

## I KINGS 9; May 18; God's Covenant With Solomon

### ANALYSIS:

1. When did the LORD appear the second time to Solomon?

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2. How many cities of Galilee did Solomon give to Hiram, king of Tyre, for helping him in his building projects? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why did Solomon build the city of Gezer? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How many chief officers did Solomon have over his bond servants?

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5. How many talents of gold did Solomon's navy bring from Ophir?

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### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The LORD God of Israel appeared to men only rarely as he did to Solomon on two occasions. The first appearance focused upon the LORD's blessings of wisdom, riches, peace, and honour for Solomon. The second appearance included a sober warning about turning aside after other gods and serving them. We know well that Solomon needed this warning concerning the judgment that would follow if he turned to other gods. The LORD had clearly spoken regarding idolatry. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me." (Ex 20:3,5)

Do we have any idols in our hearts? Is there anything that we cherish and have exalted to a position over the God of heaven? Is there anything we love more than the LORD Himself? Then we can be assured of this fact - the jealous God of Israel will visit our idolatrous iniquities upon us and our children! Search your heart today, confess every tendency towards idolatry, and root those idols out of your life. (Ps 139:23-24; I Jn 1:9) Today make the LORD your only portion, delight, and joy!

### HELP:

1. When Solomon had finished building the house of the LORD and his own house (v 1). This was at least 13 years into his reign (7:1).

2. 20 cities (vv 11-13). Hiram was not well pleased with the cities.

3. Solomon built Gezer for his wife, the daughter of Pharaoh, after Pharaoh had captured the city from the Canaanites and given it to her as a present.

4. 550 chief officers (v 23).

5. 420 talents of gold (v 28).