

## 2 Chronicles 8:1-18 **Solomon's construction, Labor force, Officers, offerings, House for daughter of Pharaoh, Appointments of Priests and Levites, Gold from Ophir**

### Solomon's Additional Achievements (1 Kings 9:10-28)

#### Cities built by Solomon

1 It came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the house of Beit Yahweh (the Lord) and his own house,  
2 that the cities which Hiram had given to Solomon, Solomon built them; and he settled the children of Israel there.  
3 And Solomon went to Hamath Zobah and seized it.  
4 He also built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the storage cities which he built in Hamath.  
5 He built Upper Beth Horon and Lower Beth Horon, fortified cities with walls, gates, and bars,  
6 also Baalath and all the storage cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities and the cities of the cavalry, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

#### Solomon's labor force & Officers

7 All the people who were left of the Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who were not of Israel — 8 that is, their descendants who were left in the land after them, whom the children of Israel did not destroy — from these Solomon raised forced labor, as it is to this day.  
9 But Solomon did not make the children of Israel servants for his work. Some were men of war, captains of his officers, captains of his chariots, and his cavalry.  
10 And others were chiefs of the officials of King Solomon: two hundred and fifty, who ruled over the people.

#### House for the Daughter of Pharaoh

11 Now Solomon brought the daughter of Pharaoh up from the City of David to the house he had built for her, for he said, "My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places to which the ark of Yahweh (the Lord) has come are holy."

#### Regular offerings – Appointments of Priests & Levites

12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to Yahweh (the Lord) on the altar of Yahweh (the Lord) which he had built before the vestibule,  
13 according to the daily rate, offering according to the commandment of Moses, for the Sabbaths, the New Moons, and the three appointed yearly feasts — the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles.  
14 And, according to the order of David his father, he appointed the divisions of the priests for their service, the Levites for their duties (to praise and serve before the priests) as the duty of each day required, and the gatekeepers by their divisions at each gate; for so David the man of Elohiym (God) had commanded.  
15 They did not depart from the command of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter or concerning the treasuries.

16 Now all the work of Solomon was well-ordered from the day of the foundation of Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord) until it was finished. So Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord) was completed.

### Gold from Ophir

17 Then Solomon went to Ezion Geber and Elath on the seacoast, in the land of Edom.

18 And Hiram sent him ships by the hand of his servants, and servants who knew the sea. They went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and acquired four hundred and fifty talents of gold from there, and brought it to King Solomon.

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### Facts Revealed:

✧ It took Solomon twenty years to build the Temple and his own house. [2 Chronicles 8:1]

### Cities built by Solomon [2 Chronicles 8:2-6]

✧ Solomon built the cities Hiram king of Tyre had given him and settled Israelites in them.

✧ Solomon went to Hamath on the northeast border of Israel and seized it.

✧ He also built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the storage cities which he built in Hamath.

He built Upper Beth Horon and Lower Beth Horon, fortified cities with walls, gates, and bars, also Baalath and all the storage cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities and the cities of the cavalry, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

### Solomon's labor force & Officers

✧ Solomon made forced laborers from the descendants of the nations God had specified to be destroyed when He brought Israel out of Egypt and gave their land to Israel as an inheritance, but Israel had not fully driven them out of the land. [Exodus 3:17, 23:23-24, Deuteronomy 7:1-5, Joshua 3:10, chapters 13, 15, 16, 17, 2 Chronicles 8:7-8]

✧ All of Solomon's officials and military leaders were Israelites. [2 Chronicles 8:9-10]

### House for the Daughter of Pharaoh

✧ Solomon built a house for his wife the daughter of Pharaoh so the places where the Ark of Yahweh had been would not be defiled. [2 Chronicles 8:11]

### Regular offerings – Appointments of Priests & Levites [2 Chronicles 8:12-15]

✧ Solomon offered Burnt Offerings on the Altar of Sacrifice he had built before the vestibule.

✧ There he offered the offerings commanded by Moses for the daily, Sabbaths, New Moons, three appointed feasts - Feast of Unleavened Bread, Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), and Feast of Tabernacles.

✧ Solomon appointed the order for the Priests and Levites according to the appointments David had established.

✧ The priests and Levites did not depart from the command of the king concerning any matter and concerning the treasuries.

✧ Now all the work of Solomon was well-ordered from the day of the foundation of Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord) until it was finished. So Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord) was completed. [2 Chronicles 8:16]

### Gold from Ophir [2 Chronicles 8:17-18]

✧ From Ezion Geber and Elath at the north end of the Red Sea land of Edom, the servants of Solomon and Hiram brought gold from Ophir to Solomon, 450 talents of gold.