

**19** And this woman's child died in the night: for in her sleep she overlaid him.

**20** And rising in the dead time of the night, she took my child from my side, while I, thy handmaid, was asleep, and laid it in her bosom: and laid her dead child in my bosom.

**21** And when I arose in the morning, to give my child suck, behold it was dead: but considering him more diligently, when it was clear day, I found that it was not mine which I bore.

**22** And the other woman answered: It is not so as thou sayst, but thy child is dead, and mine is alive. On the contrary, she said; Thou liest: for my child liveth, and thy child is dead. And in this manner they strove before the king.

**23** Then said the king: The one saith, My child is alive, and thy child is dead. And the other answereth: Nay; but thy child is dead, and mine liveth.

**24** The king therefore said: Bring me a sword. And when they had brought a sword before the king,

**25** Divide, said he, the living child in two, and give half to the one and half to the other.

**26** But the woman, whose child was alive, said to the king; (for her bowels were moved upon her child) I beseech thee, my lord, give her the child alive, and do not kill it. But the other said: Let it be neither mine nor thine; but divide it.

**27** The king answered, and said: Give the living child to this woman, and let it not be killed; for she is the mother thereof.

**28** And all Israel heard the judgment which the king had judged, and they feared the king, seeing that the wisdom of God was in him to do judgment.

## Chapter 4

And king Solomon reigned over all Israel:

**2** And these were the princes which he had: Azarias, the son of Sadoc, the priest:

**3** Elihoreph, and Ahia, the sons of Sisa, scribes: Josaphat, the son of Ahilud, recorder:

**4** Banaias, the son of Joiada, over the army: and Sadoc, and Abiathar, priests.

**5** Azarias, the son of Nathan, over them that were about the king: Zabud, the son of Nathan, the priest, the king's friend:

**6** And Ahisar, governor of the house: and Adoniram, the son of Abda, over the tribute.

**7** And Solomon had twelve governors over all Israel, who provided victuals for the king and for his house hold: for every one provided necessities, each man his month in the year.

**8** And these are their names: Benhur, in mount Ephraim.

**9** Bendecar, in Macces, and in Salebim, and in Bethsames, and in Elon, and in Bethanan.

**10** Benhesed, in Aruboth: his was Socho, and all the land of Ephraim.

**11** Benabinadab, to whom belonged all Nephath-Dor: he had Tapheth, the daughter of Solomon, to wife.

**12** Bana, the son of Ahilud, who governed Thanac, and Mageddo, and all Bethsan, which is by Sarthana, beneath Jezrael, from Bethsan unto Abelmehula, over against Jecmaan.

**13** Bengaber, in Ramoth Galaad: he had the town of Jair, the son of Manasses, in Galaad: he was chief in all the country of Argob, which is in Basan, threescore great cities with walls, and brazen bolts.

**14** Ahinadab, the son of Addo, was chief in Manaim.

**15** Achimaas, in Nephthali: he also had Basemath, the daughter of Solomon, to wife.

**16** Baana, the son of Husi, in Aser, and in Baloth.

**17** Josaphat, the son of Pharue, in Issachar.

**18** Semei, the son of Ela, in Benjamin.

**19** Gaber, the son of Uri, in the land of Galaad, in the land of Sehon, the king of the Amorrhites, and of Og, the king of Basan, over all that were in that land.

**20** Juda and Israel were innumerable, as the sand of the sea in multitude; eating and drinking, and rejoicing.

**21** And Solomon had under him all the kingdoms, from the river to the land of the Philistines, even to the border of Egypt: and they brought him presents, and served him all the days of his life.

**22** And the provision of Solomon, for each day, was thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal;

**23** Ten fat oxen, and twenty out of the pastures, and a hundred rams; besides venison of harts, roes, and buffles, and fatted fowls.

**24** For he had all the country which was beyond the river, from Thaphsa to Gazan, and all the kings of those countries: and he had peace on every side round about.

