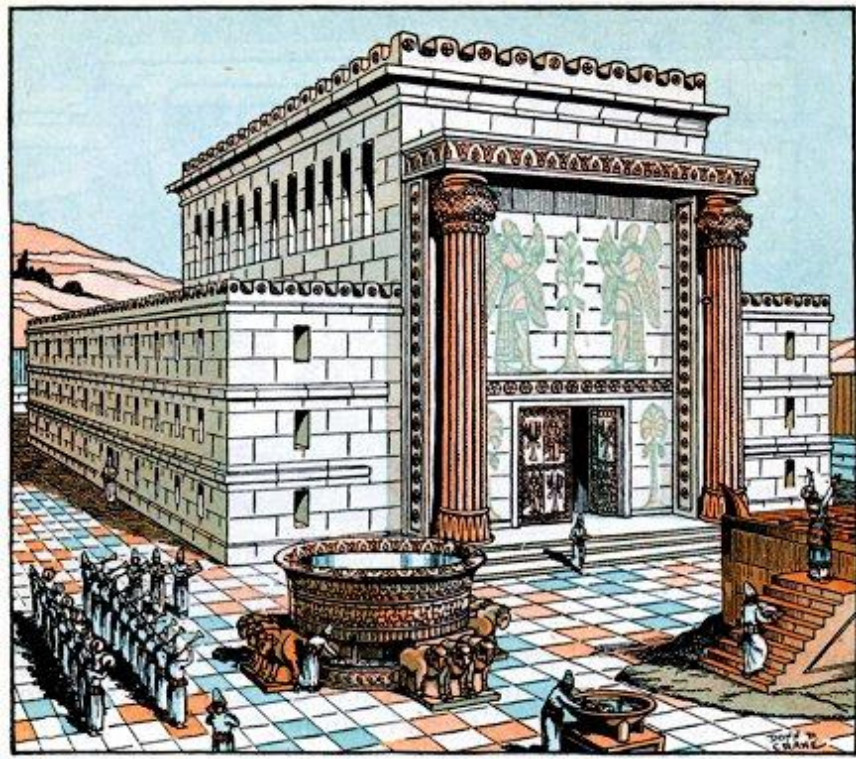


# GOD LIVES IN HEAVEN, NOT ON EARTH

- The history of Solomon's Temple is a chronicle of the Kings of Israel and Judah
- The CONTEXT of the Temple is more important than the Temple itself
- The Temple, like Shabbat, was made for man, not for God
- Yehoveh had been satisfied with a tent !!



