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(2) All the men of Israel gathered before King Solomon at the Feast, in the month of Ethanim—that is, the seventh month. (3) When all the elders of Israel had come, the priests lifted the Ark (4) and carried up the Ark of the LORD. Then the priests and the Levites brought the Tent of Meeting and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent. (5) Meanwhile, King Solomon and the whole community of Israel, who were assembled with him before the Ark, were sacrificing sheep and oxen in such abundance that they could not be numbered or counted. (6) The priests brought the Ark of the LORD's Covenant to its place underneath the wings of the cherubim, in the Shrine of the House, in the Holy of Holies; (7) for the cherubim had their wings spread out over the place of the Ark, so that the cherubim shielded the Ark and its poles from above. (8) The poles projected so that the ends of the poles were visible in the sanctuary in front of the Shrine, but they could not be seen outside; and there they remain to this day. (9) There was nothing inside the Ark but the two tablets of stone which Moses placed there at Horeb, when the LORD made [a covenant] with the Israelites after their departure from the land of Egypt. (10) When the priests came out of the sanctuary—for the cloud had filled the House of the LORD (11) and the priests were not able to remain and perform the service because of the cloud, for the Presence of the LORD filled the House of the LORD—(12) then Solomon declared: “The LORD has

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(ב) וַיִּקְהָלוּ אֶל־הַמֶּלֶךְ שְׁלֹמֹה כָּל־אִישׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּיָרַח הָאֲתָנִים בְּחֹג הוּא הַחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁבִיעִי: (ג) וַיָּבֹאוּ כָּל זִקְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּשְׂאוּ הַכֹּהֲנִים אֶת־הָאָרוֹן: (ד) וַיַּעֲלוּ אֶת־אָרוֹן יְהוָה וְאֶת־אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וְאֶת־כָּל־כְּלֵי הַקֹּדֶשׁ אֲשֶׁר בָּאֹהֶל וַיַּעֲלוּ אֹתָם הַכֹּהֲנִים וְהַלְוִיִּם: (ה) וְהַמֶּלֶךְ שְׁלֹמֹה וְכָל־עַמֵּת יִשְׂרָאֵל הַנוֹעֲדִים עָלָיו אִתּוֹ לִפְנֵי הָאָרוֹן מִזִּבְחִים צֹאן וּבָקָר אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יִסְפְּרוּ וְלֹא יִמְנוּ מִרְב: (ו) וַיָּבֹאוּ הַכֹּהֲנִים אֶת־אָרוֹן בְּרִית־יְהוָה אֶל־מְקוֹמוֹ אֶל־דָּבִיר הַבַּיִת אֶל־קֹדֶשׁ הַקְּדוּשִׁים אֶל־תַּחַת כַּנְּפֵי הַכְּרוּבִים: (ז) כִּי הַכְּרוּבִים פָּרְשִׁים כַּנְּפִים אֶל־מְקוֹם הָאָרוֹן וַיִּסְכּוּ הַכְּרוּבִים עַל־הָאָרוֹן וְעַל־בַּדָּיו מִלְמַעְלָה: (ח) וַיִּצָּרְכוּ הַכְּבֵדִים וַיִּרְאוּ רֵאשֵׁי הַכְּבֵדִים מִן־הַקֹּדֶשׁ עַל־פְּנֵי הַדָּבִיר וְלֹא יִרְאוּ הַחוּצָה וַיִּהְיוּ נֶשֶׁם עַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה: (ט) אִין בָּאָרוֹן רֶם שְׁנֵי לַחֹת הָאֲבָנִים אֲשֶׁר הִנֵּם נֶשֶׁם מִשָּׁה בַחֲרֵב אֲשֶׁר כָּרַת יְהוָה עִם־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּצֵאתָם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם: (י) וַיְהִי בְּצֵאת הַכֹּהֲנִים מִן־הַקֹּדֶשׁ וְהֵעִגּוּ מְלֵא אֶת־בַּיִת יְהוָה: (יא) וְלֹא־יָכְלוּ הַכֹּהֲנִים לַעֲמֹד לְשַׁרְת מִפְּנֵי הָעִגּוֹן כִּי־מְלֵא כְבוֹד־יְהוָה אֶת־בַּיִת יְהוָה: (ב) אִין אָמַר שְׁלֹמֹה יְהוָה אָמַר לְשָׁפוֹ בְּעַרְפֶּל: (ג) בְּנֵה בְגִיתִי בַיִת זָבֵל לָךְ מְכוֹן לְשִׁבְתֶּךָ עוֹלָמִים: (ד) וַיִּסַּב הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶת־פָּנָיו וַיִּבָּרֶךְ אֶת כָּל־קַהֲל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכָל־קַהֲל יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמָּד: (ט) וַיֹּאמֶר בְּרוּךְ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל

