

{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

line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about. {7:16} 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: {7:17} [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. {7:18} 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. {7:19} And the chapters that [were] upon the top of the pillars [were] of lily work in the porch, four cubits. {7:20} 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. {7:21} 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 he called the name thereof Boaz. {7:22} And upon the top of the pillars [was] lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished.

{7:23} 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. {7:24} 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. {7:25} 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. {7:26} 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.

{7:27} 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. {7:28} And the work of the bases [was] on this [manner:] they had borders, and the borders [were] between the ledges: {7:29} 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. {7:30} 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. {7:31} 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. {7:32} 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 a half a cubit. {7:33} 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. {7:34} And [there were] four undersetters to the four corners of one base: [and] the undersetters [were] of the very base itself. {7:35} 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. {7:36} 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. {7:37} After this [manner] he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, [and] one size.

{7:38} 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. {7:39} 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.

{7:40} 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: {7:41} 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; {7:42} 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; {7:43} And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases; {7:44} And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea; {7:45} 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. {7:46} In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarthan. {7:47} And Solomon left all the vessels [unweighed,] because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass found out. {7:48} 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,] {7:49} 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, {7:50} 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. {7:51} 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.

{8:1} Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which [is] Zion. {8:2} And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which [is] the seventh month. {8:3} And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. {8:4} And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that [were] in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up. {8:5} And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that [were] assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude. {8:6} And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy [place, even] under the wings of the cherubims. {8:7} For the cherubims spread forth [their] two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above. {8:8} And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy [place] before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day. {8:9} [There was] nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made [a covenant] with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. {8:10} And it came to

pass, when the priests were come out of the holy [place,] that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, {8:11} So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

{8:12} Then spake Solomon, The LORD said that he would dwell in thick darkness. {8:13} I have surely built thee an house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide in for ever. {8:14} And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood;) {8:15} And he said, Blessed [be] the LORD God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled [it,] saying, {8:16} Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that my name might be therein; but I chose David to be over my people Israel. {8:17} And it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. {8:18} And the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart. {8:19} Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name. {8:20} And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. {8:21} And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein [is] the covenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

{8:22} And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven: {8:23} And he said, LORD God of Israel, [there is] no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart: {8:24} Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled [it] with thine hand, as [it is] this day. {8:25} Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me. {8:26} And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father. {8:27} But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded? {8:28} Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day: {8:29} That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, [even] toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place. {8:30} And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.

{8:31} If any man trespass against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house: {8:32} Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

{8:33} When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house: {8:34} Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.

{8:35} When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them: {8:36} Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

{8:37} If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, [or] if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness [there be;] {8:38} What prayer and supplication soever be [made] by any man, [or] by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house: {8:39} Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, [even] thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;) {8:40} That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers. {8:41} Moreover concerning a stranger, that [is] not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake; {8:42} (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house; {8:43} Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as [do] thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name.

{8:44} If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the LORD toward the city which thou hast chosen, and [toward] the house that I have built for thy name: {8:45} Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause. {8:46} If they sin against thee, (for [there is] no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near; {8:47} [Yet] if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness; {8:48} And [so] return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name: {8:49} Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause, {8:50} And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them: {8:51} For they [be] thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron: {8:52} That thine eyes may be open unto the

supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee. {8:53} For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, [to be] thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD. {8:54} And it was [so,] that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. {8:55} And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying, {8:56} Blessed [be] the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant. {8:57} The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us: {8:58} That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers. {8:59} And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require: {8:60} That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD [is] God, [and that there is] none else. {8:61} Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

{8:62} And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD. {8:63} And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD. {8:64} The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that [was] before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brasen altar that [was] before the LORD [was] too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings. {8:65} And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, [even] fourteen days. {8:66} On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.

{9:1} And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, {9:2} That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon. {9:3} And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. {9:4} And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, [and] wilt keep my statutes and my judgments: {9:5} Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel. {9:6} [But] if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments [and] my

statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them: {9:7} Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people: {9:8} And at this house, [which] is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house? {9:9} And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

{9:10} And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house, {9:11} ([Now] Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. {9:12} And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not. {9:13} And he said, What cities [are] these which thou hast given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul unto this day. {9:14} And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.