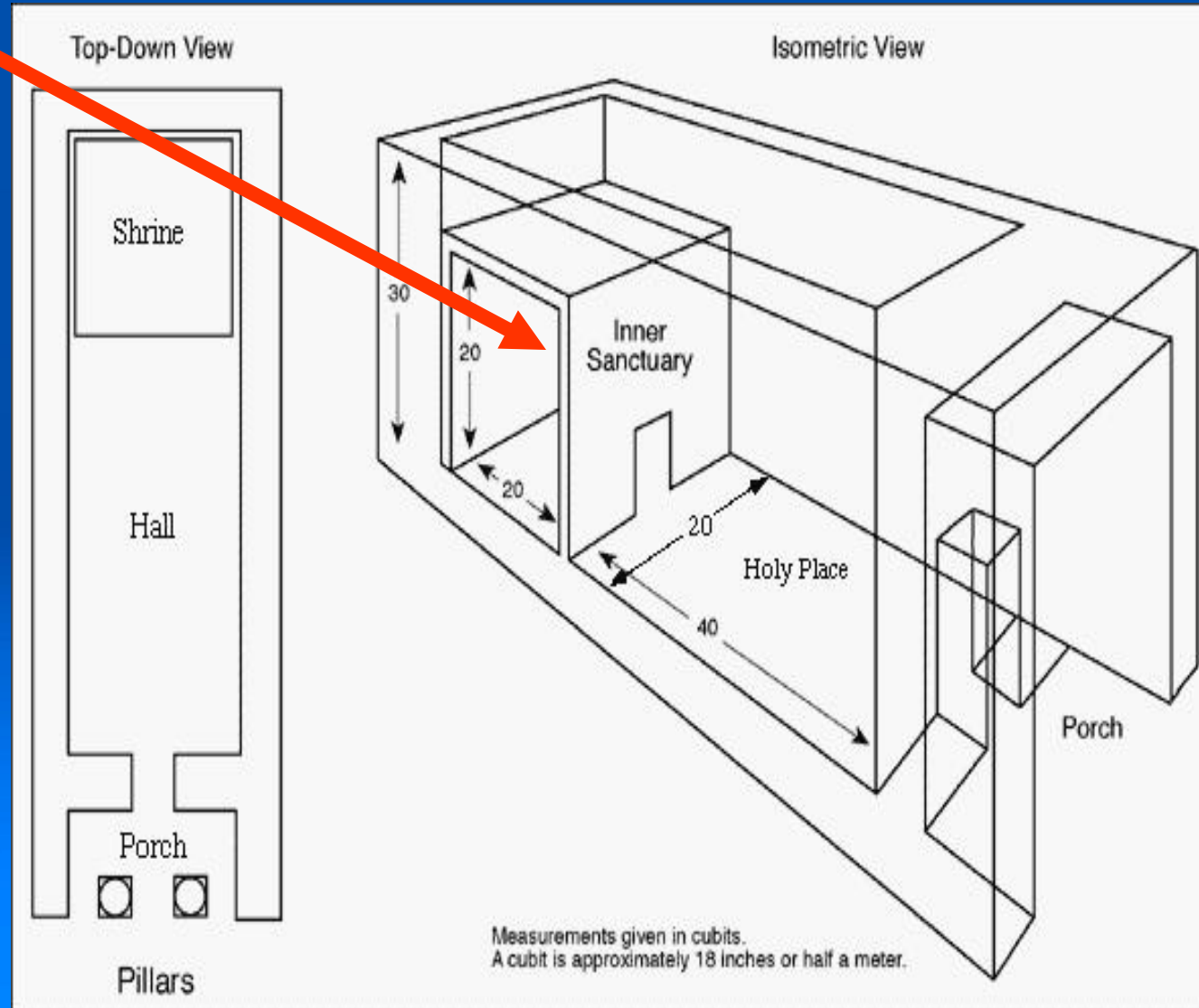
# MAN'S DESIRES VS. GOD'S

- 2Sam.7:1 – 7
- God's oracle to Shlomo is that ONLY trust and obedience will bring about God's promise to David (through Solomon)
- Mankind has always wanted to build awesome buildings to "honor God"
- YHWH is NOT honored by buildings, but MEN are!
- Only our trust, love and obedience to God matters for our righteousness



# HOLY OF HOLIES IS CALLED THE DEBIR IN THIS CHAPTER

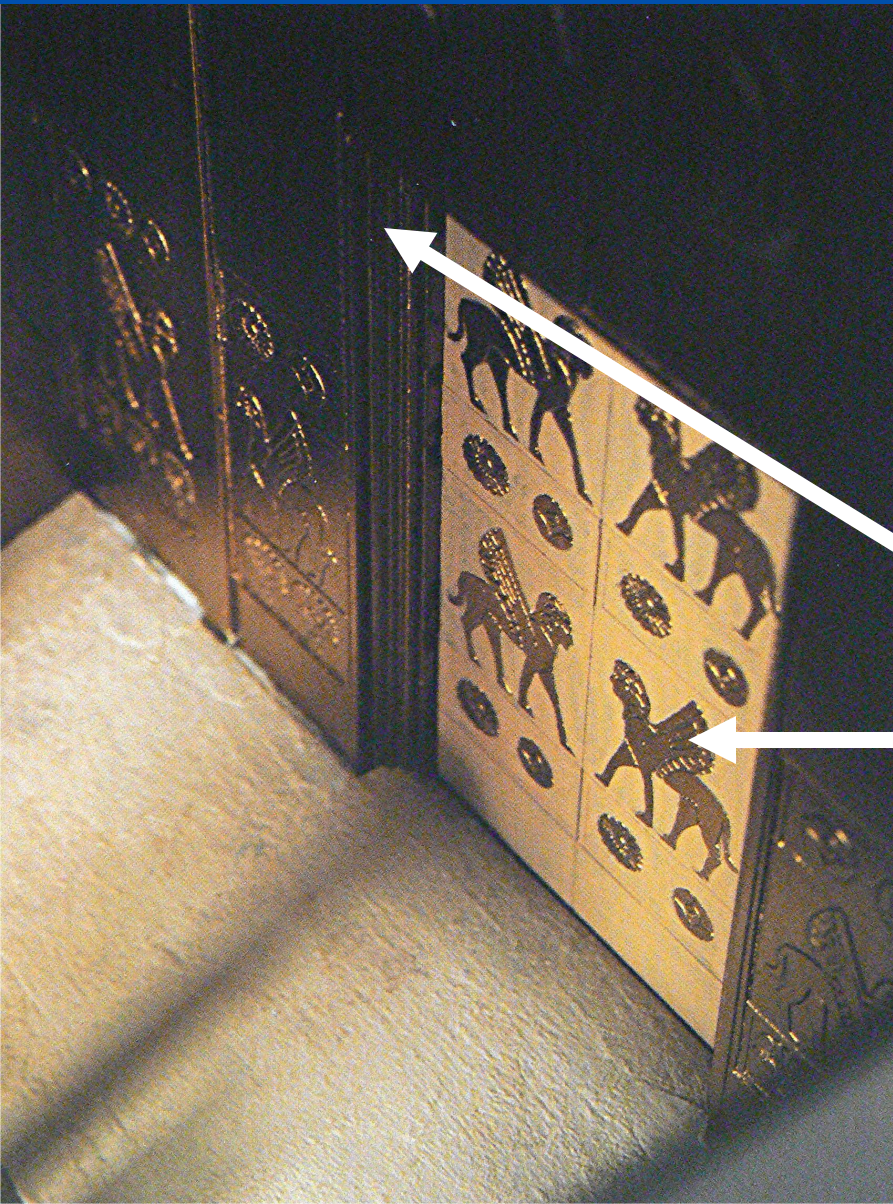
- The *Debir*
- “Oracle” is a good literal translation
- 20 x 20 x 20
- 35 feet HWL
- Much gold used