chosen To abide in a thick cloud: (13) I have now built for You A stately House, A place where You May dwell forever.” (14) Then, with the whole congregation of Israel standing, the king faced about and blessed the whole congregation of Israel. (15) He said: “Praised be the LORD, the God of Israel, who has fulfilled with deeds the promise He made to my father David. For He said, (16) ‘Ever since I brought My people Israel out of Egypt, I have not chosen a city among all the tribes of Israel for building a House where My name might abide; but I have chosen David to rule My people Israel.’ (17) “Now my father David had intended to build a House for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. (18) But the LORD said to my father David, ‘As regards your intention to build a House for My name, you did right to have that intention. (19) However, you shall not build the House yourself; instead, your son, the issue of your loins, shall build the House for My name.’ (20) “And the LORD has fulfilled the promise that He made: I have succeeded my father David and have ascended the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised. I have built the House for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel; (21) and I have set a place there for the Ark, containing the covenant which the LORD made with our fathers when He brought them out from the land of Egypt.”

אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר בְּפִיו אֶת דְּוֹד אָבִי וּבִיָּדוֹ מִלֵּא
 לֵאמֹר: (יג) מִן־הַיּוֹם אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי
 אֶת־עַמִּי אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל מִמִּצְרַיִם לֹא־בָּתַרְתִּי
 בְּעִיר מִכָּל־שִׁבְטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לְבָנוֹת בַּיִת
 לְהִזְוֹת שְׁמִי שָׁם וְאָבָתָר בְּדוֹד לְהִזְוֹת
 עַל־עַמִּי יִשְׂרָאֵל: (יד) וַיְהִי עִם־לֵבָב דְּוֹד
 אָבִי לְבָנוֹת בַּיִת לַשֵּׁם יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:
 (טו) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־דְּוֹד אָבִי יַעַן אֲשֶׁר
 הָיָה עִם־לִבְבְּךָ לְבָנוֹת בַּיִת לַשְּׁמִי הִטִּיבְתָּ
 כִּי הָיָה עִם־לִבְבְּךָ: (טז) בַּקֹּץ אֲמַתָּה לֹא תִבְנֶה
 הַבַּיִת כִּי אִם־בְּנֶה הִיצֵא מִחֻלְצֵיֶיךָ הוּא־יִבְנֶה
 הַבַּיִת לַשְּׁמִי: (יז) וַיִּקַּם יְהוָה אֶת־דְּבָרוֹ
 אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר וְאַתֶּם תַּסַּחֲתוּ דְוֹד אָבִי וְאֲשַׁב
 עַל־כַּסֵּא יִשְׂרָאֵל כְּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה וְאָבָנָה
 הַבַּיִת לַשֵּׁם יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: (יח) וְאַשְׁמֵם
 שָׁם מְקוֹם לְאָרוֹן אֲשֶׁר־שָׁם בְּרִית יְהוָה
 אֲשֶׁר כָּרַת עִם־אַבְתָּיִינוּ בְּהוֹצִיאֹו אֶתֶם
 מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם: (יט)