

KING SOLOMON AND HIS CABINET

Study 5 Down to the Sea in Floats



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Adoniram

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King Solomon

Azariah
The Cohen
Prime Minister

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The Priests

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Chamberlain &
The Kings Friend

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Building
Labourers

King Solomon and His Building Team



**Hiram
King of Tyre**

Hiram's
servants
Master Hewers

**Adoniram
over the Tribute
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Building Labourers
250 officers
3,600 supervisors
30,000 Jews
150,000 Gentiles

**Hiram
Master
Craftsman**

Solomon's
Craftsmen,
selected by
David

It took Solomon thirteen years, however, to complete the construction of his palace.

He built the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon a hundred cubits long (150 feet), fifty wide (75 feet) and thirty high (45 feet), with four rows of cedar columns supporting trimmed cedar beams. It was roofed with cedar above the beams that rested on the columns—forty-five beams, fifteen to a row. Its windows were placed high in sets of three, facing each other. All the doorways had rectangular frames; they were in the front part in sets of three, facing each other.

He made a colonnade fifty cubits long and thirty wide. In front of it was a portico, and in front of that were pillars and an overhanging roof.

He built the throne hall, the Hall of Justice, where he was to judge, and he covered it with cedar from floor to ceiling. And the palace in which he was to live, set farther back, was similar in design. Solomon also made a palace like this hall for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had married. All these structures, from the outside to the great courtyard and from foundation to eaves, were made of blocks of high-grade stone cut to size and trimmed with a saw on their inner and outer faces.

The foundations were laid with large stones of good quality, some measuring ten cubits and some eight. Above were high-grade stones, cut to size, and cedar beams. The great courtyard was surrounded by a wall of three courses of dressed stone and one course of trimmed cedar beams, as was the inner courtyard of the temple of the Lord with its portico. - 1 Kings 7:1-12

These walls expanded the City of David to the north. Solomon's building projects around his palace complex would have required the opening of the northern wall, leaving a breach. As mentioned before, David may have built his own palace just on the outside of the old north wall of the Jebusite city that had enclosed their fortress or stronghold. The book of 1 Kings also records Solomon rebuilding this northern wall which would have included him extending the wall further to the north to include his new palace and thus closing up this breach in the wall made for the many years of construction in this area of the city on the Ophel. This is the wall recently excavated and seen in the photos.

Temple Wall
South Side

Mt. Olives

North Wall of
Solomon's City
on the Ophel





Solomon had built the supporting terraces (Millo) and had filled in the gap in the wall of the city of David his father. - 1 Kings 11:27

God is the architect and builder.

- **Heb 11:10** For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Christ and the apostles are wise master builders.

- **1Co 3:10** According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

We are built upon that foundation.

- **Eph 2v19** Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
- 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;
- 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:
- 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Living Stones

1Pet 2v3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

- 4 ¶ To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,
- 5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
- 6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.
- 7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,















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The Tribute

The word “tribute” here is the word “Mac”.
It has a particular meaning: literally means a gang of forced labourers

TWOT *“The institution of tribute or corvee involves involuntary unpaid labour or other service for imperial power – a feudal lord, king or foreign ruler. During Solomons reign, mas was extended to include Israelites as well as foreigners”*