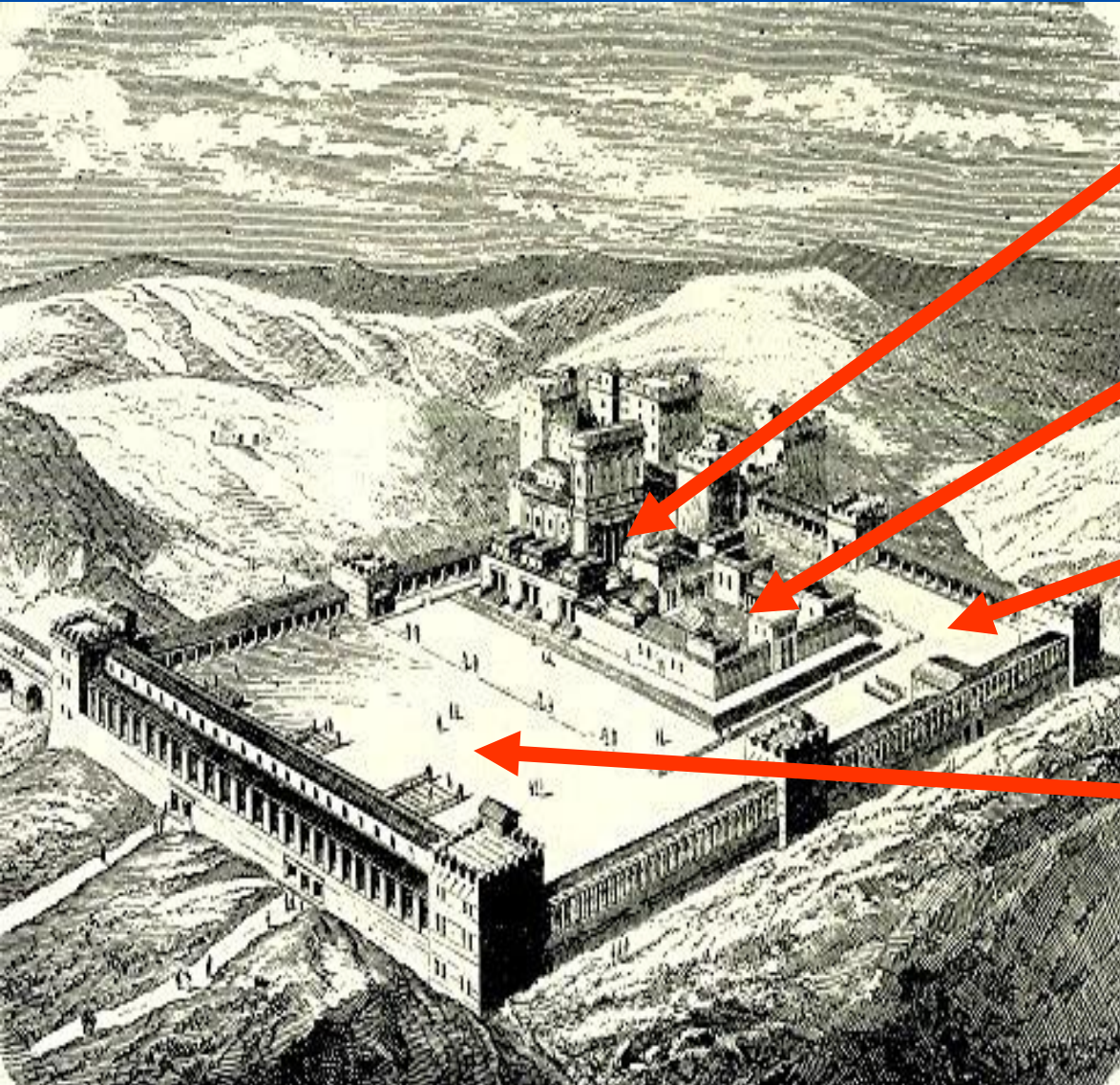
- ***K'ruvim*** = Cherubim
- First used in the Wilderness Tabernacle on the lid of the Ark of the Covenant
- Solomon's Cherubim dominate the room, and go wall to wall, overwhelming even the Ark
- Wingspan of 10 cubits each, and wingtips touch

