



EMPIRE OF DAVID AND SOLOMON

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-  David's kingdoms of Judah and Israel
-  Boundary Between Judah and Israel
-  Territory conquered by David
-  Empire of David and Solomon

Empire David Solomon

Handout 2: 1 Kings Lesson 2

- II. The Successes of the Reign of Solomon (3:1-8:66)
 - A. Solomon petitions God for wisdom (3:1-28)
 - B. Solomon's administration of the kingdom (4:1-34)
 - C. The building of the Temple and the palace (5:1-8:66)

The Hebrew text of 5:6 reads 40 thousand but the number of 4,000 stalls of horses from the Greek text is more reasonable, and it agrees with 2 Chronicles. Solomon had 1,400 chariots (1 Kng 10:26 and 2 Chr 1:14). Chariot horses have to be specially trained as opposed to cavalry horses and there were usually two teams of horses per chariot.

1 Kings 5:6	2 Chronicles
12,000 chariot drivers with 2-3 men per chariot and some in reserve (5:6 and 10:26)	12,000 chariot drivers with 2-3 men per chariot and some in reserve (1:14; 9:25)
4,000 stalls for horses and chariots (5:6)	4,000 stalls for horses and chariots (9:25)
1,400 chariots (10:26)	1,400 chariots (1:14)

The Dimensions of the main Temple according to the common cubit of c. 17.5 inches (2 Chr 3:3): the dimensions of the Temple were c. 90 feet long, by 30 feet wide by 45 feet high. The Sanctuary was divided into three parts: a porch, a long main room (Hekal or Holy Place) and the inner sanctum (Debir or Holy of Holies). The dimensions of the porch was c. 30 feet by 15 feet and ran along the front length (entry) of the main Sanctuary with two bronze pillars at the entrance and paneled folding doors. The 20 cubits from the end of the Temple to the beams of the ceiling in the Holy of Holies is c. 30 feet (1 Kng 6:16). The 40 cubits that was the length of the Holy Place from the entrance doors to the entrance to the Holy of Holies is c. 60 feet. The Holy of Holies (Debir) was 30 feet long by 30 feet wide by 30 feet from the floor to the ceiling. It was a cube shaped room covered in gold. Two winged cherubim stood within the Holy of Holies, positioned over the Ark of the Covenant. Each winged statue was 15 feet high and the wing span of each was 15 feet. With the wings touching, the wings stretched 30 feet from wall to wall. The cedar wood wall panels and the juniper wood floors were covered with gold.



The plan of the Holy Place (Hekal) and Holy of Holies (Debir). The two bronze pillars that supported the porch were named Jachin and Boaz (1 Kng 7:21). Michal E. Hunt Copyright © 2014