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# Chapter 1-4 Review

- David's reign has come to an end
- Solomon has ascended to the throne and put down all opposition
  - Most notable from Adonijah
- God has granted Solomon wisdom...
- ...but also wealth and prosperity
- Solomon is now set to commence his great commission given to him by God...
- ...namely to build a house for the LORD

# The House of the LORD

*9 And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind...*

*10 Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.*

**1 Chronicles 28:9-10**

# The House of the LORD

- <sup>1</sup> Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?
- <sup>2</sup> For all those things hath mine hand made, and those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

Isaiah 66:1-2

# The Promised Land



Israel

River Euphrates  
(The Great River)

Wadi el Arish  
(The River of Egypt)

# The Promised Land

- Solomon's rule extended from the Euphrates River to Egypt's border **1 Kgs 4:21,24**
- The extent of Solomon's kingdom did not fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant **Gen 15:18**
- Countries in that territory only paid tribute to Solomon and were not assimilated into the nation Israel **1 Kings 4:21**
- His incalculable wealth was produced largely through his trading expertise **2 Chr 9:27,28**

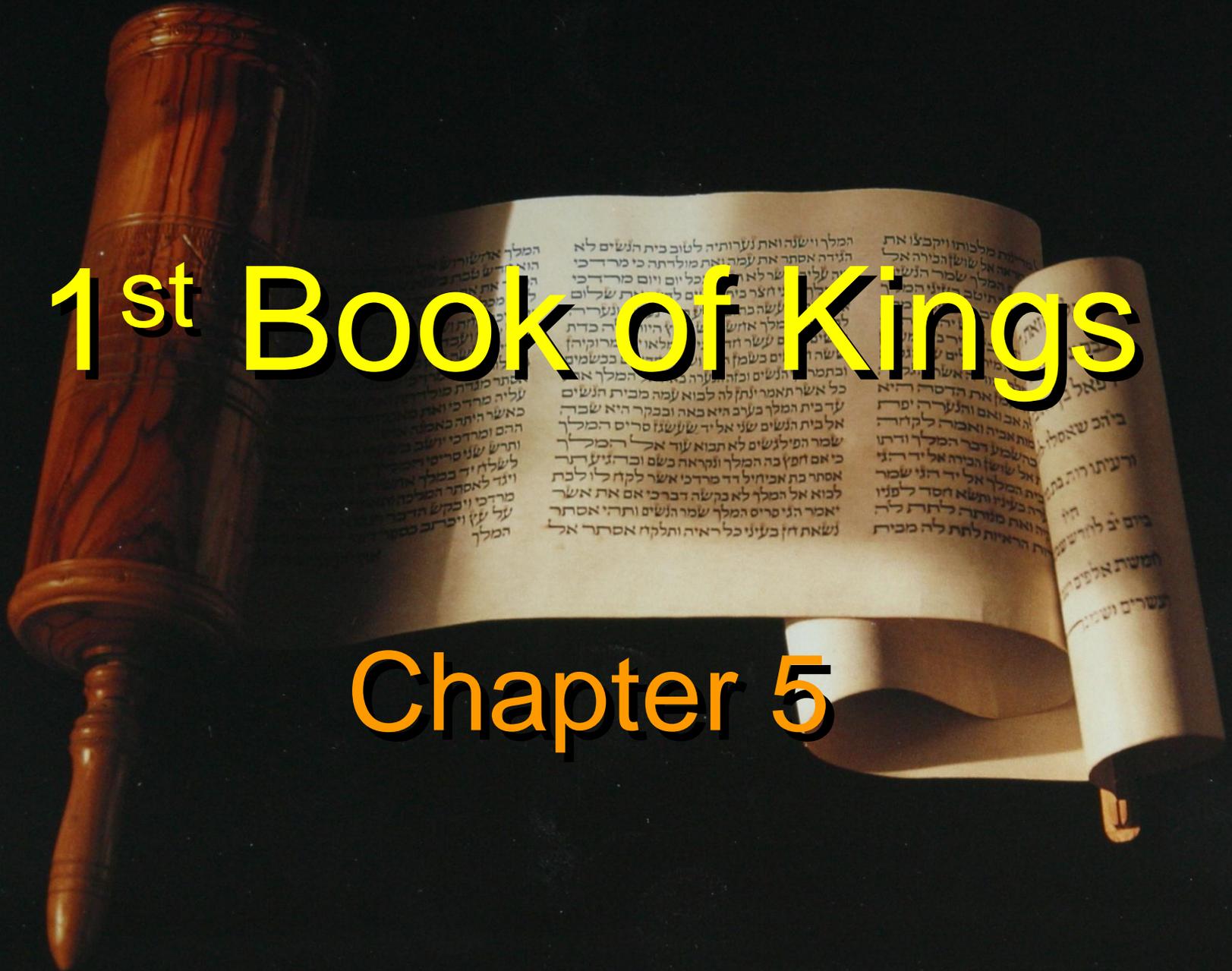
# Chapter 5-8

## Solomon's Great Commission:

- Building preparations Chapter 5
- Temple construction Chapter 6
- Solomon's palace Chapter 7:1-12
- The temple furnishings Chapter 7:13-51
- The temple dedication Chapter 8

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## Chapter 5



*1 And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.*

*2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,*

*3 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.*

**1 Kings 5:1-3**

4 But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent.

5 And, behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name.

1 Kings 5:4-5

# Conditions for the Temple

- God had ordained that David (the shepherd-king) was not to build the Temple (2 Sam 7:8,13) because he had presided over a time of war, and had shed blood (1 Chron 22:8)
- But once peace had been purchased by shed blood, the Temple (the place where God Himself would dwell) should be raised up

*6 Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.*

*7 And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people.*

**1 Kings 5:6-7**

*8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for: and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.*

*9 My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive them: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household.*

**1 Kings 5:8-9**

# Material for the Temple

- Note that the material for the Temple came out of 'the world'
- Just as we have come out of the world, yet are being transformed into His Temple – the dwelling place of His Spirit

*IO So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire.*

*II And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.*

**1 Kings 5:10-11**

**12** And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

**13** And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men.

**14** And he sent them to Lebanon ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levy.

**1 Kings 5:12-14**

- 30,000 men.
- 10,000 at a time (1 month on 2 off)

*15 And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains;*

*16 Beside the chief of Solomon's officers which were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work.*