# DOORS INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES



- NOT “into the sanctuary” but rather “into the *debir*” (the Holy of Holies)
- Goes from the Holy Place into the Holy of Holies
- Wooden doorframe
- Olive wood doors with Cherubim and palm trees
- Same designs carved all over the interior of the entire Temple

# THE TEMPLE WITH COURTYARDS

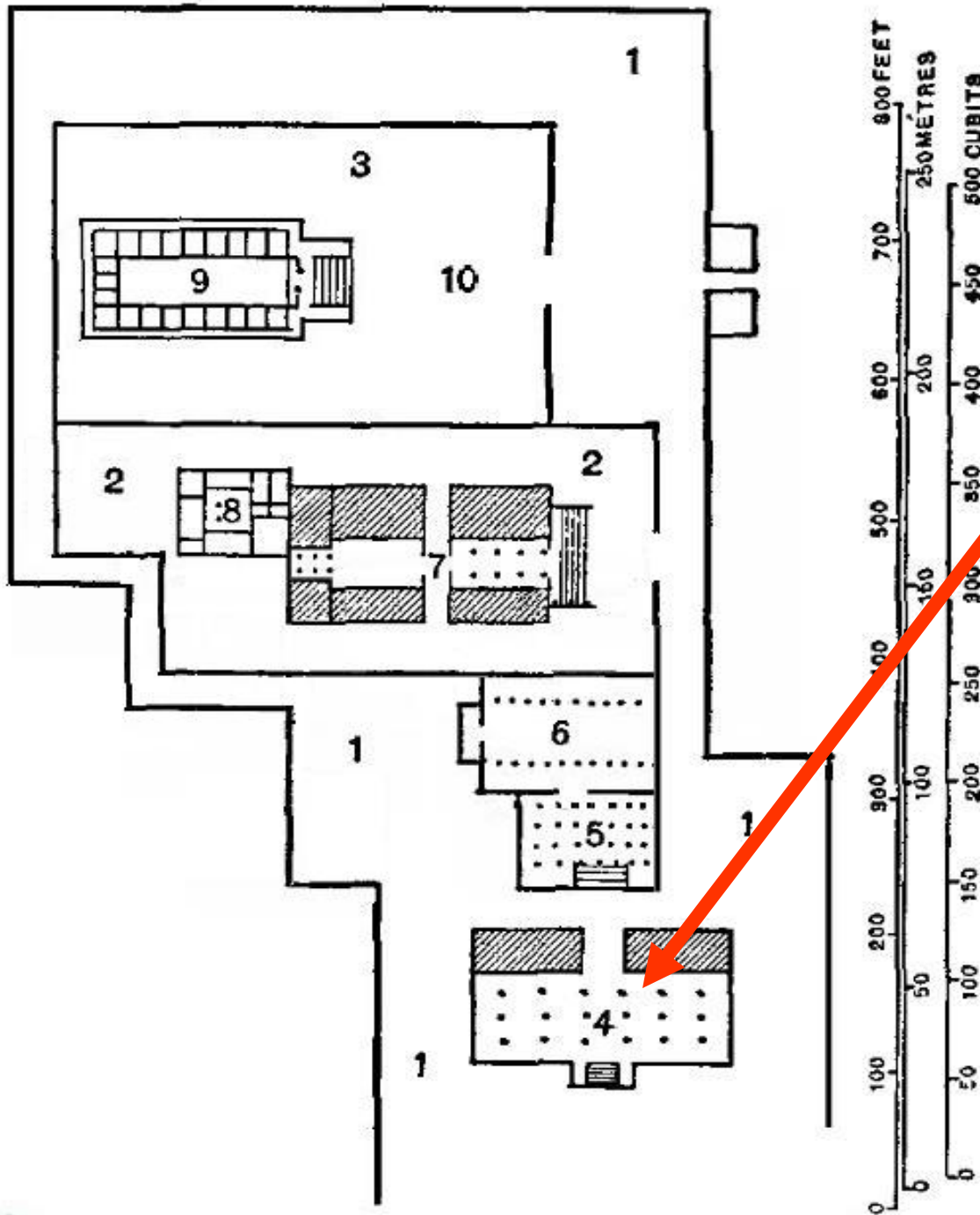


- Door into the *hekal* (Temple) is made of fir/cedar
- Inner Courtyard for priests
- Intermediate courtyard for Israel (common folk)
- Outer Courtyard of the Women



