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The Bible is so interesting; even the Old Testament. Remember: when reading the 1st and 2nd Chronicles... we read history and events recorded from the perspective of the 2 tribes of the **Southern Kingdom**, the House of **Judah**;

The Temple of Solomon, built with Phoenicians

¹ Now Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon; for he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father: for Hiram was always a friend of David.

² Then Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying,

³ You know that David my father was not able to build a house for the Name of the LORD his God because of the wars that surrounded him on every side, until the LORD put them 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 misfortune occurring.

⁵ And behold, I intend to build a house to the Name of the LORD my God, just as the LORD spoke to David my father, saying, Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, he will build a house to My Name.

⁶ So now command that they cut for me cedars from Lebanon; and my servants will be with your servants: and I will give you wages for your servants according to all that you will say: for you know there is no one among us with the skill to cut timber like the Sidonians.

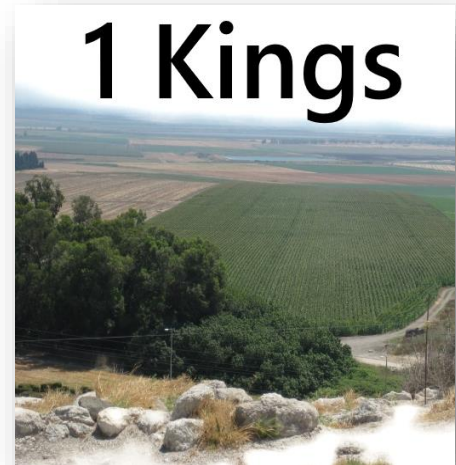
⁷ And it happened, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the LORD today, who has given to David a wise son over this great people.

⁸ And Hiram sent word to Solomon, saying, I have considered what things you sent to me: and I will do all you desire concerning the cedar and cypress timber.

⁹ My servants will bring them down from Lebanon to the sea: and I will convey them on rafts by sea to the place that you will direct me, and I will have them be discharged there, and you will take them. Then you will accomplish my desire: giving food for my household.

¹⁰ So Hiram gave Solomon the cedar and cypress timber, according to all he desired.

¹¹ And Solomon gave Hiram 100,000 bushels of wheat for food to his household, and 110,000 gallons of pure olive oil: thus Solomon gave to Hiram year after year.



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12 And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as He promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and together the two made a covenant.

13 And king Solomon raised a levy from all Israel; and their duty was 30,000 workmen.

14 And he sent them to Lebanon, 10,000 a month in shifts: one month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the workmen.



15 Now Solomon had 70,000 who carried, and 80,000 rock cutters in the mountains;

16 beside Solomon's 3,300 chief officers who were over the work, who directed the people who were doing the work.

17 Then the king commanded, and they cut great stones, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house / archeology indicates: Phoenicians left their mark in the City of David 3000 years ago.

18 So the builders of Solomon and the builders of Hiram cut them, so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

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