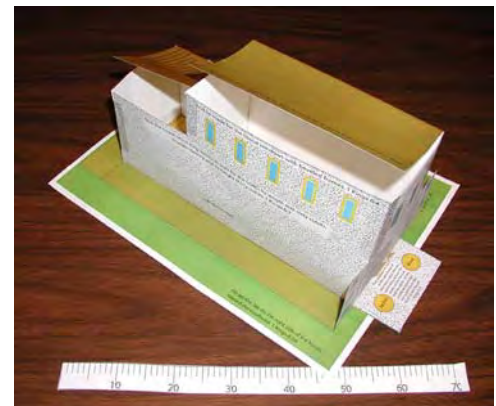


Build a Model of Solomon's Temple

1 Kings 5, 6

Materials needed: scissors, ruler, clear tape, glue, temple sheets printed on stiff paper.

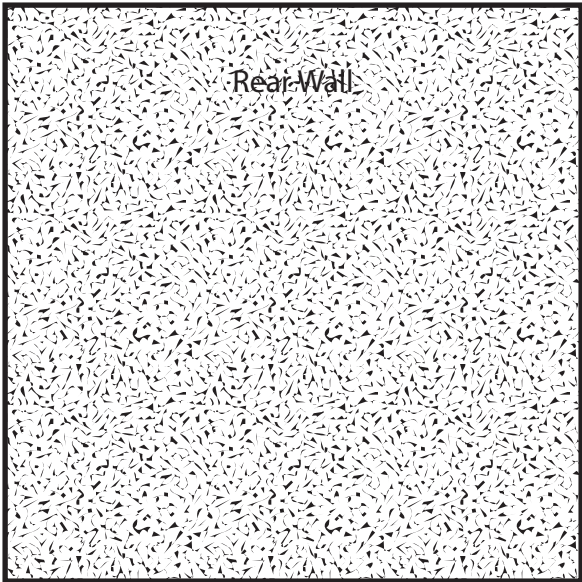
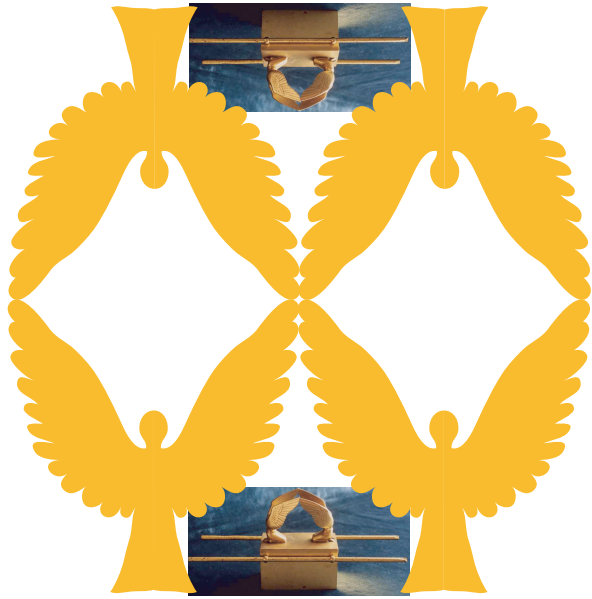
1. Print the temple on stiff paper. Cut out the pieces. Do not cut the floor plan sheet.
2. Lay down the floor plan sheet. The front of the temple with the porch is the east. We will use north, east, south and west to help clarify the directions of the temple.
3. Find the front wall of the temple and fold the porch (with two gold circles) up against the front door. Use the ruler and scissors to score the line before you fold it.
4. Optional: Cut the middle and tops of the doors in the veil, and the middle, tops and bottoms of the front doors, so they can open.
5. Lay down the inner four walls of the temple with the white side up and the bottom edge of the wall in its place on the floor plan. Tape the bottom edge of each wall to the sanctuary floor.
6. In a similar way tape the veil in place between the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place.
7. Raise the four walls and the veil to vertical position, taping the corners together as you go. The porch should extend over the edge of the floor plan sheet.
8. Score and fold the roofs attached to the north wall at a right angle, so they will lie in place on top of the temple. You will need to cut on the thick line between the roofs. Leave the roofs untaped, so that you will be able to open the temple up to see and to put in furnishings.
9. Lay down the three outer walls on the north, west and south sides, with the white side up and the bottom edges in place. Tape the walls in place.
10. Score and fold the roofs of the outer rooms at a right angle. Raise the outer walls to vertical and tape the corners where the edges meet. At the west end the roofs will overlap at the corners.
11. Roll up the pillar pieces into small tubes so that the plain edge overlaps the edge with a tab. Tape them.
12. Score and fold out the tabs at the bottom of the pillars and tape them in place on either side of the porch.
13. Gently bend out the tips of the pillars to look like a lily.
14. Cut out the cubit measuring stick and check the dimensions of the temple.