**1 Kings 5:15-16**

- 70,000 men to carry things
- 80,000 to cut trees
- +3300 Officers

*17 And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.*

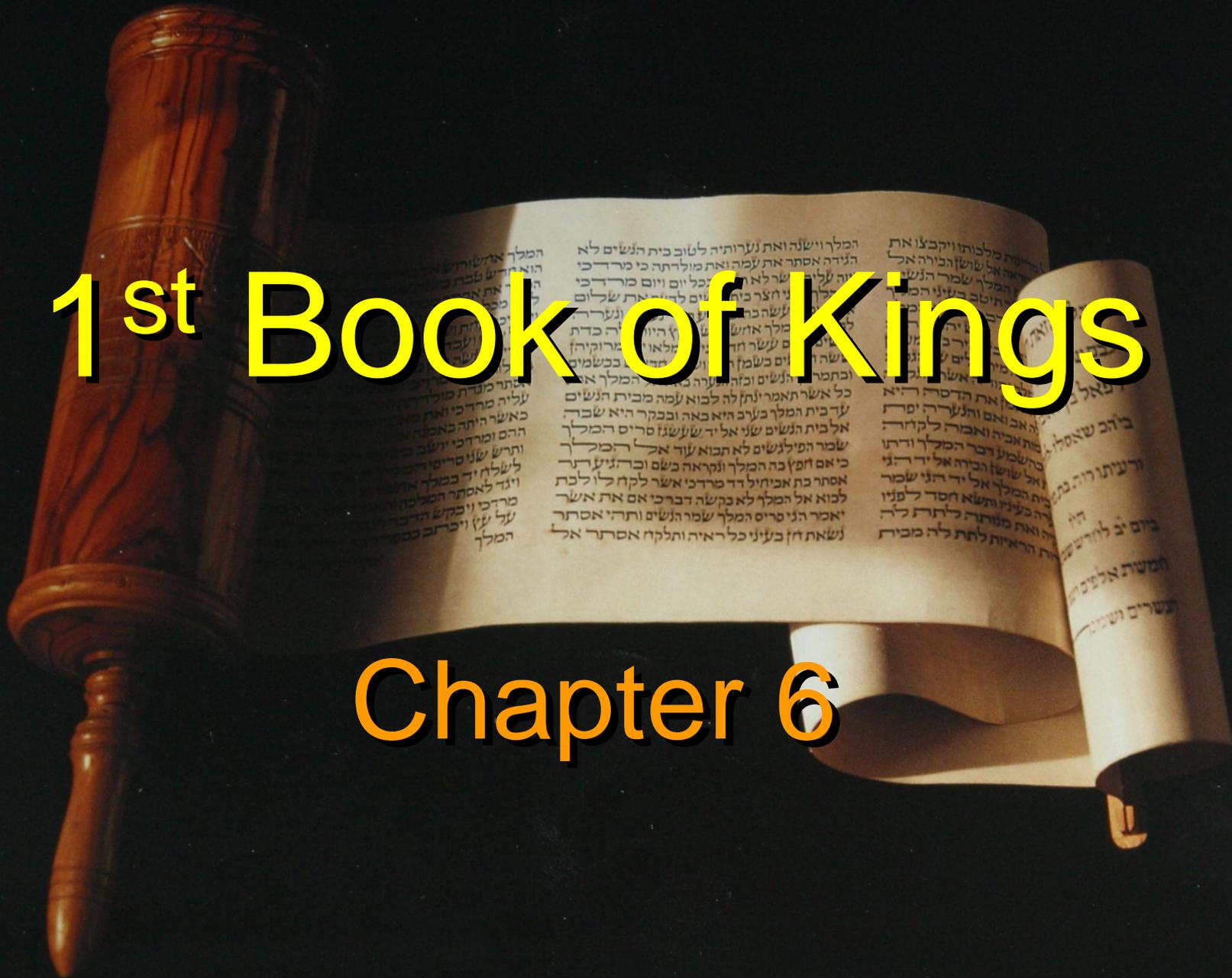
*18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the stonesquarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.*

1 Kings 5:17-18

- This speaks of you and I!
  - **Great** – so great God did not spare His only Son!
  - **Costly** – He paid the highest price
  - **Hewed** – literally cut from this world

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## Chapter 6



*I And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD.*

**1 Kings 6:1**

- Key chronological point in Scripture

*2 And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.*

*3 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house.*

*4 And for the house he made windows of narrow lights.*

**1 Kings 6:2-4**

*5 And against the wall of the house he built chambers round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made chambers round about:*

*6 The nethermost chamber was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad: for without in the wall of the house he made narrowed rests round about, that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the house.*

**1 Kings 6:5-6**

*7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.*

**1 Kings 6:7**

*He shall build the temple of the Lord; and He shall bear the glory.'-Zechariah 6:13*

*“Christ Himself is the builder of His spiritual temple, and He has built it on the mountains of His unchangeable affection, His omnipotent grace, and His infallible truthfulness. But as it was in Solomon's temple, so in this; the materials need making ready”.*

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*“There are the 'Cedars of Lebanon,' but they are not framed for the building; they are not cut down, and shaped, and made into those planks of cedar, whose odoriferous beauty shall make glad the courts of the Lord's house in Paradise. There are also the rough stones still in the quarry, they must be hewn thence, and squared. All this is Christ's own work”*

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*“Each individual believer is being prepared, and polished, and made ready for his place in the temple; but Christ's own hand performs the preparation-work. Afflictions cannot sanctify, excepting as they are used by Him to this end. Our prayers and efforts cannot make us ready for heaven, apart from the hand of Jesus, who fashioneth our hearts aright”*

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“As in the building of Solomon's temple, 'there was neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron, heard in the house,' because all was brought perfectly ready for the exact spot it was to occupy-so is it with the temple which Jesus builds; the making ready is all done on earth”

*– Charles H Spurgeon*

# Living Stones

- 1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,*
- 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:*
- 3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.*
- 4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,*

**1 Peter 2:1-5**

# Living Stones

5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:1-5

*8 The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.*

*9 So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.*

**1 Kings 6:8-9**

**10** And then he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

**11** And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying,

**12** Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father:

**1 Kings 6:10-12**

**13** And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

**14** So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

**15** And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

**1 Kings 6:13-15**

**16** And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built them for it within, even for the oracle, even for the most holy place.

