

### Solomon's Palace (960t–948t BC)

#### 1 Kings 7:1–12

- 1 Now Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.
- 2 He built the house of the forest of Lebanon; its length was 100 cubits and its width 50 cubits and its height 30 cubits, on four rows of cedar pillars with cedar beams on the pillars.
- 3 It was paneled with cedar above the side chambers which were on the 45 pillars, 15 in each row.
- 4 *There were artistic window* frames in three rows, and window was opposite window in three ranks.
- 5 All the doorways and doorposts *had squared artistic* frames, and window was opposite window in three ranks.
- 6 Then he made the hall of pillars; its length was 50 cubits and its width 30 cubits, and a porch *was* in front of them and pillars and a threshold in front of them.
- 7 He made the hall of the throne where he was to judge, the hall of judgment, and it was paneled with cedar from floor to floor.
- 8 His house where he was to live, the other court inward from the hall, was of the same workmanship. He also made a house like this hall for Pharaoh's daughter, whom Solomon had married.
- 9 All these were of costly stones, of stone cut according to measure, sawed with saws, inside and outside; even from the foundation to the coping, and so on the outside to the great court.
- 10 The foundation was of costly stones, *even* large stones, stones of ten cubits and stones of eight cubits.
- 11 And above were costly stones, stone cut according to measure, and cedar.
- 12 So the great court all around *had* three rows of cut stone and a row of cedar beams even as the inner court of the house of the LORD, and the porch of the house.

### God's Second Personal Appearance to Solomon (c. 948t BC)

#### 1 Kings 9:1–9

#### 2 Chronicles 7:11–22

1 Now it came about when Solomon had finished building the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all that Solomon desired to do,

2 that the LORD appeared to Solomon a second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon.

3 The LORD said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your supplication, which you have made before Me;

I have consecrated this house which you have built by putting My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD and the king's palace, and successfully completed all that he had planned on doing in the house of the LORD and in his palace.

12 Then the LORD appeared to Solomon at night and said to him, "I have heard your prayer

and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice.

13 If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people,

14 and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer *offered* in this place.

16 For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that

My name may be there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

4 As for you, if you will walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you *and* will keep My statutes and My ordinances, 5 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, just as I promised to your father David, saying, 'You shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'

6 But if you or your sons indeed turn away from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them, 7 then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them, and the house which I have consecrated for My name, I will cast out of My sight. So Israel will become a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

8 And this house will become a heap of ruins; everyone who passes by will be astonished and hiss and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?'

9 And they will say, 'Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and adopted other gods and worshiped them and served them, therefore the LORD has brought all this adversity on them.'"

17 As for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked, even to do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep My statutes and My ordinances, 18 then I will establish your royal throne as I covenanted with your father David, saying, 'You shall not lack a man *to be* ruler in Israel.'

19 But if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them, 20 then I will uproot you from My land which I have given you, and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

21 As for this house, which was exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?'

22 And they will say, 'Because they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers who brought them from the land of Egypt, and they adopted other gods and worshiped them and served them; therefore He has brought all this adversity on them.'"

### Solomon Begins the Second Half of His Reign (c. 948t BC)

1 Kings 9:10–15, 17–28

2 Chronicles 8

10 It came about at the end of twenty years in which Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD and the king's house 11 (Hiram king of Tyre had supplied Solomon with cedar and cypress timber and gold according to all his desire), then King Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. 12 So Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him, and they did not please him. 13 He said, "What are these cities which you have given me, my brother?" So they were called the land of Cabul to this day. 14 And Hiram sent to the king 120 talents of gold.

1 Now it came about at the end of the twenty years in which Solomon had built the house of the LORD and his own house

2 that he built the cities which Hiram had given to him, and settled the sons of Israel there.

15 Now this is the account of the forced labor which King Solomon levied to build the house of the LORD, his own house, the Millo, the wall of Jerusalem, Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer.

17a So Solomon rebuilt Gezer

18b and Tamar in the wilderness, in the land *of Judah*,

17b and the lower Beth-horon

18a and Baalath

19 and all the storage cities which Solomon had, even the cities for his chariots and the cities for his horsemen, and all that it pleased Solomon to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land under his rule.

20 *As for* all the people who were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites, who were not of the sons of Israel, 21 their descendants who were left after them in the land whom the sons of Israel were unable to destroy utterly, from them Solomon levied forced laborers, even to this day.

22 But Solomon did not make slaves of the sons of Israel; for they were men of war, his servants, his princes, his captains, his chariot commanders, and his horsemen.

23 These *were* the chief officers who *were* over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, who ruled over the people doing the work.

24 As soon as Pharaoh's daughter came up from the city of David to her house which *Solomon* had built for her,

then he built the Millo.

25 Now three times in a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which he built to the LORD, burning incense with them *on the altar* which *was* before the LORD.

3 Then Solomon went to Hamath-zobah and captured it.

4 He built Tadmor in the wilderness

and all the storage cities which he had built in Hamath.

5 He also built upper Beth-horon and lower Beth-horon, fortified cities *with* walls, gates and bars;

6 and Baalath and all the storage cities that Solomon had, and all the cities for his chariots and cities for his horsemen, and all that it pleased Solomon to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land under his rule.

7 All of the people who were left of the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites, who were not of Israel, 8 *namely*, from their descendants who were left after them in the land whom the sons of Israel had not destroyed, them Solomon raised as forced laborers to this day.

9 But Solomon did not make slaves for his work from the sons of Israel; they were men of war,

his chief captains and commanders of his chariots and his horsemen.

10 These were the chief officers of King Solomon, two hundred and fifty who ruled over the people.

11 Then Solomon brought Pharaoh's daughter up from the city of David to the house which he had built for her, for he said, "My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places are holy where the ark of the LORD has entered."

12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of the LORD which he had built before the porch;

13 and *did so* according to the daily rule, offering *them* up according to the commandment of Moses,

<p>So he finished the house.</p> <p>26 King Solomon also built a fleet of ships in Ezion-geber, which is near Eloth on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom.</p> <p>27 And Hiram sent his servants with the fleet, sailors who knew the sea, along with the servants of Solomon.</p> <p>28 They went to Ophir and took four hundred and twenty talents of gold from there, and brought <i>it</i> to King Solomon.</p>	<p>for the sabbaths, the new moons and the three annual feasts—the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Booths.</p> <p>14 Now according to the ordinance of his father David, he appointed the divisions of the priests for their service, and the Levites for their duties of praise and ministering before the priests according to the daily rule, and the gatekeepers by their divisions at every gate; for David the man of God had so commanded.</p> <p>15 And they did not depart from the commandment of the king to the priests and Levites in any manner or concerning the storehouses.</p> <p>16 Thus all the work of Solomon was carried out from the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished.</p> <p>So the house of the LORD was completed.</p> <p>17 Then Solomon went to Ezion-geber and to Eloth on the seashore in the land of Edom.</p> <p>18 And Hiram by his servants sent him ships and servants who knew the sea; and they went with Solomon’s servants to Ophir, and took from there four hundred and fifty talents of gold and brought them to King Solomon.</p>
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