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10. Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I might go out and come in before this people, for who can judge this nation of yours, which is so great?"
11. And God said to Solomon, "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked for riches, possessions, or glory, nor for the life of your enemies, nor yet did you ask for long life, but you have asked for yourself wisdom and knowledge that you might judge my people over whom I have made you king,
12. that wisdom and that knowledge are granted to you, and I will give you riches, and possessions, and glory such as none of the kings had who were before you, and after you, there shall not be the like."
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2Chronicles 2

- ¶1. And Solomon was intent to build a house for the name of Jehovah and a house for his kingdom.
2. And Solomon numbered seventy thousand men to bear burdens, and eighty thousand men to hew in the mountain, and three thousand six hundred to oversee them.
- ¶3. And Solomon sent to Hiram, King of Tyre, saying, "Deal with me as you dealt with my father David when you sent him cedars to build a house for him to dwell in.
4. Behold, I am building a house for the name of Jehovah my God, to consecrate it to Him, to offer before Him pungent incense, and continual showbread, and burnt offerings morning and evening, for sabbaths, and for new moons, and for appointed feasts of Jehovah our God. Forever shall this be an ordinance for Israel.
5. Moreover, the house that I am building will be great, for our God is greater than all the gods.
6. But who is able to build Him a house? Indeed, the heavens, even the heavens of heavens, cannot contain Him! And who am I that I should build Him a house, except to offer incense before Him?
7. So, send me now a man skilled to work in gold, and silver, and bronze, and iron, and purple, and crimson, and blue, and who knows how to engrave engravings with the skillful men who are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem whom David my father has provided.
8. Send me also cedar, cypress, and alnum trees from Lebanon, for I know that your servants know how to cut the trees of Lebanon, and behold, my servants will be with your servants.

9. And provide for me timber in abundance because the house that I am building is great and will cause wonder.
 10. And behold, I will give to your servants, the hewers who cut timber, twenty thousand cors of beaten wheat, twenty thousand cors of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.”
- ¶11. And Hiram, King of Tyre, answered in writing that he sent to Solomon, “Because Jehovah loves His people, He has made you king over them.”
12. Hiram also said, “Blessed be Jehovah, God of Israel, who made the heavens and the earth, who has given to David the King a wise son endowed with discretion and understanding, who will build a house for Jehovah and a house for his kingdom.
 13. So, I have now sent a wise man endowed with understanding, Hiram-Abi,
 14. the son of a woman from the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skilled to work with gold, and with silver, with bronze, with iron, with stone, and with wood, with purple, with blue, and with fine linen, and with crimson, and to engrave any engraving, and to execute any plan that is given to him, with your wise men and the wise men of my lord David, your father.
 15. And the wheat and barley, the oil and the wine that my lord has spoken of, let him now send them to his servants.
 16. And we will cut trees from Lebanon as much as you need, and we will bring them to you by sea on rafts to Joppa. Then you will take them up to Jerusalem.”
- ¶17. Then Solomon numbered all the men who were sojourners in the land of Israel, after the numbering by which his father David had numbered them, and one hundred fifty-three thousand six hundred were found.
18. Of them, he made seventy thousand burden bearers, and eighty thousand hewers in the mountain, and three thousand six hundred overseers to make the people work.

2Chronicles 3

- ¶1. And Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where He appeared to David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.
2. And he began to build in the second month, on the second day, in the fourth year of his reign.
 3. Now these are the measurements of the foundation laid by Solomon for building the house of God: the length in cubits (by the former measure) was sixty cubits, and the width was twenty cubits.
 4. And the porch that was in front was twenty cubits long, corresponding to the width of the house, and the height was one hundred and twenty, and he overlaid it within with pure gold.
 5. And the greater house, he overlaid with cypress boards, and he overlaid them with pure gold and wrought on them palms and chains.
 6. And he adorned the house with costly stone for beauty, and the gold was gold of Parvaim,
 7. and he overlaid the house – the beams, the thresholds, and its walls, and its doors – with gold, and he engraved cherubim on the walls.
 8. And he made the place of the Most Holy. Its length was according to the width of the house, twenty cubits, and its width was twenty cubits, and he overlaid it with six hundred talents of pure gold.
 9. And the weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold, and he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.
 10. And he made within the Most Holy place two cherubim of carved work, and he overlaid them with gold.