{9:15} And this [is] the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer. {9:16} [For] Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it [for] a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife. {9:17} And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the nether, {9:18} and Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land, {9:19} And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. {9:20} [And] all the people [that were] left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which [were] not of the children of Israel, {9:21} Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto this day. {9:22} But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bondmen: but they [were] men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen. {9:23} These [were] the chief of the officers that [were] over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.

{9:24} But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which [Solomon] had built for her: then did he build Millo.

{9:25} And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that [was] before the LORD. So he finished the house.

{9:26} And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom. {9:27} And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon. {9:28} And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought [it] to king Solomon.

{10:1} And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions. {10:2} And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. {10:3} And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not [any] thing hid from the king, which he told her not. {10:4} And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, {10:5} And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her. {10:6} And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. {10:7} Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen [it:] and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard. {10:8} Happy [are] thy men, happy [are] these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, [and] that hear thy wisdom. {10:9} Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice. {10:10} And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon. {10:11} And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones. {10:12} And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen unto this day. {10:13} And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside [that] which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

{10:14} Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold. {10:15} Beside [that he had] of the merchantmen, and of the traffick of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country.

{10:16} And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred [shekels] of gold went to one target. {10:17} And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

{10:18} Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold. {10:19} The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne [was] round behind: and [there were] stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays. {10:20} And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom.

{10:21} And all king Solomon's drinking vessels [were of] gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon [were of] pure gold; none [were of] silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon. {10:22} For the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. {10:23} So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.

{10:24} And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. {10:25} And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

{10:26} And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem. {10:27} And the king made silver [to be] in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he [to be] as the sycomore trees that [are] in the vale, for abundance.

{10:28} And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price. {10:29} And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred [shekels] of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring [them] out by their means.

{11:1} But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, [and] Hittites; {11:2} Of

{11:14} And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he [was] of the king's seed in Edom. {11:15} For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom; {11:16} (For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom:) {11:17} That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad [being] yet a little child. {11:18} And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land. {11:19} And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen. {11:20} And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh. {11:21} And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country. {11:22} Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.

{11:23} And God stirred him up [another] adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah: {11:24} And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them [of Zobah:] and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus. {11:25} And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad [did:] and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

{11:26} And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name [was] Zeruah, a widow woman, even he lifted up [his] hand against the king. {11:27} And this [was] the cause that he lifted up [his] hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, [and] repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.

{11:28} And the man Jeroboam [was] a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph. {11:29} And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two [were] alone in the field: {11:30} And Ahijah caught the new garment that [was] on him, and rent it [in] twelve pieces: {11:31} And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee: {11:32} (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:) {11:33} Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do [that which is] right in mine eyes, and [to keep] my statutes and my judgments, as [did] David his father. {11:34} Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes: {11:35} But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, [even] ten tribes. {11:36} And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there. {11:37} And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel. {11:38} And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do [that is] right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee. {11:39} And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever. {11:40} Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

{11:41} And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, [are] they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon? {11:42} And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel [was] forty years. {11:43} And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

{12:1} And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king. {12:2} And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard [of it,] (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;) {12:3} That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying, {12:4} Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee. {12:5} And he said unto them, Depart yet [for] three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

{12:6} And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people? {12:7} And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will

be thy servants for ever. {12:8} But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, [and] which stood before him: {12:9} And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter? {12:10} And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou [it] lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little [finger] shall be thicker than my father's loins. {12:11} And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

{12:12} So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day. {12:13} And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him; {12:14} And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father [also] chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. {12:15} Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

{12:16} So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither [have we] inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents. {12:17} But [as for] the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. {12:18} Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who [was] over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. {12:19} So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day. {12:20} And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

{12:21} And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. {12:22} But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying, {12:23} Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying, {12:24} Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

{12:25} Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Peniel. {12:26} And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David: {12:27} If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, [even] unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.