**17** And the house, that is, the temple before it, was forty cubits long.

**18** And the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar; there was no stone seen.

1 Kings 6:16-18

<sup>19</sup> And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> And the oracle in the forepart was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold; and so covered the altar which was of cedar.

<sup>21</sup> So Solomon overlaid the house **within with pure gold:** and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold.

1 Kings 6:19-21

**22** And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that was by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

**23** And within the oracle he made two cherubims of olive tree, each ten cubits high.

**24** And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits.

**1 Kings 6:22-24**

*25 And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubims were of one measure and one size.*

*26 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub.*

*27 And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.*

*28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.*

*29 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, within and without.*

*30 And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without.*

*31 And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive tree: the lintel and side posts were a fifth part of the wall.*

**1 Kings 6:28-31**

*32 The two doors also were of olive tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm trees.*

*33 So also made he for the door of the temple posts of olive tree, a fourth part of the wall.*

*34 And the two doors were of fir tree: the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding.*

**1 Kings 6:32-34**

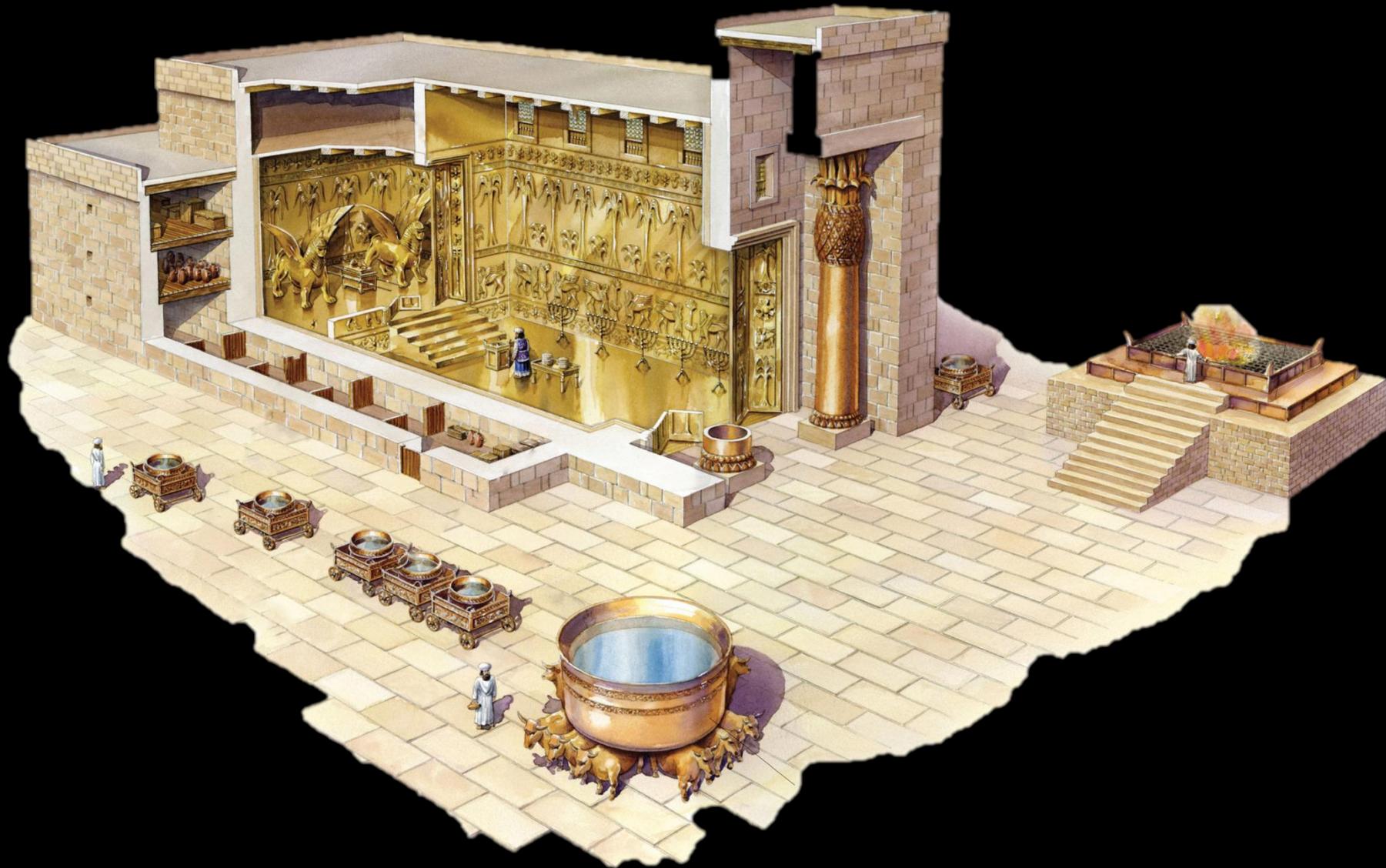
**35** And he carved thereon cherubims and palm trees and open flowers: and covered them with gold fitted upon the carved work.