Furnishings for the Temple

1. Cut out the carts. Fold each side down at a right angle.
Optional: tape the corners if you wish.
2. Cut out the lavers (copper colored circles). Cut halfway from the edge to the center on the four lines. Put a circle on top of your finger tip with the copper colored side down against your finger and curl the edges down to make a bowl. Use tape if you want, but this may not be necessary. Do the same for the other circles.
3. Glue a laver (bowl) to the top of each cart.
4. Cut out the (very small) altar of incense. Score and fold it in half vertically so it will stand up. Put it in the Holy Place.
5. Cut out the (very small) table of showbread. Score and fold it in half horizontally so it will stand up (like an "A"). Put it in the Holy Place.
6. There are twelve oxen in four groups of three. Each oxen has two sides, joined at the back. Cut out one group of three oxen, leaving them attached to each other at the feet and backs. Score and fold each oxen in half so the three oxen make a zig-zag or accordion shape like the letter "M" with an extra peak. Do the same for the other three sets of three oxen.
7. Cut out the green square labeled "Sea" and tape the outer feet of the outer oxen in each group to places marked on the green square. The heads of the oxen should be outward.
8. Cut out the large circle (the Sea) and cut halfway to the center on each line. At each cut, overlap the edges to curl the circle into a bowl. Tape the overlapped edges in place.
9. Set the sea on top of the oxen. A drop of glue on the back end of each oxen will hold the sea in place.
10. Cut out the large altar of burnt offering. Score and fold down each side at a right angle to make a box and tape the corners.
11. Put the altar in front of the temple (to the east) and the Sea to the southeast.
12. Cut out the ten lampstands. Score and fold them in half horizontally so they will stand like an "A". Put them in the Holy Place.
13. Cut out the large Cherubim with the Ark under their wings. Leave the wing tips connected. Score and fold them in half horizontally so they will stand like an "A". A little tape over the wingtips may help keep them folded. Put them in the Most Holy Place.





The lowest chamber was five cubits wide, the middle was six cubits wide, and the third was seven cubits wide.
1 Kings 6:6

So for the door of the sanctuary he also made doorposts of olive wood, one-fourth of the wall.
1 Kings



The vestibule in front of the sanctuary of the house was twenty cubits long across the width of the house, and the width of the vestibule extended ten cubits from the front of the house.
1 Kings 6:3

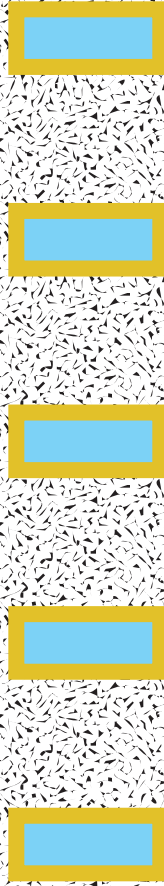


And he made the Sea of cast bronze, ten cubits from one brim to the other; it was completely round. It stood on twelve oxen. 1 Kings 7:23-5

