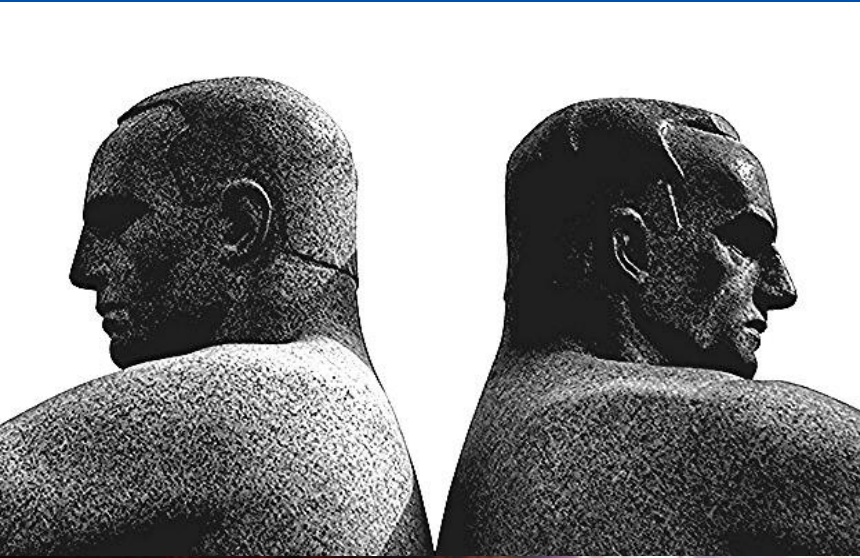


SOLOMON: CEO/KING OF ISRAEL

- Exorbitant amount of horses
- *Shlomo* as much businessman as king
- Early in his reign he seemed to be under Holy Spirit control
- God promised Solomon wisdom, but long life was **CONDITIONAL** upon obedience to God's Torah
- Proverbs 3:13 - 18



SOLOMON'S PROBLEM IS ALSO OUR PROBLEM



- Like David, Solomon loved God but he also listened to his evil inclination
- Romans 7:14 – 24
- As Believers we still wrestle with doing what is right
- BUT....we have Christ while Solomon did NOT!

WISDOM

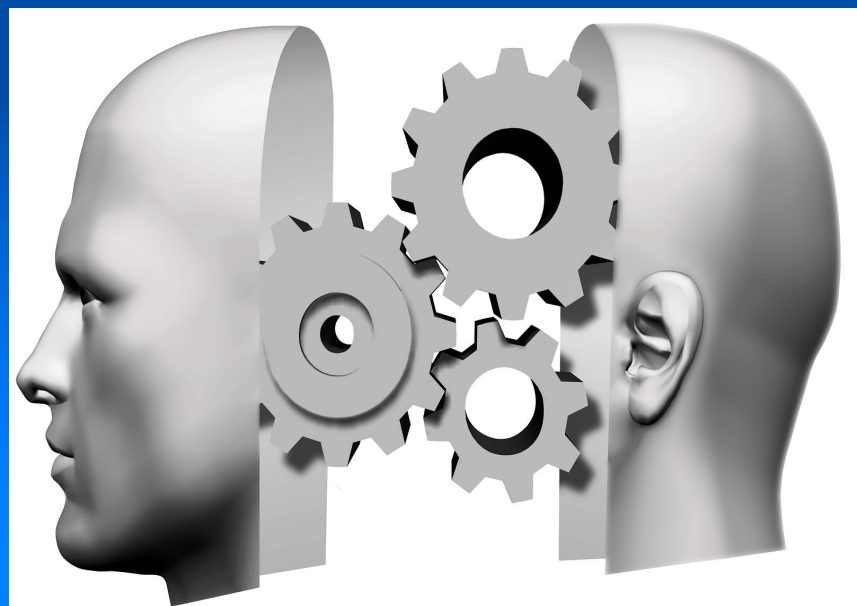
- **Chokmah** = wisdom
- Means good decision making, prudence, shrewdness, practical
- Two sources of wisdom:
 - 1) From the Lord
 - 2) Our carnal instincts
- **Chokmah** refers to BOTH kinds, and we must discern the context to know which is which