11. As for the wings of the cherubim, their length was twenty cubits. The one wing was five cubits, touching a wall of the house, and the other wing was five cubits touching the wing of the other cherub.
12. And the wing of the other cherub was five cubits, touching a wall of the house, and the other wing was five cubits, joined to the wing of the other cherub.
13. The wings of these cherubim spread out twenty cubits, and they stood upon their feet, and their faces were toward the house.¹

- ¶14. And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and he wrought cherubim upon it.

- ¶15. He also made in front of the house two pillars thirty-five cubits in length, with an overlaid chapter of five cubits on top of each.

- ¶16. He also made chains before the oracle and put them on top of the pillars, and he made a hundred pomegranates and put them on the chains.

- ¶17. And he raised the pillars in front of the temple, one on the right and one on the left, and he called the name of the one on the right, Jachin, and the name of the one on the left, Boaz.

2Chronicles 4

- ¶1. And he made a bronze altar. Its length was twenty cubits, and its width was twenty cubits, and its height was ten cubits.
2. And he made the molten sea, circular, ten cubits from its brim to its brim all around. And its height was five cubits, and a line of thirty cubits compassed it about.
3. And under it was the likeness of oxen surrounding it round about, ten cubits encompassing the sea all around. Two rows of oxen were cast when it was cast.
4. It stood on twelve oxen, three facing north, and three facing west, and three facing south, and three facing east. And the sea was above them, and all their back parts were inward.
5. And its thickness was a handbreadth, and its rim was made like the rim of a cup, like a lily flower. It was able to contain three-thousand baths.
6. He also made ten lavers, and he put five on the right and five on the left to wash in them: they rinsed the work of the burnt offering in them. And the sea was for the priests to wash in.

- ¶7. And he made ten menorahs of gold according to their specification, and he put them in the temple, five on the right and five on the left.
8. And he made ten tables, and he placed them in the temple, five on the right and five on the left. And he made a hundred basins of gold.

- ¶9. He also made the court of the priests, and the great court, and gates for the court, and he overlaid their gates with bronze.
10. And he placed the sea on the right side of the house, toward the southeast.

¹ Or, "their faces were inward".

- ¶11. And Hiram made the pans, and the shovels, and the basins. And Hiram finished doing all the work that he made for King Solomon for the house of God:
12. two pillars, and two bowls of the chapters were on the top of the two pillars, and the two lattice-works for covering the two bowls of the chapters that were on the top of the pillars;
 13. and four hundred pomegranates for the two lattice-works, two rows of pomegranates for one lattice-work for covering the two bowls of the chapters that were on the faces of the pillars;
 14. and he made bases, and he made lavers on the bases;
 15. the one sea and the twelve oxen underneath it;
 16. and the pans, and the shovels, and the meathooks. And all the vessels Hiram-Abi made for King Solomon for the house of the LORD were polished bronze.
 17. The King cast them in the area of the Jordan, in the clayey ground between Succoth and Zeredathah.
 18. And Solomon made all these vessels, so very many that the weight of the bronze could not be ascertained.
- ¶19. And Solomon made all the vessels that were in the house of God: even the altar of gold; and the tables; and the Bread of the Presence on them;
20. and the menorahs; and their lamps of pure gold, to burn according to the ordinance before the oracle;
 21. and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold (it was purest gold);
 22. and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the fire-pans, of pure gold; the entrance of the house, its innermost doors to the Holy of Holies; and doors of the house for the temple, of gold.

2Chronicles 5

- ¶1. So, all the work that Solomon did for the house of the LORD was completed. And Solomon brought in the things his father David had consecrated. And the silver, and the gold, and all the vessels, he put into the treasuries of the house of God.
- ¶2. Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chiefs of the fathers of the sons of Israel, to Jerusalem to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the city of David, that is, Zion.
3. And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to the King for the feast, which is in the seventh month.
 4. And all the elders of Israel came, and the Levites took up the ark.
 5. And they brought up the ark, and the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent, and the priests and the Levites brought them up.
 6. And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel that were gathered to him before the ark began sacrificing sheep and oxen which could not be counted or numbered for multitude.
 7. And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, the oracle of the house, the most holy place, beneath the wings of the cherubim,
 8. and the cherubim spread two wings over the place of the ark, and from above, the cherubim covered over the ark and its poles.
 9. And the poles were extended so that the ends of the poles of the ark could be seen before the oracle, but they could not be seen outside. And it is there to this day.
 10. Nothing was in the ark except the two tablets that Moses put there at Horeb when Jehovah made a covenant with the sons of Israel when they came out from Egypt.

