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I.

OF LAND

DIVINE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM FULFILLED IN DAVID'S REIGN

Gen. 15:18 - "In that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt, unto the great river, the river Euphrates."

* Wadi El-Arish

Today - Egypt claims Israel's expansionism rests on these borders - and every Israel office has a map with these borders.

II.

DAVID CONQUERED ALL THIS

KINGDOM REACHED ITS GREATEST EXTENT

1 Chr. 14:17 - "And the fame of David went out into all lands, and the Lord brought the fear of him upon all nations."

III.

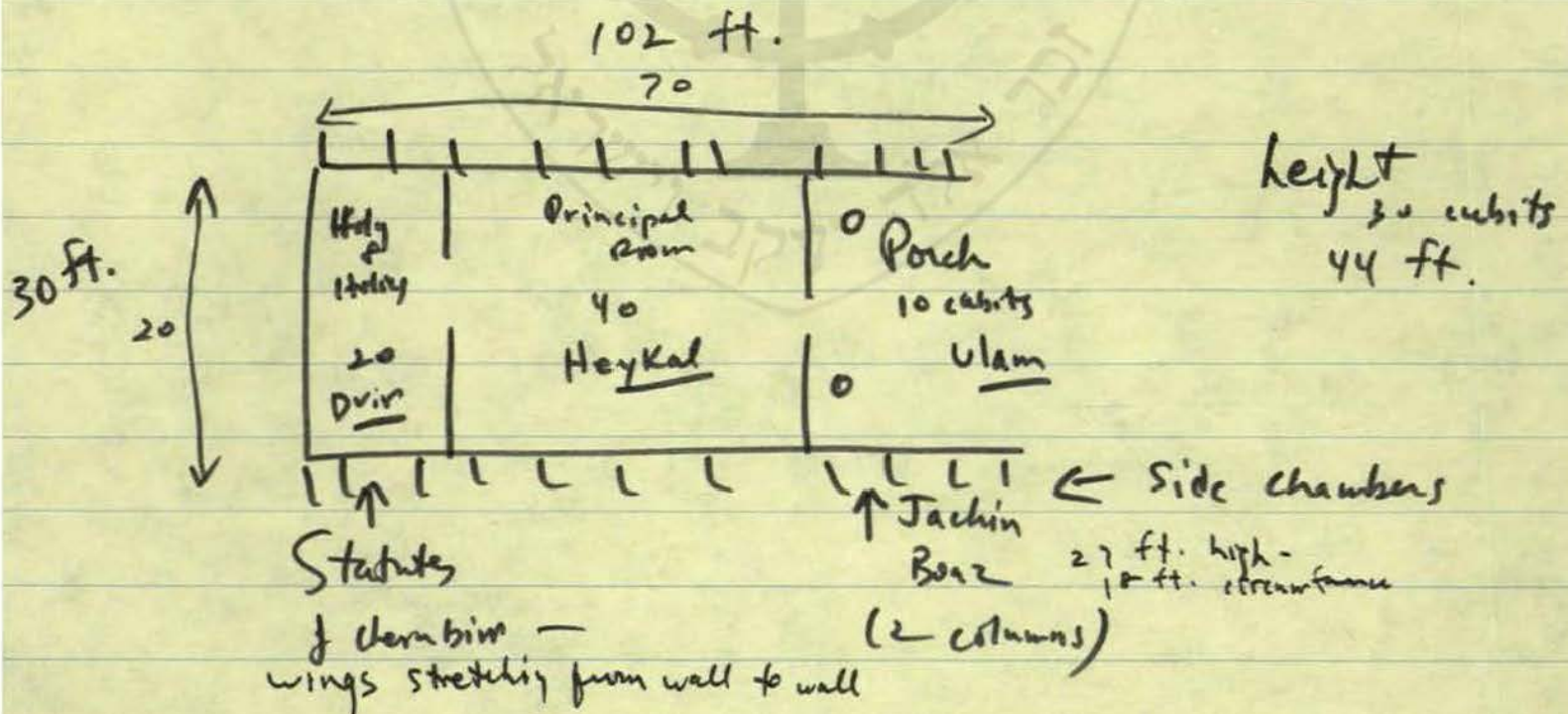
SOLOMON ADDED NO NEW CONQUESTS

He strengthened trade connections with Tyre; made dynastic marriages with Egypt & other states; and after the military projects of David, came a period of quiet and security, of economic and cultural fruits, and huge building projects, all during the reign of Solomon.

