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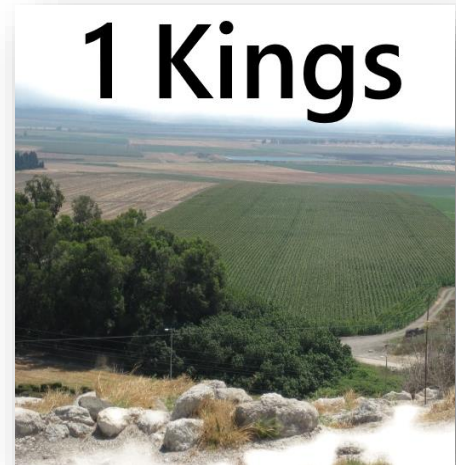
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The Bible is so interesting; even the Old Testament. Remember: when reading the 1st and 2nd Chronicles... we read history and events recorded from the perspective of the 2 tribes of the **Southern Kingdom**, the House of **Judah**;

Constructing the Temple of Solomon,

¹ Now it happened in the 480th year after the children of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv / April – May; the month after Passover, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD / not even 500 years since crossing the Red Sea.



² And the house which King Solomon built for the LORD, its length was 60 cubits, its breadth was 20 cubits, and its height was 30 cubits / a cubit is 18 inches–20 inches in length.

³ And the porch before the temple of the house, 20 cubits was its length, according to the breadth of the house; and 10 cubits was its breadth in front of the house.

⁴ And for the house he made windows of narrow frames.

⁵ And against the wall of the house he built rooms around it, against the walls around it, both of the temple and of the most holy place: and he made chambers all around it:

⁶ The lowest room was five cubits wide, and the middle was six cubits wide, and the third level was seven cubits wide: for on the outside in the walls of the house he made offsets in the walls all around it, that the beams should not be fastened to the walls of the house.

⁷ And the house, while it was being built, was built of stone already prepared at the quarry: so that there was no hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was being built.

⁸ The doorway for the middle chamber was at the right side of the house: and they went up by winding stairs to the middle chamber, and from the middle to the third level.

⁹ So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and planks of cedar.

¹⁰ He also built rooms against all the house, each was 5 cubits high: and they were fastened to the house with timbers of cedar.

¹¹ And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying,

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¹² concerning this house which you are building, if you walk in My statutes, and execute My justice, and keep all My instruction to walk in them; then I will perform My word with you, which I spoke to David your father:

¹³ and I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not abandon My people **Israel**.

¹⁴ So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

¹⁵ And he built the inside walls of the house with planks of cedar, from the floor of the house, to the ceiling: and he overlaid them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of cypress.

¹⁶ And he built 20 cubits on the backside of the house, with boards of cedar from the floor to the ceiling: he even built it on the inside as an inner sanctuary, even the most holy place.

¹⁷ And the house, that is, its nave in front, was 40 cubits long.

¹⁸ And there was cedar of the house within carved in the shape of gourds and open flowers: all was cedar; there was no stone seen.

¹⁹ Then he prepared an inner sanctuary within the house, to set in place the Ark of the covenant of the LORD.

²⁰ And the inner sanctuary was 20 cubits in length, and 20 cubits in width, and 20 cubits in height: and he overlaid it with pure gold; he also covered the altar with cedar.

²¹ So Solomon overlaid the inside of the house with pure gold: and he drew chains of gold across the front of the inner sanctuary; and he overlaid it with gold.

²² And he overlaid the whole house with gold, until all the house was finished: also the whole altar that was by the inner sanctuary he overlaid with gold.

²³ And within the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive wood, each 10 cubits high.

²⁴ And 5 cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and 5 cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the end of one wing to the end of the other were 10 cubits.

²⁵ And the other cherub was 10 cubits: both cherubim were of the same measure and size.

²⁶ The height of one cherub was 10 cubits, and so was the other cherub.

²⁷ And he set in place the cherubim within the inner house: and the wings of the cherubim were extended, so the wing of the one touched one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the middle of the house.

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28 And he overlaid the cherubim with gold.

29 Then he carved all the walls of the house all around with engravings of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, inside and outside the sanctuary.

30 And the floors of the house he overlaid with gold, inside and outside.

31 And for the entrance of the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood: the lintel and five-sided doorposts.

32 Two doors also were of olive wood; and carved on them engravings of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold; and he spread gold on the cherubim, and on the palm trees.

33 So also he made for the entrance of the nave four-sided doorposts of olive wood.

34 And two doors were of cypress wood: the two leaves of the one door turned open, and two leaves of the other door turned open.

35 And he carved on them cherubim and palm trees and open flowers: and he overlaid them with gold evenly applied on the engraved work.

36 And he built the inner court with three rows of cut stone, and a row of cedar beams.

37 In the fourth year, the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid, in the month of Ziv:

38 and in the eleventh year, in the month Bul / Oct - Nov, which is the eighth month, the house was finished throughout all its parts, and according to all its plans. So he was seven years building it.

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