

1 Kings 5 shape and keywords

Now King Hiram of Tyre **sent** his **slaves** to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father; for Hiram had always loved 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 the hostility with which they surrounded me, until YHWH **gave** them under the soles of his feet. But now YHWH my God **has given** me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor evil occurrence. And behold! I intend to build a **house** for the name of YHWH my God, as YHWH said to my father David, 'To your son, **I will give** your throne in your place, shall build the **house** for my name.' Therefore command that **cedars** from the Lebanon be cut for me. My **slaves** will join your **slaves**, and **I will give** you whatever wages you set for your **slaves**; 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 delights in the matter of cedar and cypress timber**. My **slaves** shall bring it down to the sea from the Lebanon; **I** will make it into rafts to go by sea to the place you indicate. **I** will have them broken up there for you to take away. And you shall meet my delights by **giving** food for my **household**."

So Hiram **gave** all Solomon's delights for timber of **cedar** and cypress.

Solomon in turn gave Hiram twenty thousand cors of wheat as food for his household, and twenty cors of beaten oil [cf. Exodus 27.20]. Solomon gave this to Hiram year by year.

So **YHWH gave Solomon wisdom**, as he promised him. There was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and the two of them cut a covenant.

King Solomon assembled forced labor [cf. Exodus 1.11] out of all Israel; the levy numbered *thirty thousand* men. He **sent** them to the Lebanon, *ten thousand* a month in shifts; they would be a month in the Lebanon and two months at home; Adoniram was in charge of the forced labor. Solomon also had *seventy thousand* burden bearers and *eighty thousand* stonecutters in the hill country, besides Solomon's *three thousand three hundred* supervisors who were over the work, having charge of the people who did the work. At the king's command, they quarried out great, costly stones in order to lay the foundation of the **house** with hewn stones [cf. Exodus 20.25]. So Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and the Giblites did the stonecutting and prepared the timber and the stone to build the **house**.