

2 Samuel 12.30-31: anticipating Solomon

He took the king's crown from his head; the weight of it was **a talent of gold**, and in it was **a precious stone**; and it was placed on David's head. He also brought forth the spoil of the city, a very great amount. He brought out the people who were in it, and set them to work with **saws** and **iron picks and iron axes**, or sent them to the **brickworks**. Thus he did to all the cities of the Ammonites. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

[All highlighted words only here in 2 Samuel]

But Hiram had sent to the king **one hundred twenty talents of gold**. (1 Kings 9.14)

They went to Ophir, and imported from there **four hundred twenty talents of gold**, which they delivered to King Solomon. (1 Kings 9.28)

All these [buildings] were made of **costly stones**, cut according to measure, sawed with **saws**, back and front, from the foundation to the coping, and from outside to the great court. (1 Kings 7.9)

[The queen of Sheba] came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices, and very much **gold**, and **precious stones**; and when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. (1 Kings 10.2)

Then she gave the king **one hundred twenty talents of gold**, a great quantity of spices, and **precious stones**; never again did spices come in such quantity as that which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon. (1 Kings 10.10)

The weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was **six hundred sixty-six talents of gold**... (1 Kings 10.14)

The house was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that neither hammer nor ax **nor any tool of iron** was heard in the temple while it was being built. (1 Kings 6.7)

Cf. Exodus 1.14: [The Egyptians] made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and **brick** and in every kind of field labor.