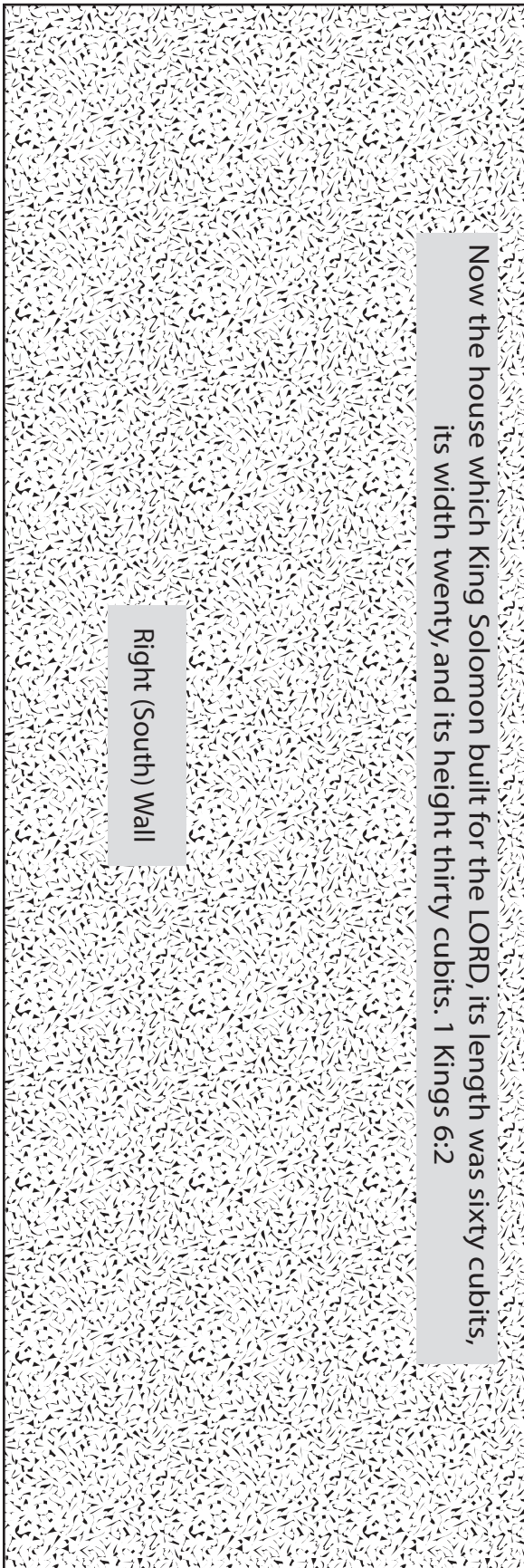
And in front of it the temple sanctuary was forty cubits long. 1 Kings 6:17

Then he built the twenty-cubit room at the rear of the temple, from floor to ceiling, with cedar boards; he built it inside as the inner sanctuary, as the Most Holy Place. 1 Kings 6:16
And he prepared the inner sanctuary inside the temple, to set the ark of the covenant of the LORD there. The inner sanctuary was twenty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and twenty cubits high. He overlaid it with pure gold, and overlaid the altar of cedar.

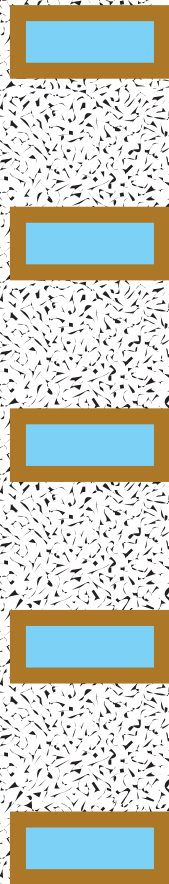
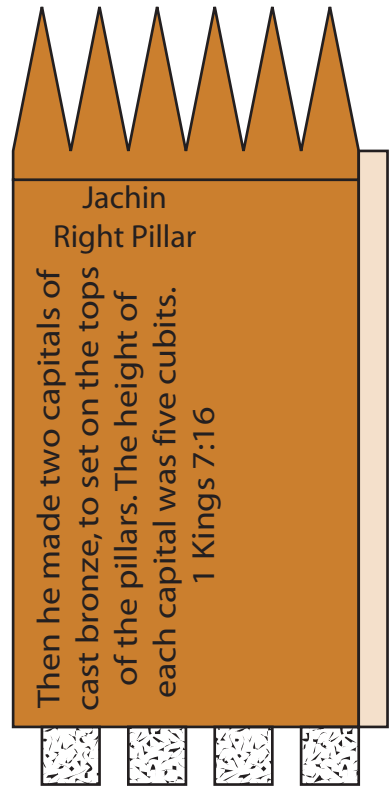
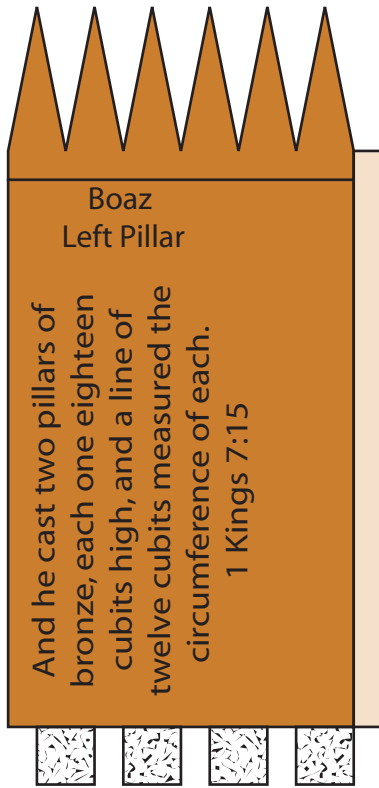
1 Kings 6:19-20



