



Solomon, one of Freemasonry's most prominent figures, was born ~997BC to David and Bath-Sheba.

He then became King Solomon ~977BC.

The name Solomon actually means peace.

King David (King Solomon's Father ) gave him this name in anticipation of the peaceful years to follow.

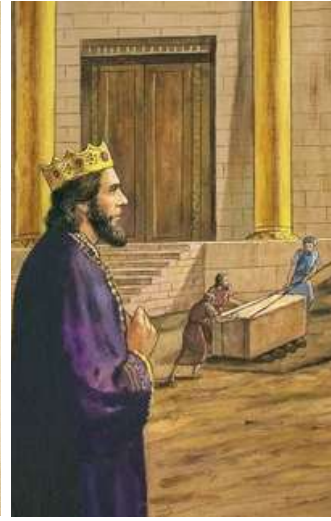


The infamous Solomon's temple was actually King David's idea.

Unfortunately, since David was a man of war, he was not permitted to build it; thus, he gave the task to his son King Solomon.



The construction of King Solomon's Temple started when King Solomon was just 25 years old.



The name of the stonemasons who worked on King Solomon's Temple were called "Sons of Light".

Hiram Abiff (another prominent figure in Freemasonry) is a "widow's son" from the tribe of Naphtali who came to aid King Solomon in the construction of his new temple.





When the temple was completed, King Solomon brought over the Ark of the Covenant from his father's house and placed it inside a special inner room named Kodesh Hakodashim (Holy of Holies. )When the priests emerged from the holy place after placing the Ark there, the Temple was filled with a cloud, "for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord".

The Temple of Solomon is said to have been situated on top of Mount Moriah, and it took approximately seven and a half years to build.

It then stood for an additional 435 years before it was destroyed forever.



Solomon's Temple was eventually destroyed in 586BC by King Nebuchadnezzar, during his siege on Jerusalem.