SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE

1 Kings 5:1 - 1 Kings 6:13

Use the clues to unscramble these words and use them to complete this factsheet:

mhaerm (a tool)  bertim (material used in building)
viDad (Solomon's father)  hmt (length of time)
ryquar (source of stone)  unonfodati (supporting a building)
erobnz (a type of metal)  anseorgid (planned)
edacr (type of tree)  ourlarsbe (people doing a variety of jobs)
oesM (a leader)  etplem (house of worship)
acpale (home for royalty)  aeltessrl (people of God)
pengsuisrvi (in charge)  veaenchimet (success)

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Solomon made a treaty with King Hiram to get the best _ _ _ _ _ _ logs from Lebanon. He _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ a labour force of 30,000 men to work on collecting the logs. They worked in shifts. 10,000 were sent every month, so that each man would work for one _ _ _ _ _ _ and then have two months at home.

There were also more _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to work on the stones in the quarries. 80,000 cut the stones and 70,000 carried the loads. There were 3,600 foremen _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the work. Solomon asked for large, expensive stones to lay the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the temple.
It took Solomon 7 years to build the temple and it took 13 years to build his temple! He started building the temple 4 years after he became king. This was 480 years after the temple left Egypt.

The temple was 90 feet long, 30 feet wide and 45 feet high.

There were rooms built against the outer walls of the temple, all the way round the sides and rear of the building. All the stones used were finished at the temple so that there was no sound of tools on the site. No axe or other iron tool.

There were three floors. Each storey was 7.5 feet high.

When the temple was finished, the priests brought the Ark of the Covenant into the temple. It had been in the wilderness and kept through the generations. There was a great celebration with much prayer and worship.

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Answers

Solomon decided to build a temple to worship God. His father, King David, had already started to gather things together. He had prepared gold and silver, bronze and iron, timber and stone for Solomon to use to build the temple.

Solomon made a treaty with Hiram to get the best cedar logs from Lebanon. He organised a labour force of 30,000 men to work on collecting the logs. They worked in shifts. 10,000 were sent every month, so that each man would work for one month and then have two months at home.

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