IF YOU GATHER GOD'S WISDOM, IT WILL LIFT YOU UP IN LIFE



KING SOLOMON THE GENERALIST

- ***Tabunah*** = understanding
- Like a teacher, knows how to use what is known from a variety of disciplines
- ***Rochab Leb*** = vast heart
- Means “expansive mind”
- Children of the east = Arabs, Ishmaelites
- Arabs known for shrewdness
- Egyptians known for intellectualism



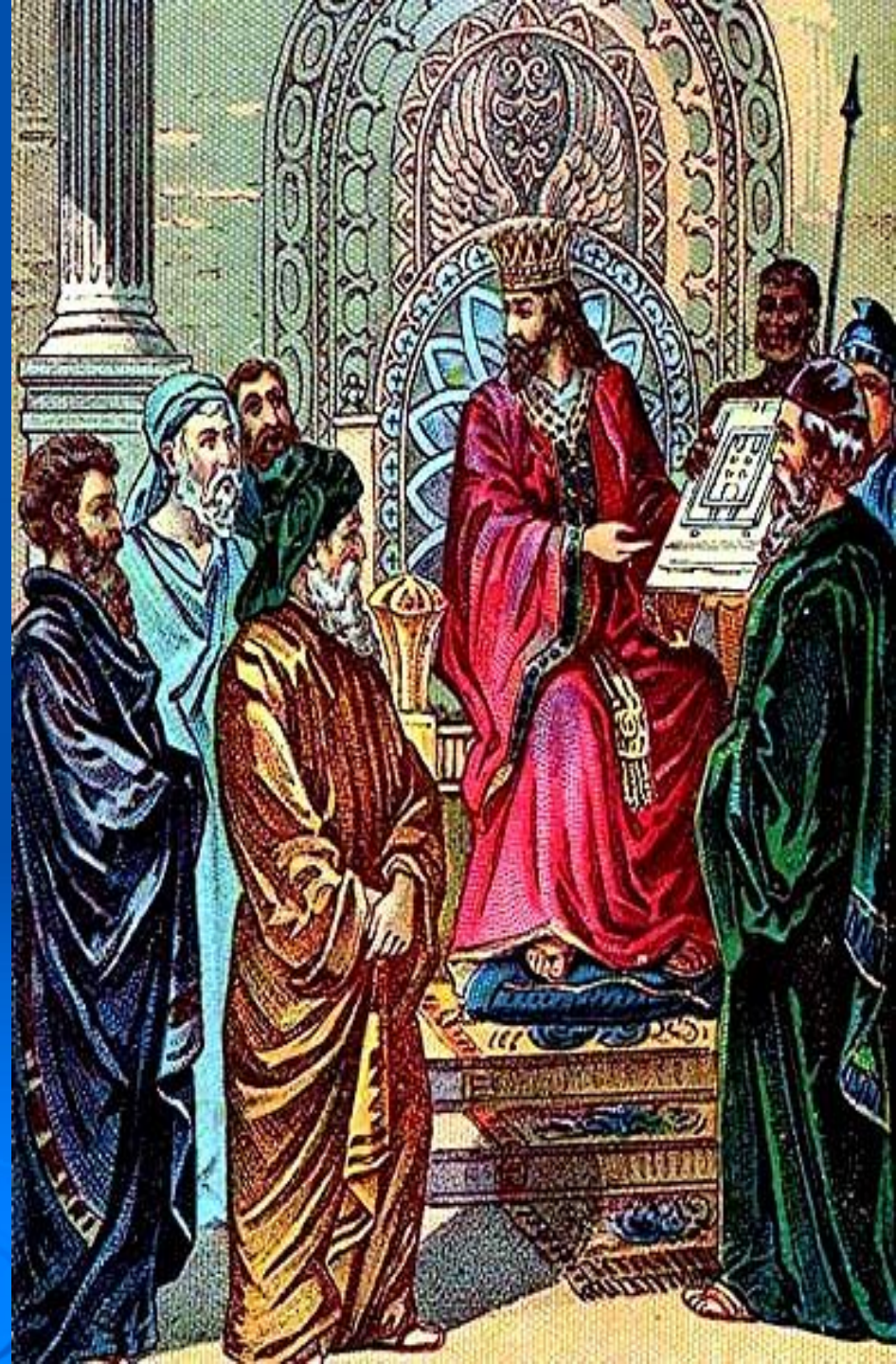
PROPER USE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS: OUR CHOICE OR GOD'S?

