

ANALYSIS:

1. Who made the first contact between Solomon and Hiram king of Tyre?

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2. What was Solomon's request that he sent to Hiram? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What payment did Solomon make to Hiram for the cedar and fir trees and the laborers? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Solomon called up a levy of 30,000 men which he divided into three groups. Who was sent to Lebanon each month? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How many laborers were bearing burdens \_\_\_\_\_, hewers in the mountains \_\_\_\_\_, and officers over the work \_\_\_\_\_?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

David had cultivated a friendship with Hiram king of Tyre. When David died, Solomon inherited that good relationship, which resulted in very amiable business transactions. Solomon was able to purchase the necessary cedar and fir timbers from Hiram for building the temple in Jerusalem, paying for them with wheat and oil which Hiram desired. What godly friendship are you cultivating?

Wise and righteous parents leave their children a most helpful heritage. The LORD will visit both blessings and judgments upon children based on the lives of their parents (Ex 20:5-6; Deut 7:9). Good and godly friendships are gifts to be cherished, protected and passed on.

HELP:

1. Hiram sent servants to Solomon when he heard that he was ruling in the place of his father (v 1).

2. Solomon requested Hiram's servants hew cedar and fir trees out of Lebanon for him (v 6).

3. 20,000 measures of wheat, 20 measures of pure oil year by year (v 11).

4. 10,000 went to work in Lebanon for a month, then they were home for two months (v 14).

5. 70,000 burden bearers, 80,000 hewers in the mountains, 3,300 officers (vs 15-16).