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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 Lord Appears to Solomon

1 And it happened, when Solomon finished building the house of the LORD / it's interesting, the house of the Lord was built over the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite 2 Chron. 3:1 somewhere on Mount Moriah above the City of David (see the circled 12 acres), and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,

2 the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as He appeared to him at Gibeon.

3 And the LORD said to him, I heard your prayer and your supplication, that you made before Me: I have consecrated this house, which you built, to put My name there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there continually.

4 And if you walk before Me, as David your father walked, with integrity of heart, and in uprightness, doing all I have instructed you, and keep My statutes and My judgments:

5 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom upon **Israel forever, as I promised to David your father, saying, There will **not** fail you one upon the throne of Israel.**

6 But if you or your children turn from following Me, and will **not keep My commands and My statutes which I set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:**

7 then I will cut off **Israel from the land which I gave them; and this house, which I have consecrated for My name. I will toss it all from My sight; and **Israel** will be a proverb and a joke among all people:**

8 and this house, which is high / in its location, its elevation; and conspicuous in its privilege, honor, and renown, for all to see, everyone who passes by it will be astonished, and will jeer; and they will ask, Why has the LORD done thus to this land, and to this house?



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⁹ And they will answer: Because they abandoned the LORD their God, who brought their fathers from the land of Egypt, and they took other gods, and worshiped them, and served them: therefore, the LORD brought all this evil upon them.

¹⁰ And it happened at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the house of the king,

¹¹ (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar and cypress wood, and with gold, according to all his desire) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

¹² And Hiram came from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they did not please him.

¹³ And he said, What are these cities which you have given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul to this day / perhaps meaning: worthless or good for nothing.

¹⁴ And Hiram sent to the king 120 talents of gold / about 144,000 ounces of gold.

¹⁵ Now this is the reason of the forced labor which king Solomon imposed to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, the Millo / the massive corner tower of the fortress on Mount Zion, the wall of Jerusalem, Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer.

¹⁶ For Pharaoh king of Egypt went up, and took Gezer, and burned it, and killed those of Canaan who live in the city, and gave it as a dowry to his daughter, the wife of Solomon.

¹⁷ So Solomon rebuilt Gezer, and the lower Beth-horon,

¹⁸ and Baalath, and Tamar in the wilderness, in the land of Judah,

¹⁹ and all the storage cities that Solomon had, even the cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in the land of his dominion / in all the places Solomon ruled.

²⁰ As for all the people who were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were **not** of the children of **Israel**,

²¹ their descendants who were left after them in the land, those who **Israel** did not utterly destroy, upon those Solomon imposed forced-labor to this day.

²² But Solomon did **not** make slaves of the children of **Israel**:

for they were men of war, his servants, his princes, his captains, and his charioteers, and his horsemen.

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²³ These were the chief officers who were over Solomon's work, 550 who supervised the people who did the work.

²⁴ When Pharaoh's daughter came up from the city of David... to her house which Solomon built for her: then he built the Millo.

²⁵ Now three times a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which he built to the LORD, burning incense with them on the altar which was before the LORD.

So, he finished the house.

²⁶ And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which is near Eloth, on the shore of the **Red Sea** in the land of Edom / in Hebrew: **yam suph**, which translates **Red Sea**; which really isn't red sea, or reed sea which are English terms that are applied to the name; isn't it interesting that Solomon put his navy ships in this area? In the Gulf of Aqaba, the right arm of the Red Sea. And why did he position his southern defenses there? Simple, because it is just 50 miles north of where Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea; and the LORD parted the water for the children of Israel to crossover on dry land; where the historian Josephus tells us that around 250,000 Egyptian chariots went to their watery grave – **Exodus 14:28**;



for more on the Red Sea crossing check out: **THE**

EXODUS CASE By Dr. Lennart Moller, professor of environmental medicine at the [Karolinska Institute](http://www.karolinska.se) in Stockholm, Sweden.

²⁷ And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen who had a knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

²⁸ And they came to Ophir, and got from there gold, 420 talents / one talent is the weight of the average man – it is a lot of gold, and brought it to king Solomon.