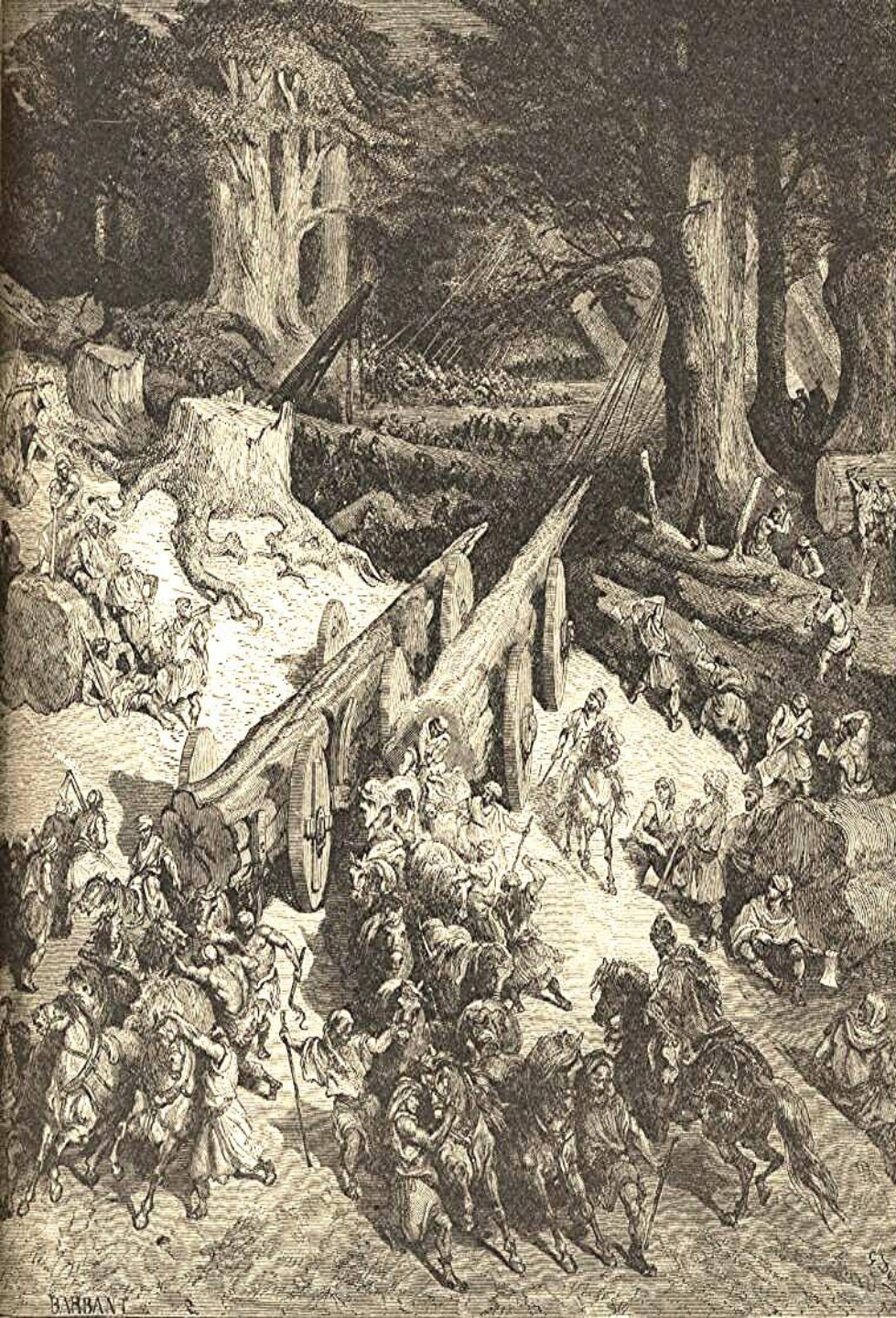


- Solomon didn't always use his God-given wisdom doing God's will
- Spiritual gifts don't amputate us from our free will, or disable our evil inclination
- We can choose to use our gifts for His purposes or for ours

