

1 Kings 7

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7 But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house. (Solomon built his palace only after the temple of God was completed. He started off as a good and wise king) (Built with forced labor)

²He 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. (This building was a place to receive guests and foreign dignitaries) (More forced labor)

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

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

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

⁶And 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. (Another building, built with forced labor)

⁷Then 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.

⁸And 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. (Again more forced labor) (Pharaoh's daughter was an Israelite from southern Egypt. She was a member of the Hicksos)

⁹All 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. (This great court was a complex of many large buildings of polished stone)

¹⁰ And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits. (Precision cut and polished on all sides)

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

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.

(Verses 13-51 are about the temple objects)

¹³ And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre. (This is not the king of Tyre. Just another man with similar name)

¹⁴ He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work. 2Chronicles-2:14 (Hiram's mother was of the tribe of Dan. She then married a man of Naphtali and was widowed; then remarried a man of Tyre, which was Hiram's father) (cunning = skillful – in old English) (brass may have also included bronze, which was more available at that time)

¹⁵ For he cast two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about.

¹⁶ And he made two chapters of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapter was five cubits, and the height of the other chapter was five cubits: (Capiters are caps on the tops of pillars)

¹⁷ And nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the chapters which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapter, and seven for the other chapter.

¹⁸ And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapters that were upon the top, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other chapter.

¹⁹ And the chapters that were upon the top of the pillars were of lily work in the porch, four cubits.

²⁰ And the chapters upon the two pillars had pomegranates also above, over against the belly which was by the network: and the pomegranates were two hundred in rows round about upon the other chapter.

²¹ And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz. (Jachin = He shall establish; Boaz = in it is strength)

²² And upon the top of the pillars was lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished. Revelation-3:12 (The Elect will be pillars in Jesus' Millennium temple)

²³ And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other: it was round all about, and his height was five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about. (This was a very large bowl made of brass; also referred to as the brazen sea)

²⁴ And under the brim of it round about there were knops compassing it, ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about: the knops were cast in two rows, when it was cast. (knops = decorative gourds)

²⁵ It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward. (The oxen were representative of the 12 tribes, as they camped around the Mosaic temple in the wilderness) see Numbers-2

²⁶ And it was an hand breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths. (About 6 English gallons per bath; 12,000 gallons of water)

²⁷ And he made ten bases of brass; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it.

²⁸ And the work of the bases was on this manner: they had borders, and the borders were between the ledges:

²⁹ And on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubims: and upon the ledges there was a base above: and beneath the lions and oxen were certain additions made of thin work.

³⁰ And every base had four brasen wheels, and plates of brass: and the four corners thereof had undersetters: under the laver were undersetters molten, at the side of every addition.

³¹ And the mouth of it within the chapter and above was a cubit: but the mouth thereof was round after the work of the base, a cubit and an half: and also upon the mouth of it were gravings with their borders, foursquare, not round.

³² And under the borders were four wheels; and the axletrees of the wheels were joined to the base: and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit.

³³ And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their naves, and their felloes, and their spokes, were all molten.

³⁴ And there were four undersetters to the four corners of one base: and the undersetters were of the very base itself.

³⁵ And in the top of the base was there a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base the ledges thereof and the borders thereof were of the same.

³⁶ For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the proportion of every one, and additions round about.

³⁷ After this manner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one size.

³⁸ Then made he ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty baths: and every laver was four cubits: and upon every one of the ten bases one laver. (These were to wash the animal sacrifices; 40 baths = 240 gallons)

³⁹ And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward over against the south.

⁴⁰ And Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basons. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of the LORD:

⁴¹ The two pillars, and the two bowls of the chapters that were on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the chapters which were upon the top of the pillars; (The bowls were probably filled with olive oil and burned as torches upon the pillars)

⁴² And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, even two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the chapters that were upon the pillars;

⁴³ And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases;

⁴⁴ And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea;

⁴⁵ And the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, were of bright brass. (bright = polished) (pots were to boil the meat of the sacrifices <peace offerings> that the priests and people would eat with their families. It was comparable to having a meal with God)

⁴⁶ In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarthan. (Clay makes good molds to cast metals into)

⁴⁷ And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass found out. (There was more brass than they could possibly weigh)

⁴⁸ And Solomon made all the vessels that pertained unto the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the shewbread was, (shewbread- means bread of the face – symbolic of the priests seeking the face of God) (It was replaced weekly, after the priests ate it) (The golden furniture and items were inside the temple)

⁴⁹ And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold, (candlesticks = menorahs) (Candles in those days were a bowl of olive oil atop a candlestick. A wick was placed in the oil to burn) (God gave the design for the menorah to Moses) Exodus-25

⁵⁰ And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple. (Most of the brass, gold and silver for

these items were gathered by David, and put aside for the future building of the temple)

⁵¹ So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD. (There were 2 treasuries in the temple) 1Chronicles-26:20-on