

{24:5} And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the city that [lieth] in the midst of the river of Gad, and toward Jazer: {24:6} Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they came to Dan-jaan, and about to Zidon, {24:7} And came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the south of Judah, [even] to Beer-sheba. {24:8} So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. {24:9} And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah [were] five hundred thousand men.

{24:10} And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. {24:11} For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, {24:12} Go and say unto David, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three [things;] choose thee one of them, that I may [do it] unto thee. {24:13} So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me. {24:14} And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies [are] great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.

{24:15} So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy thousand men. {24:16} And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite. {24:17} And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.

{24:18} And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite. {24:19} And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the LORD commanded. {24:20} And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground. {24:21} And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people. {24:22} And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what [seemeth] good unto him: behold, [here be] oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and [other] instruments of the oxen for wood. {24:23} All [these] things did Araunah, [as] a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee. {24:24} And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy [it] of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the

oxen for fifty shekels of silver. {24:25} And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

The First Book of the Kings Commonly Called the Third Book of the Kings

{1:1} Now king David was old [and] stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat. {1:2} Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat. {1:3} So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king. {1:4} And the damsel [was] very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.

{1:5} Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. {1:6} And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also [was a] very goodly [man;] and [his mother] bare him after Absalom. {1:7} And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah helped [him. ] {1:8} But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which [belonged] to David, were not with Adonijah. {1:9} And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which [is] by En-rogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants: {1:10} But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

{1:11} Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth [it] not? {1:12} Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon. {1:13} Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign? {1:14} Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words.

{1:15} And Bath-sheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king. {1:16} And Bath-sheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldest thou? {1:17} And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, [saying,] Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. {1:18} And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest [it] not: {1:19} And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called. {1:20} And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel [are] upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. {1:21} Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders.

{1:22} And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in. {1:23} And they told the king,

saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. {1:24} And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? {1:25} For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Adonijah. {1:26} But me, [even] me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called. {1:27} Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed [it] unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

{1:28} Then king David answered and said, Call me Bath-sheba. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. {1:29} And the king sware, and said, [As] the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress, {1:30} Even as I sware unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day. {1:31} Then Bath-sheba bowed with [her] face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

{1:32} And king David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king. {1:33} The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon: {1:34} And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon. {1:35} Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah. {1:36} And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so [too. ] {1:37} As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David. {1:38} So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. {1:39} And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon. {1:40} And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

{1:41} And Adonijah and all the guests that [were] with him heard [it] as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore [is this] noise of the city being in an uproar? {1:42} And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for thou [art] a valiant man, and bringest good tidings. {1:43} And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king. {1:44} And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule: {1:45} And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang

again. This [is] the noise that ye have heard. {1:46} And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom. {1:47} And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed. {1:48} And also thus said the king, Blessed [be] the LORD God of Israel, which hath given [one] to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing [it. ] {1:49} And all the guests that [were] with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way.

{1:50} And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. {1:51} And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to day that he will not slay his servant with the sword. {1:52} And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die. {1:53} So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

{2:1} Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, {2:2} I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man; {2:3} And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself: {2:4} That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel. {2:5} Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, [and] what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that [was] about his loins, and in his shoes that [were] on his feet. {2:6} Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace. {2:7} But shew kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother. {2:8} And, behold, [thou hast] with thee Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I sware to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword. {2:9} Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou [art] a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with blood. {2:10} So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. {2:11} And the days that David reigned over Israel [were] forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

{2:12} Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.

{2:13} And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably. {2:14} He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said,

Say on. {2:15} And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and [that] all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the LORD. {2:16} And now I ask one petition of thee, deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on. {2:17} And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife. {2:18} And Bath-sheba said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king.

{2:19} Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand. {2:20} Then she said, I desire one small petition of thee; [I pray thee,] say me not nay. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother: for I will not say thee nay. {2:21} And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife. {2:22} And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he [is] mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah. {2:23} Then king Solomon sware by the LORD, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life. {2:24} Now therefore, [as] the LORD liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me an house, as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day. {2:25} And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him that he died.

{2:26} And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou [art] worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the Lord GOD before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted. {2:27} So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD; that he might fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

{2:28} Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. {2:29} And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD; and, behold, [he is] by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him. {2:30} And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me. {2:31} And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father. {2:32} And the LORD shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing [thereof, to wit,] Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah. {2:33} Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace for ever from the LORD. {2:34} So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him,

and slew him: and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

{2:35} And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar.

{2:36} And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither. {2:37} For it shall be, [that] on the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head. {2:38} And Shimei said unto the king, The saying [is] good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days. {2:39} And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, thy servants [be] in Gath. {2:40} And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants: and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath. {2:41} And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and was come again. {2:42} And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the LORD, and protested unto thee, saying, Know for a certain, on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, that thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, The word [that] I have heard [is] good. {2:43} Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the LORD, and the commandment that I have charged thee with? {2:44} The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore the LORD shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head; {2:45} And king Solomon [shall be] blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD for ever. {2:46} So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; which went out, and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

{3:1} And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of Jerusalem round about. {3:2} Only the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house built unto the name of the LORD, until those days. {3:3} And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places. {3:4} And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that [was] the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

{3:5} In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. {3:6} And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as [it is] this day. {3:7} And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I [am but] a little child: I know not [how] to go out or come in. {3:8} And thy servant [is] in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. {3:9} Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is

able to judge this thy so great a people? {3:10} And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. {3:11} And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; {3:12} Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. {3:13} And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. {3:14} And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days. {3:15} And Solomon awoke; and, behold, [it was] a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