# PALACE COMPLEX

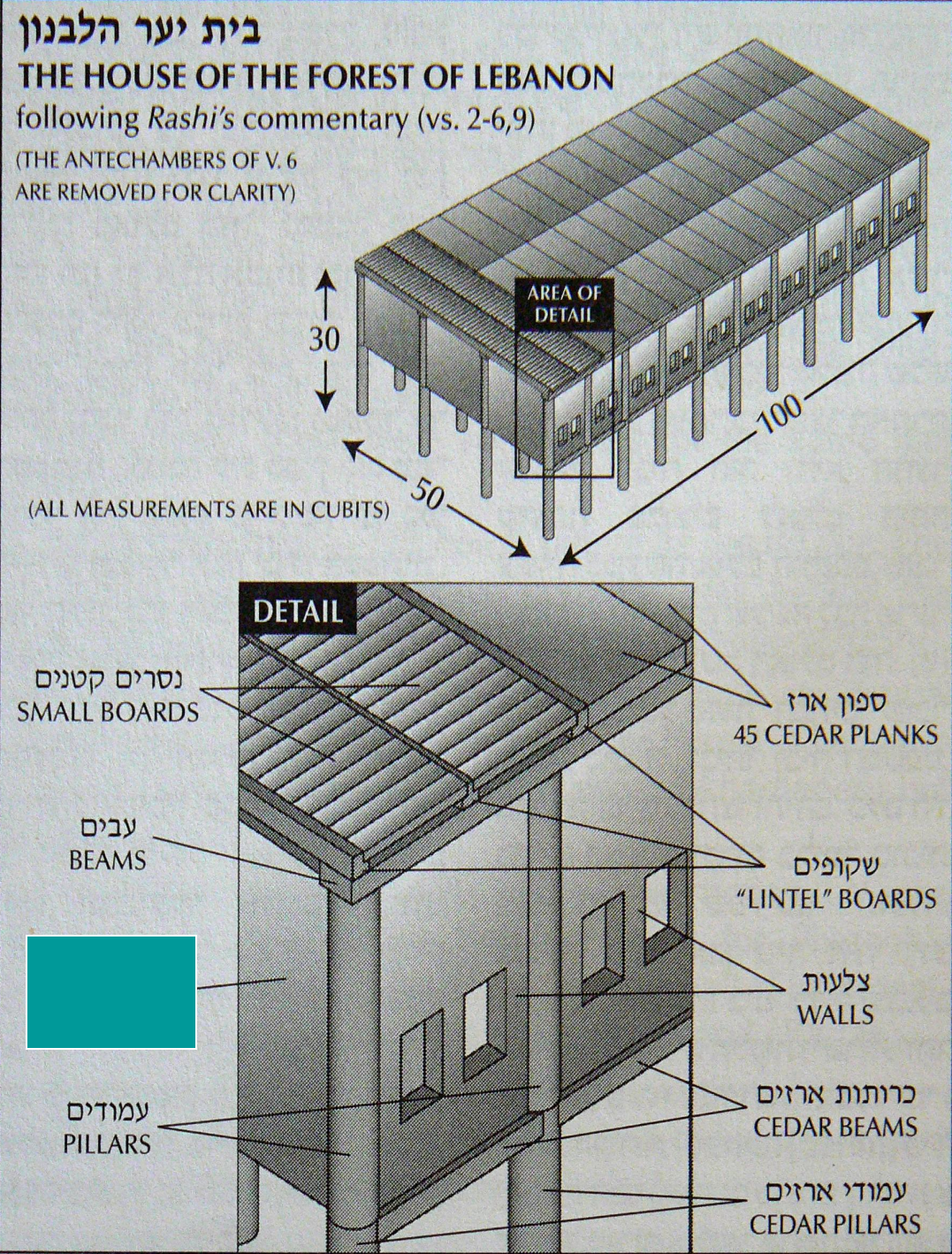
- Palace complex was 4 structures
- House of the Forest of Lebanon
- Isaiah 10:34