KING HIRAM OF TZOR

- Gentiles to play large role in Temple construction
- *Tzor* = Sidon = Phoenicia
- Hiram “loving” David does NOT mean emotional affection, rather it means political loyalty
- David had shared his plans for a Temple with Hiram
- 1Chron.22:1 - 5

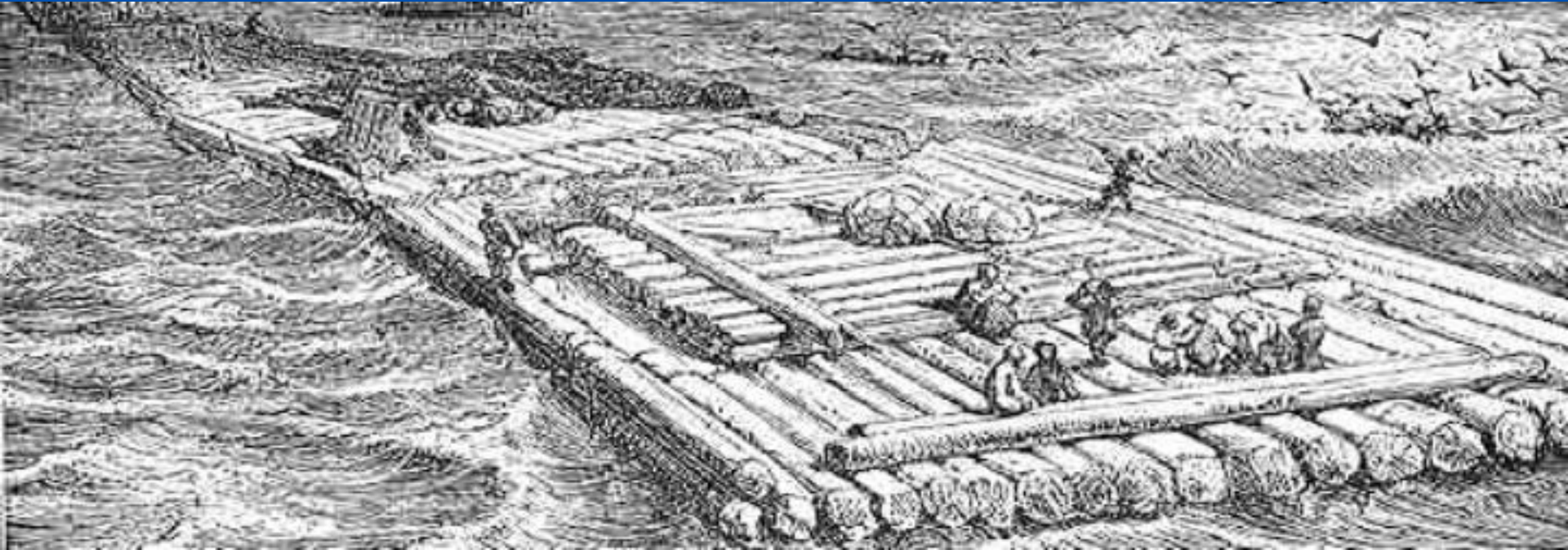




CEDARS OF LEBANON

- Lumber is not a gift, Solomon must pay for it
- “Blessed be YHWH”
- Hiram did not worship YHWH but he respected Him and he respected Israel
- Christians need to respect the Jewish people and Israel with the same attitude

CEDAR LOGS MADE INTO RAFTS



- Rafts sailed from Lebanon probably to Yafo (Jaffa)
- Upon arrival separated and taken by oxcart to Jerusalem
- 20,000 *kor* of wheat, and 20 *kor* of olive oil
- A *Kor* is an approximate amount that equals one donkey load

SOLOMON CONSCRIPTS WORKERS



- 30,000 Israelis sent to Lebanon in 10,000 man shifts of 1 month each
- 1st Sam.8:10 – 18
- 150,000 men conscripted to quarry stones
- 70,000 to transport loads
- 80,000 stonecutters
- 2Chron.2:16 – 17