{3:16} Then came there two women, [that were] harlots, unto the king, and stood before him. {3:17} And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. {3:18} And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we [were] together; [there was] no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house. {3:19} And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it. {3:20} And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. {3:21} And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear. {3:22} And the other woman said, Nay; but the living [is] my son, and the dead [is] thy son. And this said, No; but the dead [is] thy son, and the living [is] my son. Thus they spake before the king. {3:23} Then said the king, The one saith, This [is] my son that liveth, and thy son [is] the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son [is] the dead, and my son [is] the living. {3:24} And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. {3:25} And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. {3:26} Then spake the woman whose the living child [was] unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, [but] divide [it. ] {3:27} Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she [is] the mother thereof. {3:28} And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God [was] in him, to do judgment.

{4:1} So king Solomon was king over all Israel. {4:2} And these [were] the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok the priest, {4:3} Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder. {4:4} And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada [was] over the host: and Zadok and Abiathar [were] the priests: {4:5} And Azariah the son of Nathan [was] over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan [was] principal officer, [and] the king's friend: {4:6} And Ahishar [was] over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda [was] over the tribute. {4:7} And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision. {4:8} And these [are] their names: The son of Hur, in mount Ephraim: {4:9} The

son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and Elon-beth-hanan: {4:10} The son of Hese, in Aruboth; to him [pertained] Sochoh, and all the land of Ephraim: {4:11} The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife: {4:12} Baana the son of Ahilud; [to him pertained] Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean, which is by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, [even] unto [the place that is] beyond Joknean: {4:13} The son of Geber, in Ramoth-gilead; to him [pertained] the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which [are] in Gilead; to him [also pertained] the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls and brasen bars: {4:14} Ahinadab the son of Iddo [had] Mahanaim: {4:15} Ahimaaz [was] in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife: {4:16} Baanah the son of Hushai [was] in Asher and in Aloah: {4:17} Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar: {4:18} Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin: {4:19} Geber the son of Uri [was] in the country of Gilead, [in] the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and [he was] the only officer which [was] in the land.

{4:20} Judah and Israel [were] many, as the sand which [is] by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry. {4:21} And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

{4:22} And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal, {4:23} Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallowdeer, and fatted fowl. {4:24} For he had dominion over all [the region] on this side the river, from Tiphshah even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the river: and he had peace on all sides round about him. {4:25} And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.

{4:26} And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. {4:27} And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing. {4:28} Barley also and straw for the horses and dromedaries brought they unto the place where [the officers] were, every man according to his charge.

{4:29} And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that [is] on the sea shore. {4:30} And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. {4:31} For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about. {4:32} And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five. {4:33} And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that [is] in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes. {4:34} And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

{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. {5:2} And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, {5:3} 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. {5:4} But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, [so that there is] neither adversary nor evil occurrent. {5:5} 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. {5:6} 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.

{5:7} 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. {5:8} 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. {5:9} 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. {5:10} So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees [according to] all his desire. {5:11} 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. {5:12} 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.

{5:13} And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men. {5:14} 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. {5:15} And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains; {5:16} 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. {5:17} And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, [and] hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house. {5:18} And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew [them,] and the stonesquarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

{6:1} 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. {6:2} 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. {6:3} 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. {6:4} And for the house he made windows of narrow lights.

{6:5} 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: {6:6} 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. {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. {6:8} 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. {6:9} So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar. {6:10} And [then] he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house [with] timber of cedar.

{6:11} And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying, {6:12} [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: {6:13} And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel. {6:14} So Solomon built the house, and finished it. {6:15} And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the cieling: [and] he covered [them] on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir. {6:16} 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. ] {6:17} And the house, that [is,] the temple before it, was forty cubits [long. ] {6:18} And the cedar of the house within [was] carved with knops and open flowers: all [was] cedar; there was no stone seen. {6:19} And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD. {6:20} 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. {6:21} 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. {6:22} 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.

{6:23} And within the oracle he made two cherubims [of] olive tree, [each] ten cubits high. {6:24} 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. {6:25} And the other cherub [was] ten cubits: both the cherubims [were] of one measure and one size. {6:26} The height of the one cherub [was] ten cubits, and so [was it] of the other cherub. {6:27} 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. {6:28} And he overlaid the cherubims with gold. {6:29} 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. {6:30} And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without.

{6:31} 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. ] {6:32} 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. {6:33} So also made he for the door of the temple posts of olive tree, a fourth part [of the wall. ] {6:34} 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. {6:35} And he carved [thereon] cherubims and palm trees and open flowers: and covered [them] with gold fitted upon the carved work.

{6:36} And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams.

{6:37} In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid, in the month Zif: {6:38} 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.

{7:1} But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

{7:2} 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. {7:3} And [it was] covered with cedar above upon the beams, that [lay] on forty five pillars, fifteen [in] a row. {7:4} And [there were] windows [in] three rows, and light [was] against light [in] three ranks. {7:5} And all the doors and posts [were] square, with the windows: and light [was] against light [in] three ranks.

{7:6} 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.

{7:7} 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.

{7:8} 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. {7:9} 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. {7:10} And the foundation [was of] costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits. {7:11} And above [were] costly stones, after the measures of hewed stones, and cedars. {7:12} 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.

{7:13} And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre. {7:14} 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. {7:15} For he cast two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a