

Alliance with King Hiram

5:1 ^{1a}Now Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for ^bHiram had ²always been a friend of David. 2 Then ^aSolomon sent *word* to Hiram, saying, 3 “You know that ^aDavid my father was unable to build a house for the name of the LORD his God because of the wars which surrounded him, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet. 4 “But now ^athe LORD my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor ¹misfortune. 5 “And behold, ^aI ¹intend to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spoke to David my father, saying, ‘Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, he will build the house for My name.’ 6 “Now therefore, command that they cut for me ^acedars from Lebanon, and my servants will be with your servants; and I will give you wages for your servants according to all that you say, for you know that there is no one among us who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians.”

7 And it came about when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly and said, “Blessed be the LORD today, who has given to David a wise son over this great people.” 8 So Hiram sent *word* to Solomon, saying, “I have heard *the message* which you have sent me; I will do ¹what you desire concerning the cedar and cypress timber. 9 “My servants will bring *them* down from Lebanon to the sea; and I will make them into rafts *to go* by sea ^ato the place where you ¹direct me, and I will have them broken up there, and you shall carry *them* away. Then ^byou shall accomplish my desire by giving food to my household.” 10 So ¹Hiram ²gave Solomon ³as much as he desired of the cedar and cypress timber. 11 ^aSolomon then gave Hiram 20,000 ¹kors of wheat as food for his household, and twenty ¹kors of beaten oil; thus Solomon would give Hiram year by year. 12 And ^athe LORD gave wisdom to Solomon, just as He ¹promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a covenant.

Conscription of Laborers

13 Now ^aKing Solomon ¹levied forced laborers from all Israel; and the forced laborers ²numbered 30,000 men. 14 And he sent them to Lebanon, 10,000 a month in relays; they were in Lebanon a month *and* two months at home. And ^aAdoniram *was* over the forced laborers. 15 Now ^aSolomon had 70,000 ¹transporters, and 80,000 hewers *of stone* in the mountains, 16 ^abesides Solomon’s 3,300 chief deputies who *were* over the ¹project *and* who ruled over the people who were doing the work. 17 Then ^athe king commanded, and they quarried great stones, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house with cut stones. 18 So Solomon’s builders and ¹Hiram’s builders and ^athe Gebalites ²cut them, and prepared the timbers and the stones to build the house.

^{1a} 2 Chr. 2:10

^b 2 Sam. 5:11; 1 Chr. 14:1

² Lit., *all the day*

^a 2 Chr. 2:3

^a 2 Sam. 7:5; 1 Chr. 28:2, 3

^a 1 Kin. 4:24; 1 Chr. 22:9

¹ Lit., *evil occurrence*

^a 2 Sam. 7:12, 13; 1 Chr. 17:12; 22:10; 28:6; 2 Chr. 2:4

¹ Lit., *say*

^a 2 Chr. 2:8

¹ Lit., *all your pleasure*

^a 2 Chr. 2:16

¹ Lit., *send*

^b Ezra 3:7; Ezek. 27:17

¹ Heb., *Hirom*

² Lit., *was giving*

³ Lit., *all his desire*

^a 2 Chr. 2:10

¹ I.e., 1 kor equals approx. 10 bu.

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^a 1 Kin. 3:12

¹ Lit., *spoke to*

^a 1 Kin. 4:6; 9:15

¹ Lit., *raised up*

² Lit., *was*

^a 1 Kin. 4:6; 12:18

^a 1 Kin. 9:20-22; 2 Chr. 2:17, 18

¹ Or, *burden bearers*

^a 1 Kin. 9:23

¹ Lit., *work*

^a 1 Kin. 6:7; 1 Chr. 22:2

¹ Heb., *Hirom's*

^a Josh. 13:5; Ezek. 27:9

² Or, *chiseled*

ⁱ*The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.