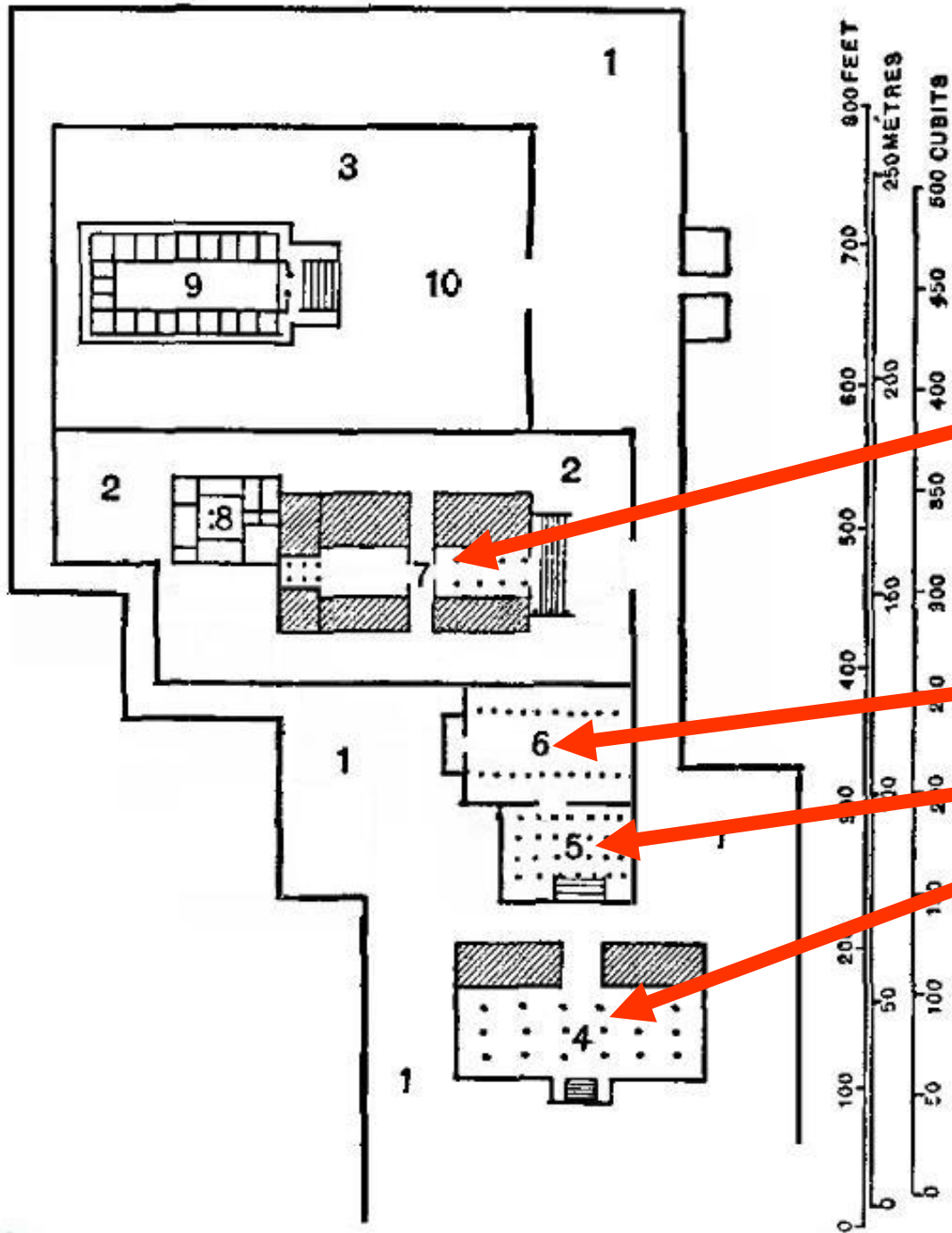


# HOUSE OF THE FOREST OF LEBANON

- A maze of cedar beams and posts
- 100 X 50 cubits
- 30 cubits high
- 15,400 sq.ft. as compared to the Temple's 3700 sq.ft.
- All wood !