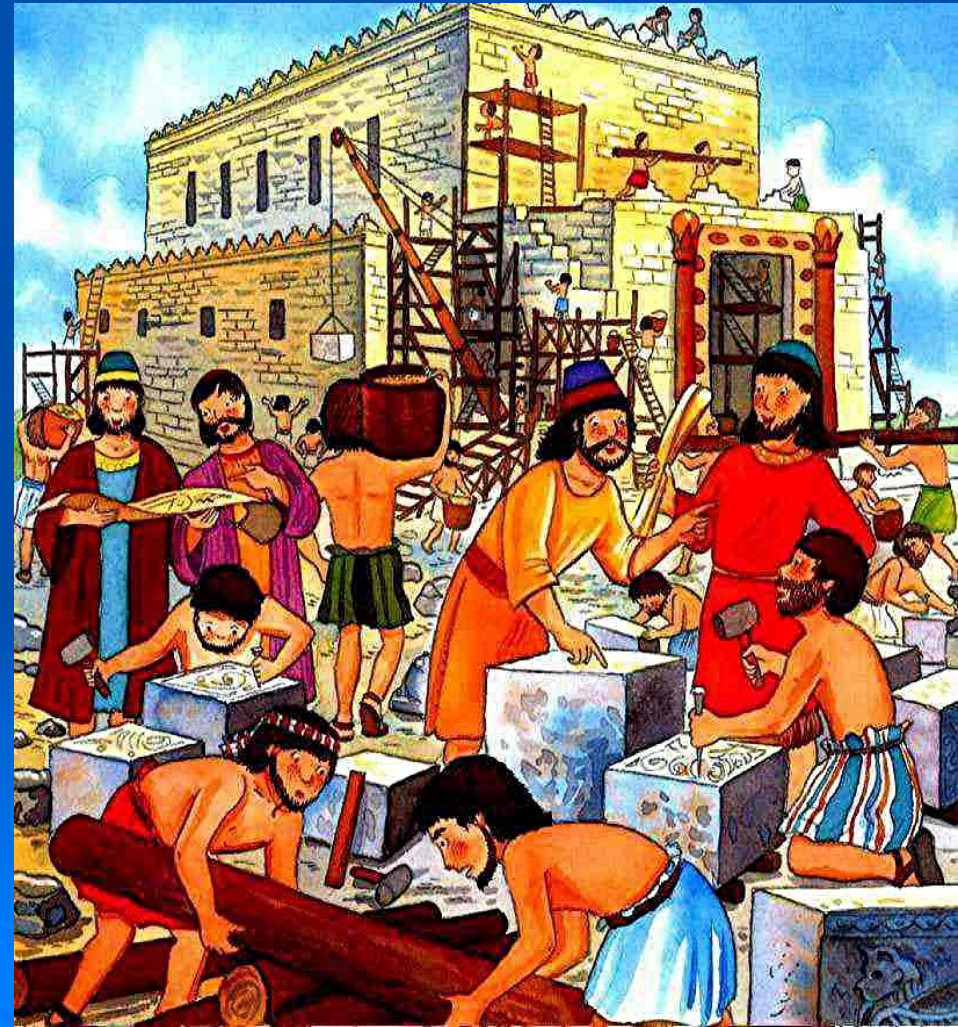
WHO WORKS THE QUARRIES?



- *Enosh ha'gerim* = mankind of the gentiles
- *'am* = kindred people, in this case Israelis
- These 150,000 are proselytes from other ethnic groups
- They did not assimilate into standard Hebrew culture, and stayed in their ethnic groups
- *G'val* also known as Byblos

1ST KINGS CHAPTER 6: TEMPLE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

- 4th year of Shlomo's reign Temple construction began
- But we don't know what this really means
- Bible Chronology and calendar debates can be emotional and fruitless
- Bible Chronology usually revolved around the length of a king's reign



5 SYSTEMS OF DEFINING A REIGN

- **Regnal year**: Royal year starts at New Year. Judah used Nissan, Israel used Tishri. Backdates to previous New Year.
- **Accession year**: Royal year starts in year of his actual coronation. Even 1 week before New Year is consider “a year”.
- **Postdating**: 1st full year after New Year. Even if coronation is 11 months before New Year, it doesn't count.
- **Nonaccession year**: New Year plays no role. Reign starts and ends on actual dates it occurs.
- **Co-regency**: When the royal heir is designated while the current king still reigns. Reigns overlap. This appears to be the case with David and Solomon.