

- I. Read 1 Kings 9, 2 Chronicles 8
- II. Define unknown words
- III. Answer the following questions

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1. How many years did Solomon take to build the two houses?
2. How many cities did Solomon give Hiram after the building of the houses?
3. Hiram called the region of cities Solomon gave him "Cabul": what does that mean?
4. What is a "score" in the context of numbers?
5. Did Solomon reduce the levy after the building of the temple and his house?
6. What did Solomon do with the strangers in the land?
7. How often did Solomon offer offerings upon the altar?
8. What did Solomon do with the Navy he built?



Discussion Opportunities

The following topics are intended to present opportunities for relevant spiritual discussions among the families of the church. These are written as "leading questions", and are not intended to be "answered" as much as "discussed". Feel free to add other discussion topics, and be sure to mention them in Sunday School!

1.	God tells Solomon in 1 Kings 9:3 that His eyes and His heart would be upon the temple perpetually, in response to Solomon's prayer. In David's day God had acknowledged that He had never asked for a house, and in the New Testament it is the tabernacle, not the temple, that is cited as the type of the heavenly (Hebrews 8:5). Do you think God ever <i>wanted</i> a temple? Is it possible that God had not wanted
	it, yet suffered it for the sake of David and his son?
2.	Solomon turned all the strangers in the land into bondservants, and his own people into servants of higher positions and easier burdens. Discuss Solomon's decision here. He had the right, but was it right? Discuss the nature of slavery: Where does it come from. Why has it gone away in Western civilization? Why didn't it go away in the enlightened days of Greece, or of Rome? Why hasn't it gone away in the majority of the world today?