

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

Other construction in the kingdom of Solomon,

- <sup>1</sup> Now Solomon was building his own house for thirteen years, and he finished all his house.
- <sup>2</sup>He also built a house in the forest of Lebanon; its length was a hundred cubits, and its breadth was fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits, on four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams on the pillars.



- <sup>3</sup> And it was covered with cedar above the side chambers, that lay on forty-five pillars, fifteen in a row.
- <sup>4</sup> And there were windows in three rows, with window opposite window in three ranks.
- <sup>5</sup> And all the doorways and doorposts had square frames, with window opposite window in three ranks.
- <sup>6</sup> And he made a porch of pillars; its length was fifty cubits, and its breadth thirty cubits: and a hall was in front of them: and other pillars and thresholds were in front of them.
- <sup>7</sup> Then he made a hall for the throne where he might judge, even the hall of judgment: and it was covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other.
- <sup>8</sup> And his house where he lived had another court within the hall, which was of the same work. Solomon also made a house like this hall for the daughter of the Pharaoh, whom he had married.
- <sup>9</sup> All these were of costly stones, of stones cut according to measures, sawed with saws, inside and outside, even from the foundation to the coping, and so on the outside to the great court.
- <sup>10</sup> And the foundation was of costly stones, even large stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits.
- <sup>11</sup> And above were costly stones, stones cut to measure, and cedar.
- <sup>12</sup> So the great court all around had three rows of cut stone, and a row of cedar beams, even as the inner court of the house of the LORD, and the central hall of the house.



- <sup>13</sup> Now King Solomon sent and brought Hiram from Tyre.
- <sup>14</sup> He was the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in bronze: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and skill to work all works in bronze. And he came to King Solomon, and worked all his work.
- $^{15}$  For he fashioned two pillars of bronze, each eighteen cubits high: and a line of twelve cubits encompassed both of them.
- $^{16}$  And he made two capitals of molten bronze, to set on tops of the pillars: the height of one capital was five cubits, and the height of the other capital was five cubits:
- $^{17}$  And nets of network, and twisted threads of chain work, for the capitals that were on the tops of the pillars; seven for one capital, and seven for the other capital.
- $^{18}$  So he made the pillars, and two rows all around on the one network, to cover the capitals which were on the top of the pomegranates: and so he did for the other capital.
- $^{19}$  And the capitals that were on top of the pillars in the hall, were of a lily design, four cubits.
- $^{20}$  And the capitals on the two pillars had pomegranates also above, close to the middle network: and the pomegranates were 200 in rows all around both capitals.
- <sup>21</sup> Thus he set up the pillars at the central hall of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and named it Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, and named it Boaz.
- $^{22}$  And on the top of the pillars was lily designs: so the work of the pillars was finished.
- <sup>23</sup> And he made the enormous laver of metal, ten cubits from brim to brim: circular in shape, its height was five cubits: and its circumference thirty cubits all around.
- <sup>24</sup> And under its brim all around, gourds went around it, ten per cubit, completely surrounding the sea: and the gourds were in two rows, cast with the rest.
- <sup>25</sup> And it stood on twelve oxen, three facing north, three facing west, three facing south, and three facing east: and the sea was set on them; and their back sides turned inward.
- <sup>26</sup> And it was a hand breadth thick, and the brim of it was fashioned like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained 2,000 baths / a bath is nearly 6 gallons; so it held a lot of water.
- <sup>27</sup> And he made ten bases of bronze; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits its breadth, and three cubits its height.



- <sup>28</sup> And this was the design of the base: they had borders, even borders between the frames:
- <sup>29</sup> and on the borders between the frames were lions, oxen, and cherubim: and on the frames there was a pedestal above: and beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging work.
- <sup>30</sup> Now each base had four bronze wheels, with bronze axels: and its four corners had supports: beneath the laver were metal supports, with wreaths at each side.
- <sup>31</sup> And its opening inside the capital above was a cubit: but its opening was round after the design of the pedestal, a cubit and a half: and also on its opening were engravings and their borders were square, not round.
- <sup>32</sup> And four wheels were under the borders; and the axels of the wheels were joined to the pedestal: and the height of a wheel was a cubit and a half.
- <sup>33</sup> And the design of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axles, their rims, their spokes and their hubs, were all cast.
- <sup>34</sup> Now there were four supports at the four corners of each base: and the supports were part of the base itself.
- $^{35}$  And on top of the base was a circular piece half a cubit high: and on the top of the base its frames and its borders were the same.
- <sup>36</sup> And on the plates of its frame, and on its borders, he engraved cherubim, lions, and palm trees, according to the proportion of each, and wreaths all around.
- <sup>37</sup> Like this he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one form.
- <sup>38</sup> Then he made ten basins of bronze: each basin contained forty baths / remember, a bath is nearly 6 gallons, so these basins contained 240 gallons: and each basin was four cubits: and on each of the ten pedestals was a basin.
- <sup>39</sup> And he put five pedestals on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the massive sea on the right side of the house eastward toward the south.
- $^{40}$  And Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basins. So Hiram finished doing all the work that he did for King Solomon in the house of the LORD:
- <sup>41</sup> the two pillars, and the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on the top of the pillars;



<sup>42</sup> and four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, even two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the pillars;

<sup>43</sup> and the ten pedestals, and ten basins on the pedestals;

<sup>44</sup> and one massive sea, and twelve oxen beneath the sea;

<sup>45</sup> and the pots, and the shovels, and the basins: and all these vessels, which Hiram made for King Solomon in the house of the LORD, were of polished bronze.

<sup>46</sup> In the plain of the Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarethan.

<sup>47</sup> And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because there were so many: nor was the weight of the bronze determined.

<sup>48</sup> And Solomon made all the vessels that pertained to the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, on which was the bread of the Presence,

<sup>49</sup> and the lampstands of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, in front of the inner sanctuary, with the flowers, and lamps, and tongs of gold,

<sup>50</sup> and bowls, and snuffers, and basins, and spoons, and censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner sanctuary, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, the central hall of the temple.

<sup>51</sup> Thus, all the work that King Solomon did in the house of the LORD was finished. And Solomon brought in the things dedicated by his father David; the silver and the gold, and the utensils, he put among the treasures in the house of the LORD.

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