**36** And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams.

**37** In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid, in the month Zif:

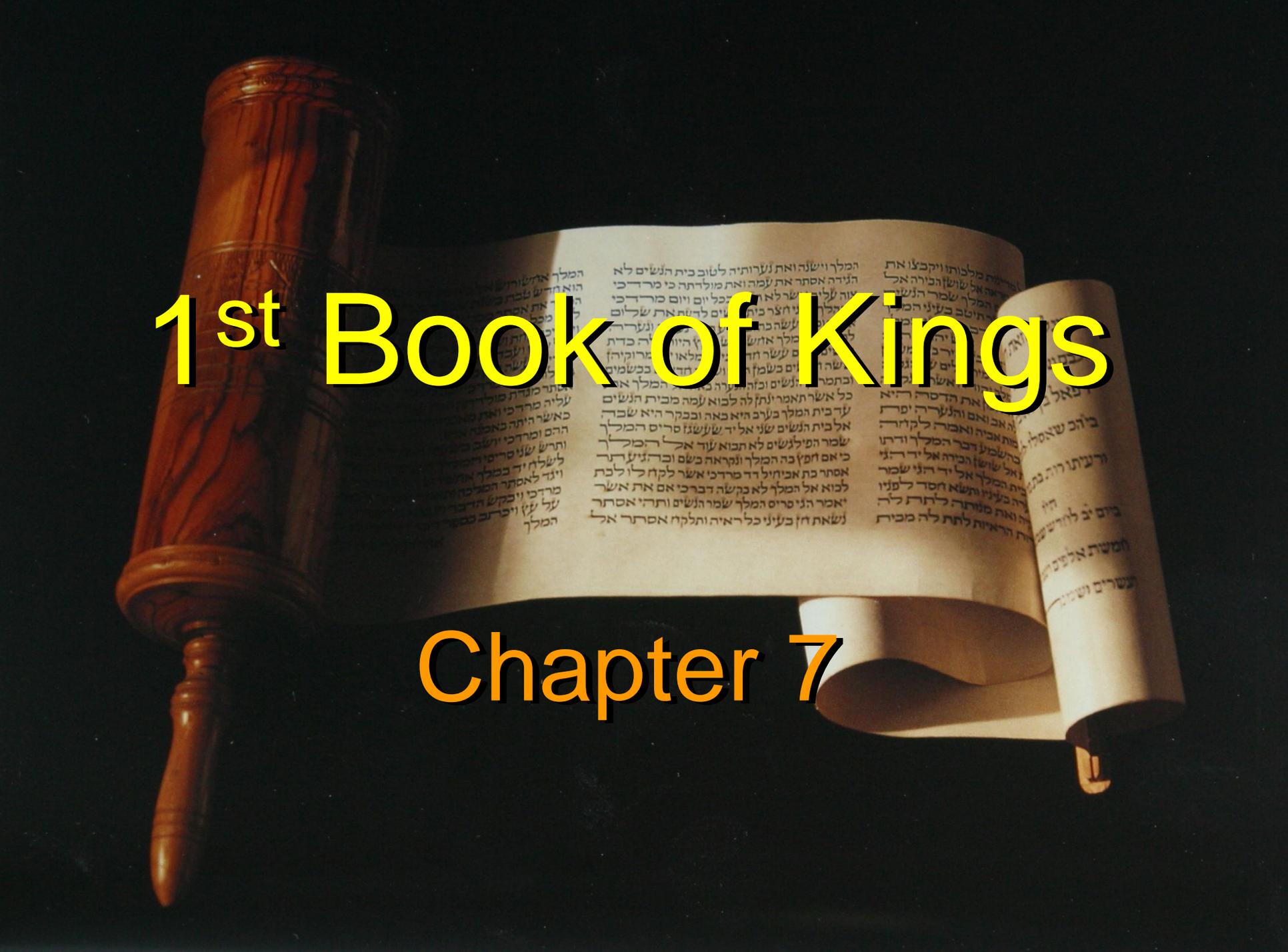
**38** And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

