



Melachim I Perek 9

- Shlomo received his second prophecy.
- The gist of the prophecy was: Hashem's "eyes and heart" will always be focused on the Beis Hamikdash, provided that Yisrael keeps the Torah and serves Hashem with a sincere desire.
- Chiram, king of Tsur, provided Shlomo with the cedar trees, cypress trees and gold needed for Shlomo's general construction.
- In return, Shlomo gave Chiram 20 cities in the Galil as a gift.
- Chiram did not like the cities because essentially they were quicksand and unfit for construction (Rashi.)
- The Navi lists several towns in which Shlomo built.
- Shlomo exacted a "human labor" tax from the Emori, Chiti, Prizi, Chivi and Yevusi nations who were taken as servants and not killed. (Note: these were the remnants of the nations that were left over from the time of Yehoshua.)
- Shlomo had Yisrael work in various jobs and positions needed for the army.
- Bas Paroh moved to a different palace that Shlomo had built.
- Three times a year Shlomo brought sacrifices to Hashem. Shlomo also lit the incense for Hashem.
- Shlomo built ships for maritime travel and protection, together with the king of Chiram's men, who served along side of his men.