**25** And Juda, and Israel, dwelt without any fear, every one under his vine, and under his fig tree, from Dan to Bersabee, all the days of Solomon.

**26** And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of chariot horses, and twelve thousand for the saddle.

**27** And the foresaid governors of the king fed them; and they furnished the necessities also for king Solomon's table, with great care, in their time.

**28** They brought barley also, and straw for the horses and beasts, to the place where the king was, according as it was appointed them.

**29** And God gave to Solomon wisdom, and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, as the sand that is on the sea shore.

**30** And the wisdom of Solomon surpassed the wisdom of all the Orientals, and of the Egyptians;

**31** And he was wiser than all men: wiser than Ethan, the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Dorda, the sons of Mahol, and he was renowned in all nations round about.

**32** Solomon also spoke three thousand parables: and his poems were a thousand and five.

**33** And he treated about trees, from the cedar that is in Libanus, unto the hyssop that cometh out of the wall: and he discoursed of beasts, and of fowls, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

**34** And they came from all nations to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and from all the kings of the earth, who heard of his wisdom.

## Chapter 5

And Hiram, king of Tyre, sent his servants to Solomon: for he heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram had always been David's friend.

**2** Solomon sent to Hiram, saying:

**3** Thou knowest the will of David, my father, and that he could not build a house to the name of the Lord his God, because of the wars that were round about him, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet.

**4** But now the Lord my God hath given me rest round about; and there is no adversary nor evil occurrence.

**5** Wherefore I purpose to build a temple to the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord spoke to David my father, saying: Thy son, whom I will set upon the throne, in thy place, he shall build

a house to my name.

**6** Give orders, therefore, that thy servants cut me down cedar trees, out of Libanus, and let my servants be with thy servants: and I will give thee the hire of thy servants whatsoever thou wilt ask: for thou knowest how there is not among my people a man that has skill to hew wood like to the Sidonians.

**7** Now when Hiram had heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced exceedingly, and said: Blessed be the Lord God this day, who hath given to David a very wise son over this numerous people.

**8** And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying: I have heard all thou hast desired of me; and I will do all thy desire concerning cedar trees, and fir trees.

**9** My servants shall bring them down from Libanus to the sea: and I will put them together in floats, on the sea, and convey them to the place, which thou shalt signify to me, and will land them there, and thou shalt receive them: and thou shalt allow me necessities to furnish food for my household.

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

**11** And Solomon allowed Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat, for provision for his house, and twenty measures of the purest oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram every year.

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

**13** And king Solomon chose workmen out of all Israel, and the levy was of thirty thousand men.

**14** And he sent them to Libanus, ten thousand every month, by turns, so that two months they were at home: and Adoniram was over this levy.

**15** And Solomon had seventy thousand to

carry burdens, and eighty thousand to hew stones in the mountain:

**16** Besides the overseers who were over every work, in number three thousand and three hundred, that ruled over the people, and them that did the work.

**17** And the king commanded that they should bring great stones, costly stones, for the foundation of the temple, and should square them:

**18** And the masons of Solomon, and the masons of Hiram, hewed them: and the Giblyans prepared timber and stones to build the house.

## Chapter 6

And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of the reign of Solomon over Israel, in the month Zio, (the same is the second month) he began to build a house to the Lord.

**2** And the house, which king Solomon built to the Lord, was threescore cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and thirty cubits in height.

**3** And there was a porch before the temple, of twenty cubits in length, according to the measure of the breadth of the temple: and it was ten cubits in breadth, before the face of the temple.

**4** And he made in the temple oblique windows.

**5** And upon the wall of the temple, he built floors round about, in the walls of the house, round about the temple and the oracle, and he made chambers in the sides round about.

**6** The floor that was underneath was five cubits in breadth, and the middle floor was six cubits in breadth, and the third floor was seven cubits in breadth. And he put beams in the house round about on the outside, that they might not