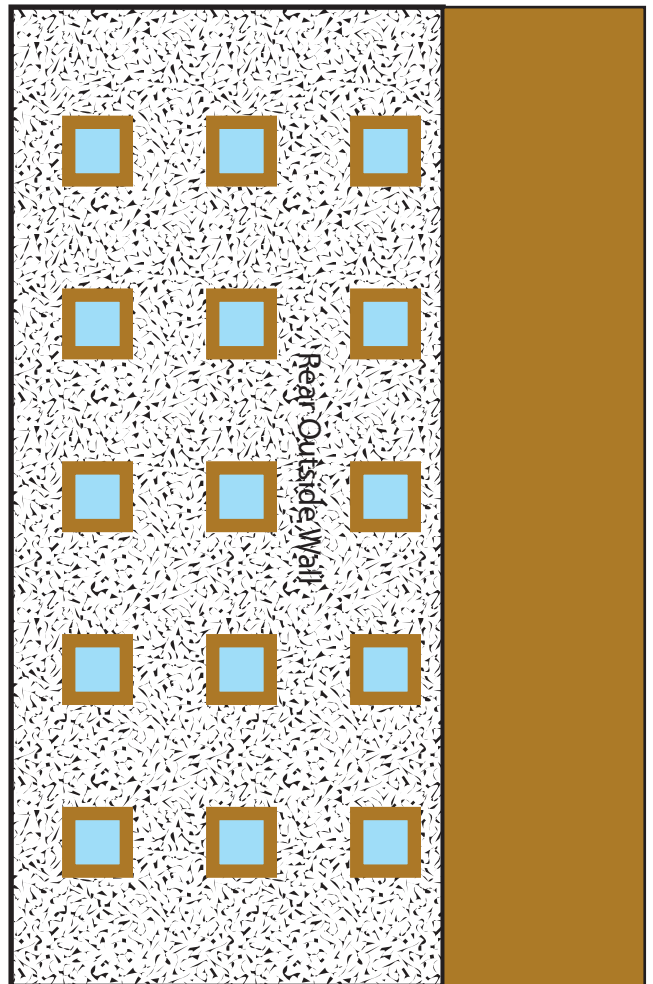
And the temple, when it was being built, was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or chisel or any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was being built. 1 Kings 6:7



Now the house which King Solomon built for the LORD, its length was sixty cubits, its width twenty, and its height thirty cubits. 1 Kings 6:2

