

2 Chronicles 3

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3 Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the Lord appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. (This is the mountain where Abraham would have sacrificed Isaac; God stopped it, and provided a ram – Genesis-22:2. Isaac was a type for the later sacrifice of Jesus on the cross)

²And he began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign. (Approx 917 BC) (Completed in 910 BC) (573 years after Israel came out of Egypt)

³Now these are the things wherein Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure was threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits. (Cubit = 18-25 inches. The distance from the king's elbow to the tip of his fingers)

⁴And the porch that was in the front of the house, the length of it was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height was an hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold. (hundred and twenty- more likely 20; probably a copyist error)

⁵And the greater house he cieled with fir tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and chains. (The palm tree was symbolic of life; the Syrians have recorded 300+ uses of the palm tree for life and for health)

⁶And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold was gold of Parvaim. 1Kings-10:1 (The stones came from Ophir) (Parvaim is thought to be a location in the Orient; location lost over the years)

⁷He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubims on the walls.

⁸And he made the most holy house, the length whereof was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred talents. (the most holy house= the inner chamber – the Holy of Holies)

⁹And the weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold. (The inside of the temple could not use any iron. All metal coverings were gold, and all items were gold or silver)

¹⁰And in the most holy house he made two cherubim of image work, and overlaid them with gold. (He – Hiram, the master craftsman sent from Tyre; these cherubim are not against the Second Commandment because they were not idols. Nobody worshipped these two cherubim. They were decorative only)

¹¹And the wings of the cherubim were twenty cubits long: one wing of the one cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was likewise five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub. (Wingtip to wingtip, two cherubim covered the entire back wall)

¹²And one wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was five cubits also, joining to the wing of the other cherub. (These were symbolic for the creatures that guard the mercy seat of God. The originals were Satan and Michael. After Satan's fall from grace, both were replaced with the zoon. Michael remained faithful to God as an archangel. Satan was condemned)

¹³The wings of these cherubim spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces were inward. (Looking at the Arc of the Covenant)

¹⁴And he made the vail of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought cherubim thereon. (In Hebrew - caused to ascend; they looked as they were ascending to heaven)

¹⁵Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty and five cubits high, and the chapter that was on the top of each of them was five cubits. 1Kings-7:15 (each was 18 cubits – this measure of 35 cubits is both pillars combined)

¹⁶And he made chains, as in the oracle, and put them on the heads of the pillars; and made an hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains. (Pomegranates are symbolic for producing fruit)

¹⁷And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the

right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz. (Jachin= God shall establish; Boaz= in HIM is strength)