

1 Kings 9.10-10.29 shape and keywords

HIRAM AND SOLOMON DISCUSS CITIES AND GOLD

At the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the two houses, the house of YHWH and the king's house, 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, it was not right in his eyes. 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**.

SOLOMON'S FORCED LABOR AND OFFICIALS: CITY-RE/BUILDING

This is the word of the forced labor that King Solomon conscripted to build the house of YHWH and his own house, the Millo and the wall of Jerusalem, Hazer, Megiddo, Gezer (Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and captured Gezer and burned it down, had killed the Canaanites who lived in the city, and had given it as dowry to his daughter, Solomon's woman; so Solomon re-built Gezer), Lower Beth-horon, Baalath, Tamar in the wilderness, within the land, as well as all of Solomon's storage cities, the cities for his chariots, the cities for his cavalry, and whatever Solomon desired to build, in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. All the people who were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of the people of Israel-- their descendants who were still left in the land, whom the Israelites were unable to destroy completely--these Solomon conscripted for **slave** labor, and so they are to this day. But of the Israelites Solomon made no **slaves**; they were the men of war, they were his **slaves**, his officials, his captains, and the officials of his chariotry and cavalry. These were the standing officers who were over Solomon's work: five hundred fifty, who had charge of the people who carried on the work.

But Pharaoh's daughter went up from the city of David to her own house that Solomon had built for her; then he built the Millo. Three times a year Solomon used to offer up burnt offerings and sacrifices of well-being on the altar that he built for YHWH, offering incense before YHWH. So he completed the house.

SOLOMON'S AND HIRAM'S MARITIME TRADE

King Solomon built a fleet of ships at Ezion-geber, which is near Eloth on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom. Hiram sent his **slaves** with the fleet, ship men who knew the sea, together with the **slaves** of Solomon. They went to Ophir and imported from there four hundred twenty talents of **gold**, which they delivered to King Solomon.

THE QUEEN OF SHEBA COMES TO SOLOMON

When the queen of Sheba heard the report about of Solomon due to the name of YHWH, she **came to test him with hard questions**.

She **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.

Solomon told her all her words; there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her.

When the queen of Sheba saw all the **wisdom** of Solomon, the house that he had built, the food of his table, the seating of his **slaves**, and the attendance of his ministers, their clothing, his cupbearers, and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of YHWH, she **became** breathless forever. So she said to the king, "The word was true that I heard in my own land of your accomplishments and of your **wisdom**, but I did not believe the reports until I **came** and my own eyes had seen it. Not even half had been told me; your **wisdom** and prosperity far

surpass the report that I had heard. Happy are your women [men?!]! Happy are these your **slaves**, who continually attend you and hear your **wisdom**! Blessed be YHWH your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because YHWH loved Israel forever, he has made you king to execute justice and righteousness."

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.

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Moreover, the fleet of Hiram, which carried **gold** from Ophir, **came** from Ophir with a great quantity of almug wood and precious stones. From the almug wood the king made supports for the house of YHWH, and for the king's house, lyres also and harps for the singers; no such almug wood has **come** or been seen to this day.

Meanwhile **King Solomon gave to the queen** of Sheba every desire that she expressed, as well as what he gave her out of Solomon's royal hand. Then she returned to her own land, with her **slaves**.

SOLOMON'S WEALTH

The weight of **gold** that **came** to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents of **gold**, besides that which **came** from the explorers and from the business of the merchants, and from all the kings of Arabia and the governors of the land. King Solomon made two hundred large shields of beaten **gold**; six hundred shekels of **gold** went into each large shield. He made three hundred shields of beaten **gold**; three minas of **gold** went into each shield; and the king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

The king also made a great ivory throne and overlaid it with the finest **gold**. The throne had six steps. The top of the throne was rounded in the back, and on each side of the seat were arm rests and two lions standing beside the arm rests, while twelve lions were standing, one on each end of a step on the six steps. Nothing like it was ever made in any kingdom.

All King Solomon's drinking vessels were of **gold**, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were of pure **gold**; none were of **silver**--it was not considered as anything in the days of Solomon.

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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. Thus King Solomon excelled all the kings of the earth in riches and in **wisdom**.

SOLOMON'S WEALTH

The whole earth sought the face of Solomon to hear his **wisdom**, which God had put into his heart. Every one of them **came** with tribute, objects of **silver** and **gold**, garments, weaponry, spices, horses, and mules, so much year by year. Solomon gathered together chariots and horses; he had fourteen hundred chariots and twelve thousand horses, which he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem. The king made **silver** as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars as numerous as the sycamores of the Shephelah. Solomon's import of horses was from Egypt and Kue, and the king's traders received them from Kue at a price. A chariot could be imported from Egypt for six hundred shekels of **silver**, and a horse for one hundred fifty; so through the king's traders they were exported to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Aram.