11. And it came to pass when the priests came out from the holy place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves – no one was keeping the courses –
12. and the Levites who were singers – all of them, Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons, and their brothers – were clothed in fine linen, with cymbals and with harps and lyres, were standing east of the altar, and with them, one hundred and twenty priests sounding on the clarions,
13. and those sounding the clarions and the singers were as one, making one sound to praise and give thanks to Jehovah when they lifted their voice with the clarions, and cymbals, and instruments of song,) that they gave praise to Jehovah because He is good and His mercy endures forever, that then a cloud filled the house, the house of the LORD.
14. And the priests were not able to stand to minister before the cloud because the Jehovah's glory filled the house of God.

2Chronicles 6

- ¶1. Then Solomon said, "Jehovah said that He would dwell in thick darkness.
2. But I have indeed built you a majestic house, and a fixed place for you to dwell in forever."
3. And the King turned his face and blessed all the congregation of Israel, and all the congregation of Israel was standing.
3. And the King turned his face about, and blessed all the Assembly of Israel, and the whole Assembly of Israel stood up.
4. And he said, "Blessed be Jehovah, God of Israel, who with His hands has fulfilled that which He spoke with His mouth to my father David, saying,
4. And he said, "Blessed be Jehovah, God of Israel, who spoke by His mouth to David, my father, and by His hands has fulfilled it, saying,
5. 'From the day I brought my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city of all the tribes of Israel to build a house, that my name may be there, and I chose no man to be leader over my people Israel.
5. 'From the day that I brought my people out from the land of Egypt, I chose no city from all the tribes of Israel to build a house that my name might be there, neither did I choose any man to be ruler over my people Israel,
6. Yet, I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there, and I have chosen David to be over my people Israel.'
6. but I chose Jerusalem that my name might be there, and I chose David to be over my people Israel.'
7. And it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of Jehovah, God of Israel.
8. And Jehovah said to David my father, 'Forasmuch as it was in your heart to build a house for my name, you have done well, in that it was in your heart.
9. Yet, you will not build the house, but your son, who will come forth from your loins; he will build the house for my name.'

10. And Jehovah caused His word to stand which He spoke, for I have risen up in the place of my father David, and I sit on the throne of Israel, as Jehovah said, and I have built the house for the name of Jehovah, God of Israel.
11. And there, I have placed the ark, in which is the covenant of Jehovah that He made with the sons of Israel.”
12. And he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the Assembly of Israel, and he spread his hands.
13. For Solomon had made a bronze platform and he placed it in the midst of the court. Its length was five cubits, and its width was five cubits, and its height was three cubits, and he stood on it. Then he knelt down upon his knees before all the assembly, and spread out his hands to heaven,
14. And he said, “O Jehovah, God of Israel, there is no god like you in the heavens or on the earth, preserving the covenant and loving kindness for your servants who walk before you with all their heart,
15. you who have kept for your servant David my father what you spoke to him. Yea, you spoke with your mouth, and with your hand you have fulfilled it, as at this day.

16. And now, O Jehovah, God of Israel, keep for your servant David, my father, that which you spoke to him, saying, “You will not lack a man before me to sit upon the throne of Israel – if only your sons take heed to their way, to walk according to my law as you have walked before me.”
16. And now, O Jehovah, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father that which you spoke to him, saying, ‘You will not lack a man before me to sit upon the throne of Israel — if only your sons take heed to their way, to walk before me in my law as you have walked.’

17. And now, O God of Israel, let your word be established which you spoke to your servant David.
18. But will God indeed dwell with man upon the earth? Behold, heaven – even the heaven of heavens – cannot contain you! How much less this house that I have built?
19. Yet, you have regarded the prayer of your servant and his supplication, O Jehovah, my God, that you would hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying before you,
20. that your eyes be open toward this house night and day, toward the place of which you said, ‘You would put your name there, ’that you hear the prayer that your servant prays toward this place,
21. and hear the supplications of your servant and your people Israel when they pray toward this place, and hear from your dwelling-place, even from heaven; yea, hear and forgive.
22. If a man sins against his fellow, and an oath be laid upon him that he is made to swear, and the oath comes before your altar in this house,
23. may you hear from heaven, and act, and judge your servants, to recompense the wicked, setting his wicked way upon his head, and justifying the righteous, to give to him according to his righteousness.
24. And if your people Israel are smitten before an enemy because they have sinned against you, and they turn back to you and confess your name, and they pray and plead for mercy before you in this house,
25. then you hear from heaven, and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them back to the land that you gave to them and to their fathers.
26. When the heavens are shut up, and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, and they pray toward this place, and they confess your name, and turn from their sin when you afflict them,

