

## King Hiram of Tyre in the David/Solomon story

### 2 SAMUEL 5.11: CEDAR AND WORKERS TO SOLOMON

**King Hiram of Tyre sent messengers to David**, along with **cedar trees, and carpenters and masons who built David a house.**

### 1 KINGS 5.1-8: SOLOMON DEMANDS CEDARS TO BUILD THE TEMPLE

**Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon**, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father; for Hiram had always been a friend to David. **Solomon sent word to Hiram**, saying, "You know that **my father David could not build a house for the name of YHWH his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until YHWH put them under the soles of his feet.** But now YHWH my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. So I intend to build a house for the name of YHWH my God, as YHWH said to my father David, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.' **Therefore command that cedars from the Lebanon be cut for me.** My servants will join your servants, and I will give you whatever wages you set for your servants; for you know that there is no one among us who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians." **When Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced greatly, and said, "Blessed be YHWH today, who has given to David a wise son to be over this great people."** Hiram sent word to Solomon, "I have heard the message that you have sent to me; I will fulfill all your needs in the matter of cedar and cypress timber.

### 1 KINGS 7.13-48 (EXCERPT): HIRAM DOES ALL THE BRONZE WORK ON THE TEMPLE

Now King Solomon invited and received **Hiram** from Tyre. He **was the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali, whose father, a man of Tyre, had been an artisan in bronze;** he was full of skill, intelligence, and knowledge in working bronze. **He came to King Solomon, and did all his work.** He cast two pillars of bronze. Eighteen cubits was the height of the one, and a cord of twelve cubits would encircle it; the second pillar was the same....Hiram also made the pots, the shovels, and the basins. So Hiram finished all the work that he did for King Solomon on the house of YHWH

### 1 KINGS 9.11-14: SOLOMON GIVES HIRAM CITIES IN EXCHANGE FOR GOLD

**King Hiram of Tyre having supplied Solomon with cedar and cypress timber and gold, as much as he desired, King Solomon gave to Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.** But when Hiram came from Tyre to see the cities that Solomon had given him, they **did not please him.** Therefore he said, "What kind of cities are these that you have given me, my brother?" So they are called the land of Cabul to this day. But **Hiram had sent to the king one hundred twenty talents of gold.**

### 1 KINGS 9.26-28; 10.11, 22: SOLOMON AND HIRAM JOIN FLEETS TO GAIN GOLD, JEWELS AND MORE

**King Solomon built a fleet of ships at Ezion-geber**, which is near Elath on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom. **Hiram sent his servants with the fleet, sailors who were familiar with the sea, together with the servants of Solomon. They went to Ophir, and imported from there four hundred twenty talents of gold,** which they delivered to King Solomon....Moreover, the fleet of Hiram, which carried gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir a **great quantity of almug wood and precious stones....**For the king had a fleet of ships of Tarshish at sea with the fleet of Hiram. **Once every three years** the fleet of ships of Tarshish used to come bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and peacocks.