

1 KINGS CHAPTER 7

¹ And Solomon built a house for himself in thirteen years. ² And he built the house with the wood of Lebanon; its length *was* a hundred cubits, and its breadth *was* fifty cubits, and its height *was* of thirty cubits, and *it was made* with three rows of cedar pillars, and the pillars had sidepieces of cedar. ³ And he formed the house with chambers above on the sides of the pillars, and the number of the pillars *was* forty-five, ⁴ and *there were* three chambers, and space against space in three rows. ⁵ And all the doors and spaces formed like chambers *were* square, and from door to door *was a correspondence* in three rows.

⁶ And *he made* the porch of the pillars, *they were* fifty cubits long and fifty broad, the porch joining them in front; and the *other* pillars and the thick beam *were* in front of the house by the porches. ⁷ And *there was* the Porch of Seats where he would judge, the Porch of Judgment. ⁸ And their house where he would dwell *had* one court communicating with these according to this work; and *he built* the house for the daughter of Pharaoh whom Solomon had taken, according to this porch.

⁹ All these *were* of costly stones, sculptured at intervals within even from the foundation even to the top, and outward to the great court, ¹⁰ founded with large costly stones, stones of ten cubits and eight cubits *long*. ¹¹ And above with costly stones, according to the measure of hewn stones, and with cedars. ¹² *There were* three rows of hewn *stones* round about the great hall, and a row of sculptured cedar: and Solomon finished all his house.

¹³ And King Solomon sent, and took Hiram out of Tyre, ¹⁴ the son of a widow woman; and he *was* of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father *was* a Tyrian; a worker in brass, and accomplished in art and skill and knowledge to work every work in brass. And he was brought in to King Solomon, and he wrought all the works.

¹⁵ And he cast the two pillars for the porch of the house: eighteen cubits *was* the height of *each* pillar, and a circumference of fourteen cubits encompassed it, even the thickness of the pillar: the flutings *were* four fingers *wide*, and thus *was* the other pillar *formed*. ¹⁶ And he made two molded chapters to put on the heads of the pillars: five cubits *was* the height of one chapter, and five cubits *was* the height of the other chapter. ¹⁷ And he made two ornaments of network to cover the chapters of the pillars; a net for one chapter, and a net for the other chapter. ¹⁸ And hanging work, two rows of bronze pomegranates, formed with network, hanging work, row upon row: and thus he framed *the ornaments* for the second chapter. ¹⁹ And on the heads of the pillars he made lilywork against the porch, of four cubits, ²⁰ and a chamber over both the pillars, and above the sides an addition *equal to* the chamber in width. ²¹ And he set up the pillars of the porch of the temple; and he set up the one pillar, and called its name Jachin: and he set up the second pillar, and called its name Boaz.

²² (This verse omitted in LXX)

²³ And he made the sea, ten cubits from one rim to the other, the same was completely circular round about: its height *was* five cubits, and its circumference thirty-three cubits. ²⁴ And stays underneath its rim round about compassed it ten

cubits round. ²⁵ And *there were* twelve oxen under the sea: three looking to the north, and three looking to the west, and three looking to the south, and three looking to the east: and all their hind parts *were* inward, and the sea *was* above upon them. ²⁶ And its rim *was* as the work of the rim of a cup, a lilyflower, and the thickness of it *was* a span.

²⁷ And he made ten bronze bases: five cubits *was* the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth of it, and its height *was* six cubits. ²⁸ And this work of the bases *was* formed with a border the them, and *there was* a border between the ledges. ²⁹ And upon their borders between the projection *were* lions, and oxen, and cherubim; and on the projections, even so above, and also below *were* the places of lions and oxen, hanging work. ³⁰ And *there were* four bronze wheels to one base; and *there were* bronze bases, and their four sides *answering to them*, side pieces under the bases. ³¹ And *there were* axles in the wheels under the base. ³² And the height of one wheel *was* a cubit and a half. ³³ And the work of the wheels *was* as the work of chariot wheels: their axles, and their hubs, and *the rest of* their work, *were* all of cast bronze. ³⁴ The four side pieces were at the four corners of each base; its shoulders *were formed* of the base. ³⁵ And on the top of the base half a cubit *was* the size of it, *there was* a circle on the top of the base, and *there was* the top of its spaces and its borders: and it was open at the top of its spaces. ³⁶ And its borders *were* cherubim, and lions, and palm trees, upright, each *was* joined in front *and* within and round about. ³⁷ According to the same form he made all the ten bases, *even* one order and one measure to all.

³⁸ And he made ten bronze lavers, each laver containing forty baths, *and* measuring four cubits, each laver *placed* on a several base throughout the ten bases. ³⁹ And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house. And the sea was placed on the right side of the house eastward in the direction of the south.

⁴⁰ And Hiram made the caldrons, and the pans, and the bowls; and Hiram finished making all the works that he wrought for King Solomon in the house of the Lord; ⁴¹ two pillars and the wreathen works of the pillars on the heads of the two pillars; and the two networks to cover both the wreathen works of the flutings that were upon the pillars. ⁴² The four hundred pomegranates for both the networks, two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover both the wreathen works of the bases belonging to both pillars. ⁴³ And the ten bases, and the ten lavers upon the bases. ⁴⁴ And one sea, and the twelve oxen under the sea. ⁴⁵ And the caldrons, and pans, and bowls, and all the furniture, which Hiram made for King Solomon for the house of the Lord; and *there were* forty-eight pillars of the house of the king and of the house of the Lord; all the works of the king which Hiram made were entirely of brass. ⁴⁶ In the country round about the Jordan did he cast them, in the clay land between Succhoth and Zaretan. ⁴⁷ There was no reckoning of the brass of which he made all these works, from the very great abundance, there was no end of the weight of the brass. ⁴⁸ And King Solomon took the furniture which *Hiram* made for the house of the Lord, the golden altar, and the golden table of showbread. ⁴⁹ And *he put* the five lamptands on the left, and five on the right in front of the oracle, *being* of pure gold, and the lampstands, and the lamps, and the snuffers of gold. ⁵⁰ And *there* the porches *were made*, and the nails, and the bowls, and the spoons, and the

golden censers, of pure gold: and the panels of the doors of the innermost part of the house, even the Holy of Holies, and the golden doors of the temple. ⁵¹ So the work of the house of the Lord which Solomon wrought was finished; and Solomon brought in the holy things of David his father, and all the holy things of Solomon. He put the silver, and the gold, and the furniture into the treasures of the house of the Lord.