27. then hear from heaven, and forgive the sin of your servants, even your people Israel, that you may teach them the good way in which they should walk and give rain to your land that you gave to your people for an inheritance.
28. If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, blight, and mildew, swarming locust, and destroying locust, if it come to pass that their enemy presses hard on them in the land at their gates — whatever affliction, and whatever illness —
29. any prayer, any supplication by any man or by all your people Israel if (? ashare) they confess, each man his affliction, and his grief, and he spreads out his hands toward this house,
30. then hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and forgive, and give to every man according to all his ways, for you will know his heart (for you, you alone, know the heart of the sons of man),
31. that they may fear you, to walk in your ways, all the days that they live on the face of the land that you gave to our fathers.
32. And hear also the foreigner who is not of your people Israel when he comes from a distant land because of your great renown, and of your mighty hand, and of your out-stretched arm. When they come and pray toward this house,
33. and hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner cries out to you, so that all peoples of the earth may know your name, to fear you as do your people Israel, and to know that this house which I have built is called by your name.
34. When your people go out to battle against their enemies in the way that you send them, and they pray to you toward this city that you have chosen and the house that I have built for your name,
35. then hear from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and uphold their cause.
36. When they sin against you (for there is no man who does not sin), and you become angry with them and deliver them before an enemy, and they take them away as their captives to a land, far or near,
37. but they turn back their heart in the land in which they were taken captive, and they repent and make supplication in the land of their captors, saying, ‘We have sinned and committed iniquity! We have done wickedness!’,
38. and they return to you with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity which they were carried captive, and they pray to you toward their land that you gave to their fathers, and the city which you have chosen, and the house that I have built for your name,
39. then from heaven, your dwelling place, hear their prayer and their supplications, and uphold their cause. And forgive your people who have sinned against you.
40. Now, O my God, I pray, let your eyes be open and your ears be attentive to the prayer of this place.
41. Note: Psalm 132:7&8
41. And now, O LORD God, arise to your place of rest, you, and the ark of your strength, let your priests be clothed with salvation, O LORD God, and let your saints rejoice in your goodness.
42. O LORD God! Do not turn away the faces of your anointed ones! Remember the mercies of David your servant!
42. O LORD God, do not turn away the face of your anointed. Remember your loving kindness for David your servant.”

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18. And I will establish the throne of your kingdom, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, "You will not lack a man to rule in Israel."

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15. And he appointed his own priests for the high places, and for the demons, and for the calves that he made.

16. And after them, some from all the tribes of Israel, the ones who set their hearts to seek the LORD, the God of Israel, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the LORD, the God of their fathers.

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12. And they entered into a covenant to seek Jehovah, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul.

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14. And they swore to Jehovah with a loud voice, and with a shout of joy, and with clarions, and with shofars.

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2Chronicles 30

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- 22a. And Hezekiah spoke kindly to the Levites who had good understanding before the LORD, and
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2Chronicles 33

- ¶1. Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem.
2. And he did what was evil in the eyes of Jehovah, after the abominations of the nation's that Jehovah had dispossessed before the children of Israel.
 3. And he rebuilt the high places that Hezekiah his father had torn down, and he erected altars for the Baals, and he made Ashteroth,² and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.
 4. And he built altars in the house of Jehovah, where Jehovah had said, "My name will be in Jerusalem forever."
 5. And he built altars to all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of Jehovah
 6. And he sacrificed his sons in the fire³ in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and practiced soothsaying, and divination, and sorcery, and dealt often with a necromancer and a spiritualist, and did what is evil in the sight of Jehovah, to provoke Him to anger.
 7. And he set up a graven image and an idol, which he had made, in the house of God, concerning which God said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my name forever.
 8. and Israel will not again be removed from the land that I appointed to your fathers. If only they will be careful to do all that I have commanded them by the hand of Moses, even all the law, and statutes, and judgments."
 9. But Manasseh caused Judah to go astray and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do greater evil than the nations which Jehovah destroyed before the children of Israel.
 10. And Jehovah spoke to Manasseh and to all the people, but they would not listen.
 11. And so, Jehovah brought against them the commanders of the army which belonged to the King of Assyria, and they took Manasseh with hooks, and bound him with chains of bronze, and took him to Babylon.
 12. And in his distress, he entreated the favor of Jehovah his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,

² Or, "sacred trees" or "sacred poles".

³ LIt., "devoted his sons in the fire",

13. and prayed to Him. And He was moved for him, and heard his supplication, and He returned him to Jerusalem, into his kingdom, and then Manasseh knew that Jehovah is God.

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