

[24(5:10)] So Chiram gave Sh'lomo atzei arazim (cedar logs) and atzei b'roshim (cypress wood) according to all his chefetz.

[25(5:11)] And Sh'lomo gave Chiram twenty thousand kor of chittim (wheat) for provision for his bais, and twenty kor of shemen katit (pressed olive oil): thus gave Sh'lomo to Chiram shanah b'shanah.

[26(5:12)] And Hashem gave Sh'lomo chochmah, just as He promised him; and there was shalom between Chiram and Sh'lomo; and they had a brit (treaty, a political alliance), the two of them.

[27(5:13)] And HaMelech Sh'lomo conscripted mas (forced labor) out of kol Yisroel; and the mas was thirty thousand ish.

[28(5:14)] And he sent them to the Levanon, ten thousand a month by chalifot (courses, shifts); a month they were in the Levanon, and two months they were b'bayit (at home); and Adoniram was in charge of the mas.

[29(5:15)] And Sh'lomo had threescore and ten thousand that were burden bearers, and fourscore thousand who were stone cutters in the har (mountains);

[30(5:16)] This was in addition to the chief of Sh'lomo's Nitzavim, who were over the project, three thousand three hundred, who supervised the people that wrought in the work.

[31(5:17)] And HaMelech commanded, and avanim gedolot (great stones) they quarried, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the Bayit with hewn stones.

[32(5:18)] And the Bonei Sh'lomo and Bonei Chiram did chisel them, and the men from Geval; so they prepared etzim (timber) and avanim

(stones) to build the Bayit [*the Beis Hamikdash*]. [See *Ps 118:22 and Isa 53*].

6 And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the Bnei Yisroel were come out of Eretz Mitzrayim, in the fourth year of Sh'lomo's reign over Yisroel, in the month Ziv, which is the second month, that he began to build the Beis Hashem.

[2] And the Beis [*Hamikdash*] which king Sh'lomo built for Hashem, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.

[3] And the Ulam (Portico) in front of the Heikhal of the Beis [*Hamikdash*], twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the Beis [*Hamikdash*]; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof projecting in front of the Beis [*Hamikdash*].

[4] And for the Beis [*Hamikdash*] he made embrasures.

[5] And against the wall of the Beis [*Hamikdash*] he built chambers round about, against the walls of the Beis [*Hamikdash*] round about, both of the Heikhal and of the Debir; and he made chambers round about;

[6] The lowest story 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 Beis [*Hamikdash*] he made narrow ledges round about, that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the Beis [*Hamikdash*].

[7] And the Beis [*Hamikdash*], when it was under construction, was built of stone made ready before it was brought there; so was neither hammer nor chisel nor any tool of iron heard in the

Beis [*Hamikdash*], while it was under construction.

[8] The door for the middle story was in the right side of the Beis [*Hamikdash*]; and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.

[9] So he built the Beis [*Hamikdash*], and finished it; and covered the Beis [*Hamikdash*] with beams and boards of cedar.

[10] And then he built chambers against all the Beis [*Hamikdash*], five cubits high; and they rested on the Beis [*Hamikdash*] with timber of cedar.

[11] And the Devar Hashem came to Sh'lomo, saying,

[12] Concerning this Beis [*Hamikdash*] which thou art building, if thou wilt walk in My statutes, and execute My judgments, and be shomer over all My mitzvot to walk in them; then will I perform My word (promise) with thee, which I spoke unto Dovid thy father;

[13] And I will dwell among the Bnei Yisroel, and will not forsake My people Yisroel.

[14] So Sh'lomo built the Beis [*Hamikdash*], and finished it.

[15] And he built the walls of the Beis [*Hamikdash*] within with boards of cedar, from the floor of the Beis [*Hamikdash*] to the rafters of the ceiling; and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the Beis [*Hamikdash*] with planks of cypress.

[16] And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the Beis [*Hamikdash*], from the floor to the rafters with boards of cedar; he even built them for it within, even for the Debir, even for the Kodesh HaKodashim.