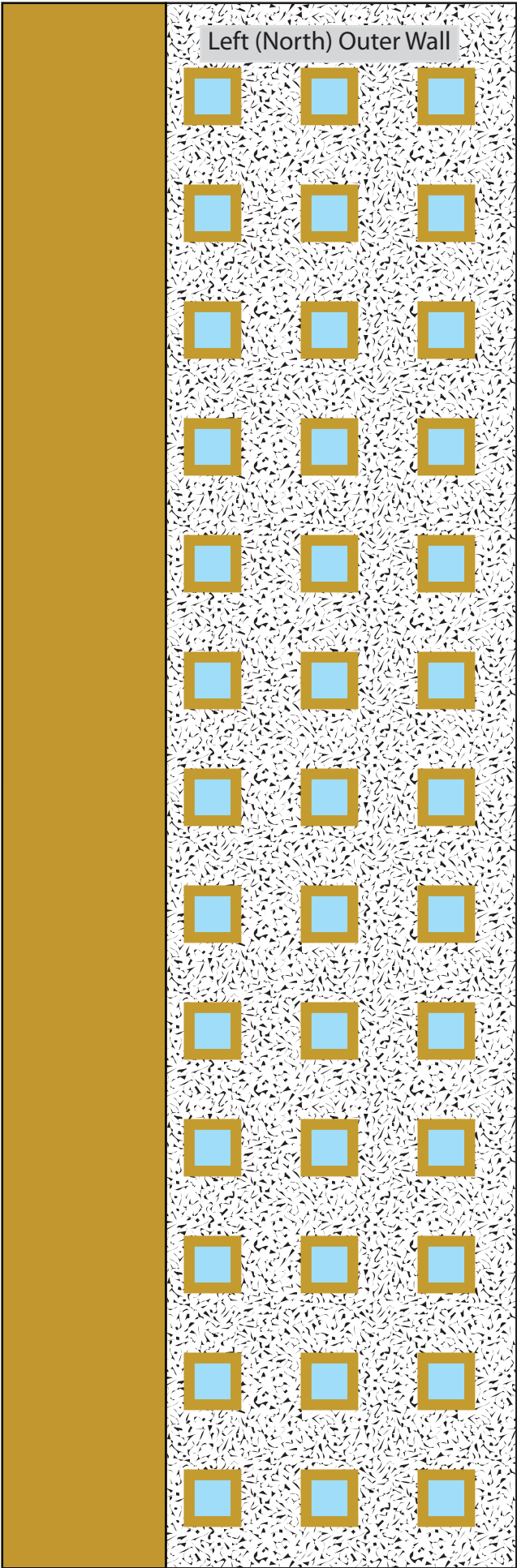
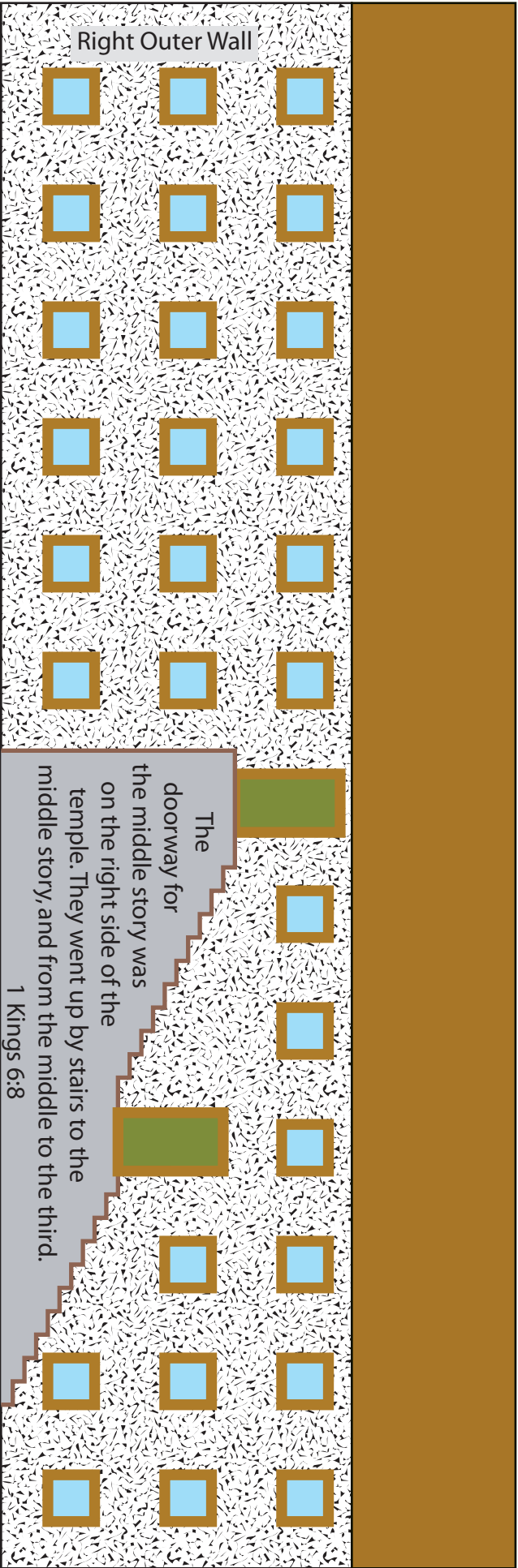


