II. The Successes of the Reign of Solomon (3:1-8:66)
   A. Solomon petitions God for wisdom (3:1-28)
   B. Solomon’s administration of the kingdom (4:1-34)
   C. The building of the Temple and the palace (5:1-8:66)

The Hebrew text of 5:6 reads 40 thousand but the number of 4,000 stalls of horses from
the Greek text is more reasonable, and it agrees with 2 Chronicles. Solomon had 1,400
chariots (1 Kng 10:26 and 2 Chr 1:14). Chariot horses have to be specially trained as
opposed to cavalry horses and there were usually two teams of horses per chariot.

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The Dimensions of the main Temple according to the common cubit of c. 17.5 inches (2
Chr 3:3): the dimensions of the Temple were c. 90 feet long, by 30 feet wide by 45 feet
high. The Sanctuary was divided into three parts: a porch, a long main room (Hekal or
Holy Place) and the inner sanctum (Debir or Holy of Holies). The dimensions of the
porch was c. 30 feet by 15 feet and ran along the front length (entry) of the main
Sanctuary with two bronze pillars at the entrance and paneled folding doors. The 20
cubits from the end of the Temple to the beams of the ceiling in the Holy of Holies is c.
30 feet (1 Kng 6:16). The 40 cubits that was the length of the Holy Place from the
entrance doors to the entrance to the Holy of Holies is c. 60 feet. The Holy of Holies
(Debir) was 30 feet long by 30 feet wide by 30 feet from the floor to the ceiling. It was a
cube shaped room covered in gold. Two winged cherubim stood within the Holy of
Holies, positioned over the Ark of the Covenant. Each winged statue was 15 feet high
and the wing span of each was 15 feet. With the wings touching, the wings stretched 30
feet from wall to wall. The cedar wood wall panels and the juniper wood floors were
covered with gold.