# Solomon's Temple



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An open scroll of the 1st Book of Kings, Chapter 7, resting on a wooden handle. The scroll is unrolled, showing Hebrew text in two columns. The text is written in a traditional script. The scroll is set against a dark background, and the lighting highlights the texture of the parchment and the wood of the handle.

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## Chapter 7

# The Royal Palace

Verses 1-12

<sup>1</sup> But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

<sup>2</sup> He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.

<sup>3</sup> And it was covered with cedar above upon the beams, that lay on forty five pillars, fifteen in a row.

1 Kings 7:1-3

# How many houses?

- Solomon's own house v1
- The house of the Forest of Lebanon v3
- 'The house where he dwelt' v8

# How many houses?

- “The description of Solomon’s palace in verses 1-12 raises a question as to whether one building or several were constructed;
- Probably one palace complex was built that contained several separate but interconnected buildings”
  - Chuck Missler

# How many houses?

- Many have supposed that the buildings mentioned in **1 Kings 7:1-2,8**, were three entirely distinct and separate buildings.
- But it is perhaps best to consider:
- 1) The "house" of **1 Kings 7:1** as the palace proper-Solomon's own dwelling-house  
(see **1 Kings 7:8**)
- 2) The house of **1 Kings 7:2**, as the state apartments

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- 3) The house for Pharaoh's daughter as the hareem;
- Thus to regard these three groups of buildings as distinct, though interconnected, and as together constituting what is elsewhere termed "the king's house" (**1 Kings 9:10**).

– Albert Barnes

# The Royal Palace

- “The House of the Forest of Lebanon” (cf. 10:17, 21; Isa 22:8) was probably given its name because of the extensive use of Lebanese cedar throughout (cf. 1 Kgs 7:2-3); it was located not in Lebanon but in Jerusalem.
- It measured 150 feet by 75 feet and was 45 feet high.
- The floor space was 11,250 square feet, more than four times the 2,700 square feet of the temple floor (cf. 6:2).

# The Royal Palace

- The palace evidently served as an armoury (10:17; cf. Isa 22:8).
- Apparently next to it was a pillared colonnade (a covered walkway surrounding a patio) that had a front porch with a roof and supporting pillars.
- There were 45 side rooms, forming three stories of 15 rooms each
- The throne room and judgment hall 1 Kings 7:7

4 And there were windows in three rows, and light was against light in three ranks.

5 And all the doors and posts were square, with the windows: and light was against light in three ranks.

6 And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and the porch was before them: and the other pillars and the thick beam were before them.

1 Kings 7:4-6

7 Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, even the porch of judgment: and it was covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other.

8 And his house where he dwelt had another court within the porch, which was of the like work. Solomon made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken to wife, like unto this porch.

**1 Kings 7:7-8**

*9 All these were of costly stones, according to the measures of hewed stones, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the outside toward the great court.*

*10 And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits.*

*11 And above were costly stones, after the measures of hewed stones, and cedars.*

**1 Kings 7:9-11**

- **Enormous stones!**
- *15ft x 12ft Stones used*
- *Some of Herod's stones 20ft long x 8ft across x 5ft high - some over 100 tones*

**12** And the great court round about was with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of the LORD, and for the porch of the house.

**1 Kings 7:12**



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