# FOUR STRUCTURES



Royal Palace  
(including Pharaoh's  
daughter's quarters)

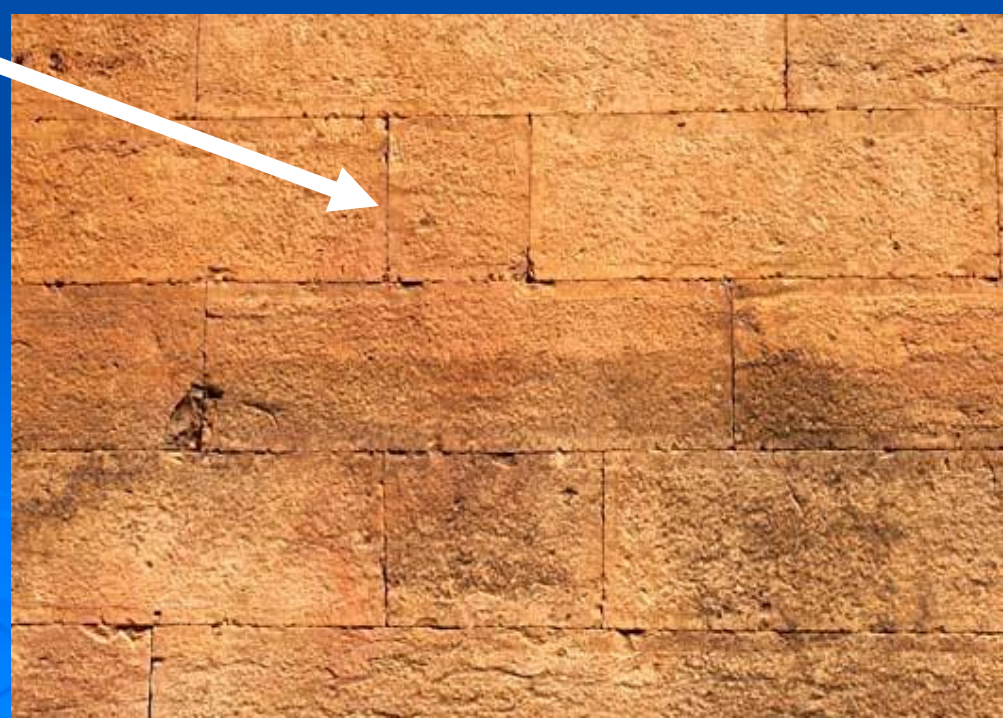
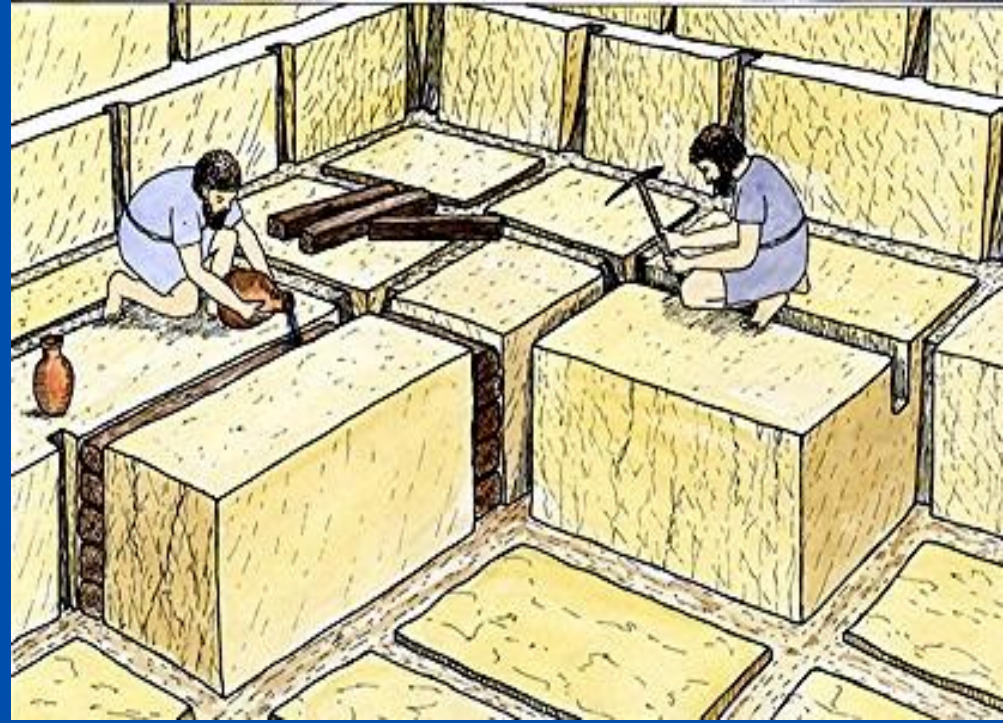
Hall of Judgment

Hall of Pillars

Forest of Lebanon

# BUILDING STONES

- Some stone blocks were 18 ft. long (20 + tons)
- All were precisely cut and finished
- Foundation stones usually modified boulders because they were underground



