

Solomon Will Build a Temple and Palace

2:1 ^{1a}Now Solomon ²decided to build a house for the name of the LORD, and a ³royal palace for himself. 2 ¹So ^aSolomon ²assigned 70,000 men to carry loads, and 80,000 men to quarry *stone* in the mountains, and 3,600 to supervise them. 3 ^aThen Solomon sent *word* to ¹Huram the king of Tyre, saying, ^b“As you dealt with David my father, and sent him cedars to build him a house to dwell in, so do for me. 4 “Behold, I am about to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, dedicating it to Him, ^ato burn fragrant incense before Him, and *to set out* ^bthe showbread continually, and to offer ^cburnt offerings morning and evening, ^don sabbaths and on new moons and on the appointed feasts of the LORD our God, this *being required* forever in Israel. 5 “And the house which I am about to build *will be* great; for ^agreater is our God than all the gods. 6 “But ^awho is able to build a house for Him, for the heavens and the highest heavens cannot contain Him? So who am I, that I should build a house for Him, except to ¹burn *incense* before Him? 7 “And now ^asend me a skilled man to work in gold, silver, brass and iron, and in purple, crimson and violet *fabrics*, and who knows how to make engravings, to *work* with the skilled men ¹^bwhom I have in Judah and Jerusalem, whom David my father provided. 8 ^a“Send me also cedar, cypress and algum timber from Lebanon, for I know that your servants know how to cut timber of Lebanon; and indeed, ^bmy servants *will work* with your servants, 9 to prepare timber in abundance for me, for the house which I am about to build *will be* great and wonderful. 10 “Now behold, ^aI will give to your servants, the woodsmen who cut the timber, 20,000 ¹kors of crushed wheat, and 20,000 ¹kors of barley, and 20,000 baths of wine, and 20,000 baths of oil.”

Huram to Assist

11 Then Huram, king of Tyre, ¹answered in a letter sent to Solomon: ^a“Because the LORD loves His people, He has made you king over them.” 12 Then Huram ¹continued, “Blessed be ^athe LORD, the God of Israel, who has made heaven and earth, who has given King David a wise son, ²endowed with discretion and understanding, ^bwho will build a house for the LORD and a ³royal palace for himself. 13 “And now I am sending a skilled man, ¹endowed with understanding, Huram-abi, 14 ^athe son of a ¹Danite woman and ²a Tyrian father, who knows how to work in gold, silver, bronze, iron, stone and wood, *and* in purple, violet, linen and crimson fabrics, and *who knows how* to make all kinds of engravings and to ³execute any design which may be assigned to him, *to work* with your skilled men, and with ⁴those of my lord David your father. 15 “Now then, let my lord send to his servants wheat and barley, oil and wine, of ^awhich he has spoken. 16 “And ^awe will cut whatever timber you need from Lebanon, and bring it to you on rafts by sea to Joppa, so that you may carry it up to Jerusalem.”

17 And Solomon numbered all the aliens who *were* in the land of Israel, ^afollowing the ¹census which his father David had ²taken; and 153,600 were found. 18 ^aAnd he appointed 70,000 of them to carry loads, and 80,000 to quarry *stones* in the mountains, and 3,600 supervisors to make the people work.

^{1a} 1 Kin. 10:9; 2 Chr. 9:8

² Lit., *said*

³ Lit., *house for his royalty*

¹ Ch. 2:1 in Heb.

^a 1 Kin. 5:15, 16; 2 Chr. 2:18

² Lit., *numbered*

^a 1 Kin. 5:2-11

¹ In 1 Kin. 5:18, *Hiram*

^b 1 Chr. 14:1

^a Ex. 30:7

^b Ex. 25:30

^c Ex. 29:38-42

^d Num. 28:9, 10

^a Ex. 15:11; 1 Chr. 16:25

^a 1 Kin. 8:27; 2 Chr. 6:18

¹ Lit., *offer up in smoke*

^a Ex. 31:3-5; 2 Chr. 2:13, 14

¹ Lit., *who are with me*

^b 1 Chr. 22:15

^a 1 Kin. 5:6

^b 2 Chr. 9:10, 11

^a 1 Kin. 5:11

¹ I.e., A kor equals approx. 10 bu.

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^a 1 Kin. 10:9; 2 Chr. 9:8

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^a Ps. 33:6; 102:25

² Lit., *knowing discretion*

^b 2 Chr. 2:1

³ Lit., *house for his royalty*

¹ Lit., *knowing understanding*

^a 1 Kin. 7:14

¹ Lit., *a woman of the daughters of Dan*

² Lit., *whose father is a Tyrian man*

³ Lit., *devise any device*

⁴ Lit., *skilled men*

^a 2 Chr. 2:10

^a 1 Kin. 5:8, 9

^a 1 Chr. 22:2

¹ Lit., *numbering*

² Lit., *numbered of them*

^a 2 Chr. 2:2

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