1. How Solomon became King instead of Adonijah
 2. How he slew his enemies - Joab; Abiathar; Shimei
 3. How Solomon asked God for wisdom; example 2 mothers - 1 son.
 4. How Solomon organized the Kingdom into 12 districts, each to provide maintenance of King's household for one month. (Judah excluded - favoritism to south.) Kor = 11 bu. or 6 bu.
Daily ration for King was 30 Kor (330 or 180 bu.)
fine flour; 60 Kor meal; 30 oxen; 100 sheep +
 5. How Solomon had peace & prosperity - chariots & horses; and worldwide fame. Also wisdom - 3000 proverbs and 1005 songs (like Song of Songs).
 6. How Solomon ordered wood for building the Temple - at cost of 20,000 Kor of wheat and 20,000 bat of oil
Solomon raised a levy of 30,000 men - who had to work in Lebanon one month out of three.
 7. The Temple had 3 parts & took 7 years to build - see next page.
 8. Built his own palace ^{next} - took 13 years. - and palace for Pharaoh's daughter - this palace was 100 cubits long (approx. 150 ft.) x 50 cubits wide (75 ft.) x 30 cubits high (45 ft.)
 9. Joachin & Baze
 10. molten sea - large basin 15 ft. in diameter - 7 ft. deep - resting on backs of 12 oxen (4 in each direction)
- (Mormon temple)

Bronze says: Temple: 60 cubits long x 20 wide
 90 ft. by 30 ft.

Royal residence considerably larger: assembly hall alone,
 built of huge cedar logs was 150 ft. x 75 ft.



cubit = $\frac{17.5}{12}$ inches

11. Solomon dedicated the Temple. brought vessels from lower city of David - Men made speech.

12. Solomon ceded to Hiram 20 cities in Galilee, either as gift - or additional payment for his work. Hiram didn't like them, but gave Solomon a gift of 120 talents of gold (1 talent = 130 lbs) or 15,600 lbs. of gold or 249,600 oz. (at \$35 per oz.) = \$8,750,000

1 talent =
\$12,500

13. An account of what Solomon built - Temple; palace; Millo; Hazor; Megiddo; Bezer; Ezion-Geber; navy; Ophir.

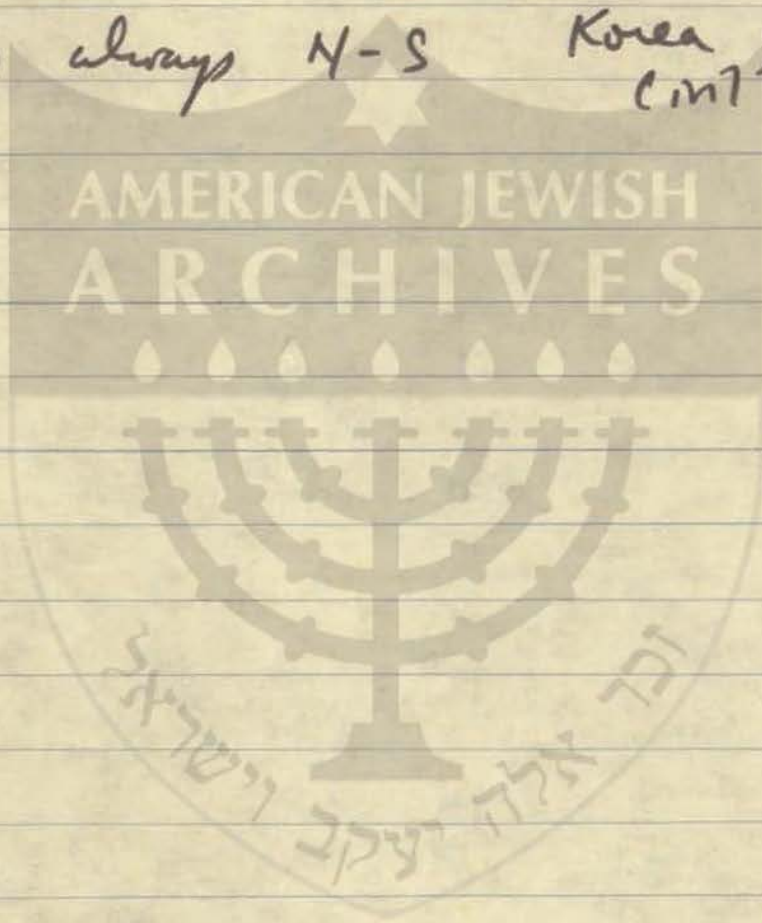
14. Queen of Sheba - power + magnificence of Solomon

15. Solomon's women; apostasy to foreign gods; God's anger + warning; rise of Hadad in south as an enemy; rise of Rezon in Damascus as another enemy

16. Rebellion of Jeroboam - leaving Solomon only Judah + taking 10 tribes of Israel into separate Kingdom.

17. Solomon ruled 40 years - died -
Rehoboam King. - even tougher -
Kingdom split - north + south.

Why always N-S Korea; Vietnam;
Cint; War US.



Personal Ambition was Keynote of Solomon's Life

He won a Reputation for Wisdom (songs + proverbs)

Made Self Famous for Magnificence

Built Temple

Carried Cosmopolitanism to Excess, which led to religious back-sliding

His Program Compelled Him to Impoverish his People
heavy taxation; levy

Good

1. wisdom literature
2. Temple

Bad

1. luxury at expense of poor
2. over-building
3. foreign wives + alliances
4. foreign cults