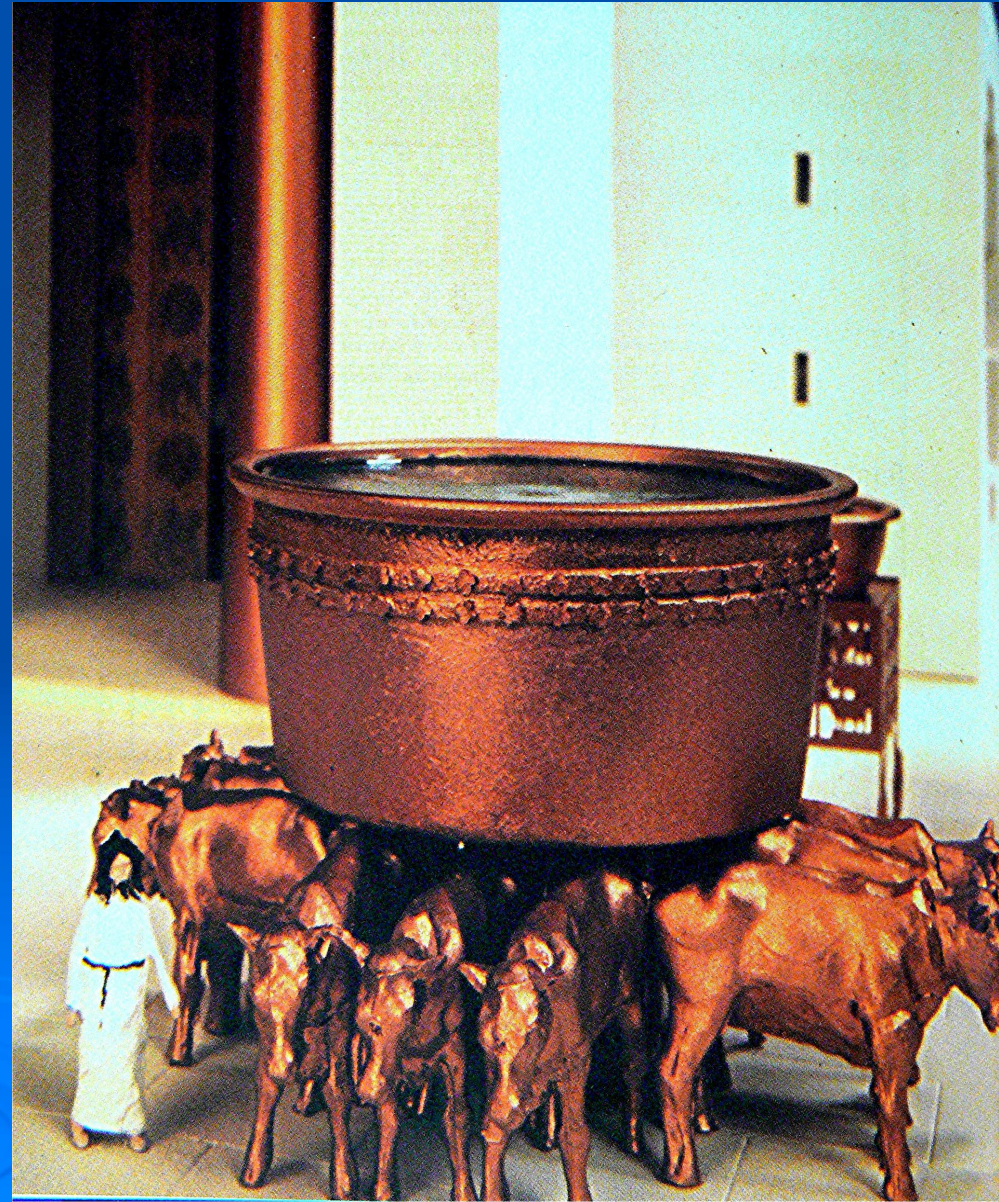
# HIRAM, THE WORKER OF BRONZE



- This Hiram is of Israelite heritage
- Father from Naphtali, mother from Dan
- Ex. 36:1
- Two pillars, each 18 cubits high (32 ft.)
- Hollow bronze tubes
- *Yakin* = to be established
- *Bo'az* = strength is within

# THE BRONZE (MOLTON) SEA

- A tank from which priests washed their hands and feet
- **Mare** = Sea
- 10 cubits (18 ft.) dia.
- 5 cubits (9 ft.) high
- Probably cast in Timna
- 12 oxen, 4 groups of 3 each facing different compass directions



# TEMPLE PLUMBING



- Molten Sea was about 4 inches thick
- Enormous weight!
- Held about 12,000 gallons of water
- Water had to be water from a moving source
- ***Mayim chayim*** = living water
- Holes in the feet of the oxen allowed for water pipes