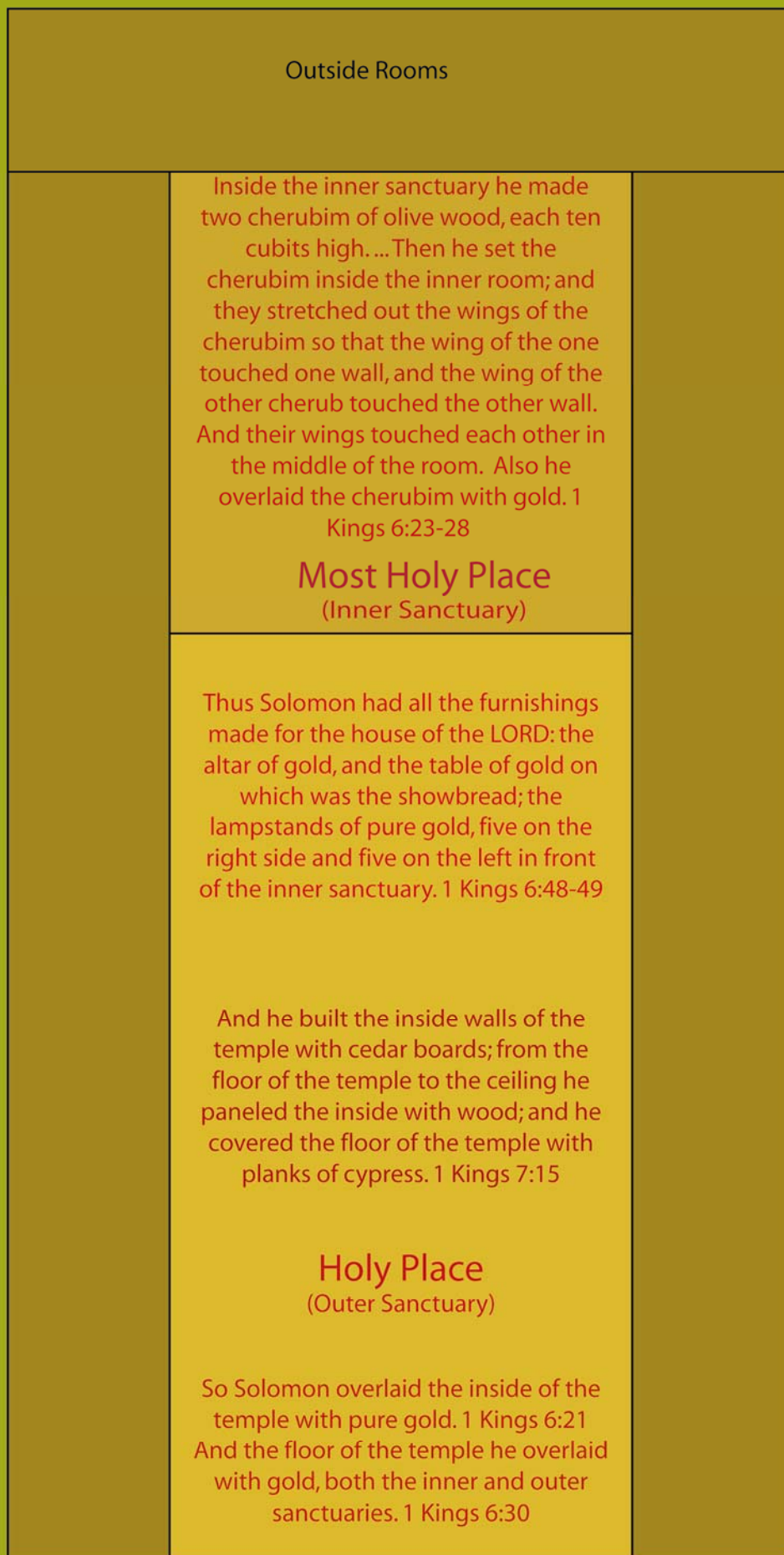
And he made for the house windows with beveled frames. 1 Kings 6:4



Right Outer Wall

Left (North) Outer Wall





Outside Rooms

Inside the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high. ... Then he set the cherubim inside the inner room; and they stretched out the wings of the cherubim so that the wing of the one touched one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall. And their wings touched each other in the middle of the room. Also he overlaid the cherubim with gold. 1 Kings 6:23-28

Most Holy Place (Inner Sanctuary)

Thus Solomon had all the furnishings made for the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold on which was the showbread; the lampstands of pure gold, five on the right side and five on the left in front of the inner sanctuary. 1 Kings 6:48-49

And he built the inside walls of the temple with cedar boards; from the floor of the temple to the ceiling he paneled the inside with wood; and he covered the floor of the temple with planks of cypress. 1 Kings 7:15

Holy Place (Outer Sanctuary)

So Solomon overlaid the inside of the temple with pure gold. 1 Kings 6:21 And the floor of the temple he overlaid with gold, both the inner and outer sanctuaries. 1 Kings 6:30

Porch

He also made ten carts of bronze; four cubits was the length of each cart, four cubits its width, and three cubits its height. 1 Kings 6:27
Every cart had four bronze wheels and axles of bronze. 1 Kings 6:30
The height of a wheel was one and a half cubits. 1 Kings 6:32
Then he made ten lavers of bronze; each laver contained forty baths, and each laver was four cubits. On each of the ten carts was a laver. And he put five carts on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house. 1 Kings 6:38-39

