

house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

12 ¶ And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and I have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.

13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments;

18 Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel.

19 But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;

20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a by-word among all nations.

21 And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house?

22 And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

CHAPTER VIII.

1 Solomon's buildings. 17 He fetcheth gold from Ophir.

B. C. 992.

i De. 12.5.

k ch. 6.26,28. Ps. 107.34.

supon whom my name is called.

l Ja. 4.10.

m Ac. 9.11.

n Is. 45.19. La. 3.40,41.

o Is. 59.20.

p ch. 6.27,30.

q to the prayer of this place.

r be cut off to thee.

s Le. 26.14, &c De. 28.36.

t Je. 22.8,9.

(CHAP. 8.)

u 1Ki. 9.10, &c.

v Nu. 34.8. 2Sa. 8.3.

w Jos. 16.3,5. 1Ch. 7.24.

x the desire of Solomon which he.

y Ec. 2.4, &c.

z 1Ki. 7.2. Ca. 4.8.

aa Jos. 16.10. 17.13.

ab 1Ki. 9.23.

ac 1Ki. 3.1. 7.8.

ad holiness.

ae Jno. 10.23.

af Ex. 29.38.

ag Ex. 23.14. De. 16.16.

ah 1Ch. XXIV. XXV.

AND a it came to pass (at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the LORD, and his own house.)

2 That the cities which Hiram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.

3 And Solomon went to b Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it.

4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store-cities, which he built in Hamath.

5 Also he built Beth-horon c the upper, and Beth-horon the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars;

6 And Baalath, and all the store-cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot-cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all d that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, e and throughout all the land of his dominion.

7 ¶ As for all the people that were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which were not of Israel,

8 But of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, them did Solomon make to pay tribute f until this day.

9 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they were men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.

10 And these were the chief of king Solomon's officers, even two g hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.

11 ¶ And Solomon brought up the daughter h of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places are i holy whereunto the ark of the LORD hath come.

12 ¶ Then Solomon offered burnt-offerings unto the LORD on the altar of the LORD, which he had built before the j porch,

13 Even after a certain rate every k day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three l times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.

14 ¶ And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses m of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister be-