

_____ The king made silver _____ as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar trees as abundant as the sycamores **that are** in the lowland. 28 And they brought horses to Solomon from Egypt and from all lands.

2 Chronicles 1:14-17 ||

14 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; he had one thousand four hundred [1,400] chariots and twelve thousand [12,000] horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.

15 _____ Also the king made silver and gold _____ as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar _____ s as abundant as the sycamores **that are** in the lowland. 16

And Solomon had horses imported from Egypt and Keveh [“hope”; a place in Cilicia; aka Kue]; the king’s merchants bought them in Keveh at the *current* price. 17 They also acquired and imported from Egypt a chariot for six hundred [600] shekels of silver¹⁵, and a horse for one hundred and fifty [150]; _____ thus, through their agents, they exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

1 Kings 4:26 [Moved from below]

26 Solomon had forty thousand [40,000] stalls of horses for his chariots,

_____ and twelve thousand [12,000] horsemen.

¹⁵ A silver shekel may have been ~1/60th of a pound, so 16/60 x ~\$10.80 = \$2.88, so 600 shekels =~ \$1728, in 2008 dollars. www.GenesisHistory.org/content/1yr1Kings.pdf

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1 Kings 4:1-28

Solomon's Staff

4:1 ¶ So King Solomon was king over all Israel. 2 And these were his officials:

Azariah [*"YHWH has helped"*]

the son of Zadok,
the priest; 3

Elihoreph [*"God of harvest-time"*]
and

Ahijah [*"YHWH's brother"*], the
sons of Shisha [*"YHWH contends"*],
scribes;

Jehoshaphat [*"YHWH has judged"*]
the son of Ahilud [*"child's brother"*],
the recorder; 4

Benaiah [*"YHWH has built (up)"*] the
son of Jehoiada [*"YHWH knows"*],
over the army;

Zadok [*"righteous"*] and

Abiathar [*"great is my father"*],
the priests; 5

Azariah [*"YHWH has helped"*]
the son of Nathan [*"giver"*],
over the officers;

Zabud [*"given"*] the son of Nathan,
a priest and the king's friend; 6

Ahishar [*"my brother sang"*],
over the household; and

Adoniram [*"exalted is my lord"*]
the son of Abda [*"servant of YHWH"*],
over the labor force.

Solomon's Twelve Governors

7 And Solomon had **twelve [12] gov-
ernors** over all Israel, who provided
food for the king and his household;
each one made provision

for one month of the year. 8

These are their names:

Ben-Hur [*"son of whiteness"*],
in the mountains of **Ephraim**; 9

Ben-Deker [*"son of stabbing"*],
in **Makaz** [*"end"*],
Shaalbim [*"place of foxes"*],
Beth Shemesh

[*"house of the sun"*], and

Elon Beth Hanan

[*"oak of the house of grace"*]; 10

Ben-Hesed [*"son of mercy"*],

in **Arubboth** [*"windows"*];
to him belonged **Sochoh** [*"bushy"*]
and all the land of

Hepher [*"a well"*]; 11

Ben-Abinadab [*"son of Abinadab"*],
in all the regions of

Dor [*"generation"*];

he had **Taphath** [*"ornament"*]

the daughter of Solomon as wife; 12

Baana [*"in the affliction"*]

the son of Ahilud [*"child's brother"*],
in **Taanach** [*"sandy"*],
Megiddo [*"place of crowds"*], and
all **Beth Shean** [*"house of ease"*],
which is beside

Zaretan [*"their distress"*] below
Jezreel [*"God sows"*], from
Beth Shean to **Abel Meholah**

[*"meadow of dancing"*], as far
as the other side of **Jokneam**

[*"gathered by the people"*]; 13

Ben-Geber [*"the son of a man"*],

in **Ramoth** [*"heights"*]

Gilead [*"rocky region"*];

to him belonged the towns of **Jair**
[*"he enlightens"*]

the son of **Manasseh**, in **Gilead**;
to him also belonged the region of
Argob [*"heap of clods"*] in

Bashan [*"fruitful"*] —
sixty [60] large cities with walls and
bronze gate-bars; 14

Ahinadab [*"liberal (noble) is*

my brother"]

the son of Iddo [*"His witness"*],
in **Mahanaim** [*"two camps"*]; 15

Ahimaaz [*"anger (wrath) is*

my brother"],

in **Naphtali**;

he also took **Basemath** [*"spice"*]
the daughter of Solomon as wife; 16

Baanah [*"in the affliction"*]

the son of Hushai [*"hasting"*],
in **Asher** and **Aloth**

[*"mistresses"*]; 17

Jehoshaphat [*"YHWH has judged"*]

the son of Paruah [*"sprout"*],

in **Issachar**; 18

Shimei [*"renowned"*]

the son of Elah [*"oak"*],

in **Benjamin**; 19

Geber [*"warrior"*]

the son of Uri [*"fiery"*],
in the land of **Gilead**,

in the country
of Sihon king of the **Amorites**,

and

of Og king of **Bashan**.

He was the only governor who was
in the land.

[12 governors in all, one for each month]

Stable Status of Solomon's Reign

20 ¶ **Judah** and **Israel** were as numer-
ous as the sand by the sea in multi-
tude, eating and drinking and rejoic-
ing. 21 So Solomon reigned over all
kingdoms

from the [*Euphrates*] **River**
to the land of the Philistines,
as far as the border of **Egypt**.

They brought tribute and served
Solomon all the days of his life. 22
Now Solomon's provision for one day
was:

thirty [30] kors¹⁶ of fine flour,
sixty [60] kors of meal, 23
ten [10] fatted oxen,
twenty [20] oxen from the pastures,
and

one hundred [100] sheep,
besides

deer,
gazelles,
roebucks, and
fatted fowl. 24

For he had dominion over
all the region on this side of the
[*Euphrates*] **River**

from **Tiphseh** [*"cross over"*]
even to **Gaza** [*"the strong"*],
namely over

all the kings on this side of the
[*Euphrates*] **River**;

and he had peace on every side
all around him. 25

And **Judah** and **Israel** dwelt safely,
each man under

his vine and his fig tree,

from **Dan** [north]

as far as **Beersheba** [south],

all the days of Solomon.

¹⁶ Each (dry) kor is 6.25 bushels.

[4:26 moved to parallel 10:26 above]

27 And these governors,
each man in his month,
provided food
for King Solomon and
for all who came to
King Solomon's table.

There was no lack in their supply. 28
They also brought barley and straw to
the proper place,
for the horses and steeds,
each man according to his charge.

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