

## Chapter 5

*Hiram king of Tyre granteth timber and workmen for building the Temple: Salomon allowing victuals, and paying wages. 13. The number of workmen and ouerfeers.*

**H**iram also the king of Tyre sent his seruantes to Salomon: for he heard that they had anointed him king for his father: because Hiram had bene Dauids friend at all time. <sup>2</sup> And Salomon sent to Hiram, saying: <sup>3</sup> Thou knowest the wil of Dauid my father, and that he could not build a house to the name of our Lord his God, because of warres imminent round about vntill our Lord put them vnder the sole of his feete. <sup>4</sup> But now our Lord my God hath geuen me rest round about: and there is no fatan, nor il rencounter. <sup>5</sup> Wherefore I purpose to build a temple to the name of our Lord my God, as our Lord hath spoken to Dauid my father, saying: Thy sonne, whom I wil geue for thee vpon thy throne, he shal build a house to my name. <sup>6</sup> Command therefore that thy seruantes cut me downe cedres out of Libanus, and let my seruantes be with thy seruantes: and I wil geue thee the hire of thy seruantes whatsoever thou wilt aske, for thou knowest how there is not in my people a man that hath skil to hew wood as the Sidonians. <sup>7</sup> When Hiram therefore had heard the wordes of Salomon, he reioyced exceedingly, and said: Bleffed be the Lord God this day, who hath geuen vnto Dauid a sonne most wife ouer this people so great in number. <sup>8</sup> And Hiram sent to Salomon, saying: I haue heard whatsoever thou hast willed me: I wil doe all thy wil in cedre trees, and firre trees. <sup>9</sup> My seruantes shal bring them downe from Libanus to the sea: and I wil put them in boates in the sea, vnto the place, which thou shalt signifie to me; and wil land them there, and thou shalt take them: and thou shalt allow me necessaries, that there be meate geuen for my house. <sup>10</sup> Therefore Hiram gaue Salomon cedre trees, and firre trees, according to all his wil. <sup>11</sup> And Salomon allowed Hiram twentie thousand cores of wheate, for prouision for his house,

and twentie cores of moft pure oile: thefe thinges did Salomon geue to Hiram euerie yeare. <sup>12</sup> Our Lord alfo gaue wifedom to Salomon, as he fpake to him: & there was peace between Hiram & Salomon, and both made a league. <sup>13</sup> And king Salomon chofe workmen out of al Ifrael, and the taxed number was of thirtie thoufand men. <sup>14</sup> And he fent them into Libanus, ten thoufand euerie moneth by courfe, fo that two monethes they were in their houfes: and Adoniram was ouer this taxing. <sup>15</sup> And Salomon had feuentie thoufand of them that caried burdens, and eightie thoufand hewers of ftones in the mountaine: <sup>16</sup> befides the ouerfeers which were ouer euerie worke, in number three thoufand, and three hundred that commanded the people, and them that did the worke. <sup>17</sup> And the king commanded, that they should take great ftones, chofen ftones for the foundation of the temple, and should fquare them: <sup>18</sup> which the mafons of Salomon, and mafons of Hiram hewed: moreover the Giblians prepared timber and ftones, to build the houfe.