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Details Regarding Hiram (the craftsman) From Scripture

- The name HIRAM (or HURAM) appears 6x in reference to Hiram the craftsman, the “widow’s son” (1 Kin 7:13,40,45; 2 Chr 4:11), but he is never called “Hiram Abiff”
- Freemasonry bases the name “Hiram Abiff” on an expansion of the Hebrew transliteration of the phrases “**Huram my father’s**” (2 Chr 2:13) and “**Huram his father**” (2 Chr 4:16)
- The English transliteration of these phrases is *Churam-Ab*
- The “Huram” of (2 Chr 2:13) does not even refer to the craftsman Hiram but to the king of Tyre’s father and predecessor to the throne, who who may be the *Abibalus* or *Abibaal* of history
- The word *Hiram* does not appear to be a proper name but a TITLE for the kings of Tyre (e.g.- “Pharoah”; “Abimelech”; “Caesar”)
- Hiram was a cunning craftsman and the Antichrist will cause craft to prosper

Dan 8:25

And through his policy also **he shall cause craft to prosper** in his hand; and he shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

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1 Kin 7:13-17,21,40-45

13 And king Solomon sent and fetched **Hiram** out of Tyre.

14 **He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali**, and **his father was a man of Tyre**, a worker in brass: and **he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning** to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.

15 For **he cast two pillars of brass**, of **eighteen cubits high apiece**: and **a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about**.

16 And he made two chapters *of* molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: **the height of the one chapter was five cubits**, and **the height of the other chapter was five cubits**:

17 And nets of **checker work**, and wreaths of chain work, for the chapters which *were* upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapter, and seven for the other chapter.

21 And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up **the right pillar**, and called the name thereof **Jachin**: and he set up **the left pillar**, and called the name thereof **Boaz**.

40 And Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basons. So **Hiram made an end of doing all the work** that he made king Solomon for the house of the LORD:

41 The two pillars, and the *two* bowls of the chapters that *were* on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the chapters which *were* upon the top of the pillars;

42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, *even* two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the chapters that *were* upon the pillars;

43 And the **ten bases**, and **ten lavers** on the bases;

44 And **one sea**, and **twelve oxen** under the sea;

45 And the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: and all these vessels, **which Hiram made** to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, *were of* bright brass.

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2 Chr 2:12-14

12 Hiram said moreover, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build an house for the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.

13 And now **I have sent a cunning man**, endued with understanding, **of Hiram my father's**,

14 **The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan**, and **his father was a man of Tyre**, **skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone**, and **in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson**; also **to grave any manner of graving**, and **to find out every device** which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father.

2 Chr 4:11-16

11 And **Hiram** made the pots, and the shovels, and the basons. And **Hiram finished the work** that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God;

12 *To wit*, the two pillars, and the pommels, and the chapters *which were* on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two pommels of the chapters *which were* on the top of the pillars;

13 And four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths; two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapters *which were* upon the pillars.

14 He made also bases, and lavers made he upon the bases;

15 One sea, and twelve oxen under it.

16 The pots also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and all their instruments, **did Hiram his father make** to king Solomon for the house of the LORD of bright brass.

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- Hiram had the same endowments as Bezaleel (the man commissioned to build the tabernacle) with the exception of the omission of being filled with the SPIRIT OF GOD

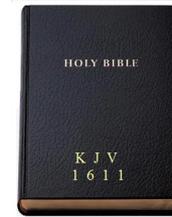
Bezaleel (Exo 35:30-31)	Hiram (1 Kin 7:13-14)
<p>30 And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name <u>Bezaleel</u> the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;</p> <p>31 And he hath <u>filled him with the spirit of God</u>, in <u>wisdom</u>, in <u>understanding</u>, and in <u>knowledge</u>, and in all manner of workmanship;</p>	<p>13 And king Solomon sent and fetched <u>Hiram</u> out of Tyre.</p> <p>14 He <i>was</i> a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father <i>was</i> a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with <u>wisdom</u>, and <u>understanding</u>, and <u>cunning</u> to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.</p>

- The Antichrist will be filled with UNCLEAN SPIRITS

Rev 16:13

And I saw three **unclean spirits** like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and **out of the mouth of the beast**, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

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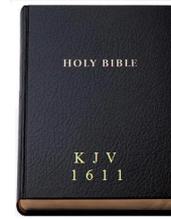


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- Hiram was skilled in the same crafts as Bezaleel (the man commissioned to build the tabernacle) with the exception of the addition of IRON

Bezaleel (Exo 35:32-33,35)	Hiram (2 Chr 2:14)
<p>32 And to devise curious works, to work in <u>gold</u>, and in <u>silver</u>, and in <u>brass</u>,</p> <p>33 And in the cutting of <u>stones</u>, to set <i>them</i>, and in carving of <u>wood</u>, to make any manner of cunning work.</p> <p>35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in <u>blue</u>, and in <u>purple</u>, in <u>scarlet</u>, and in <u>fine linen</u>, and of the weaver, <i>even</i> of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.</p>	<p>The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father <i>was</i> a man of Tyre, skilful to work in <u>gold</u>, and in <u>silver</u>, in <u>brass</u>, in <u>iron</u>, in <u>stone</u>, and in <u>timber</u>, in <u>purple</u>, in <u>blue</u>, and in <u>fine linen</u>, and in <u>crimson</u>; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father.</p>

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- IRON represents STRENGTH; specifically, (fallen) ANGELIC STRENGTH that the Antichrist MINGLES with the SEED OF MEN in the Tribulation cf. (Gen 6:2; Luke 17:26)

Dan 2:40-43

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all *things*: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

42 And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron, and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

Psa 103:20

Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

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- There was NO IRON in the tabernacle but there was in the temple (1 Chr 22:3,14,16; 29:2,7; 2 Chr 2:7,14), even though no iron TOOL was used (1 Kin 6:7) cf. (Deu 27:5)
- The tabernacle and temple were the BUILDING and HOUSE of God just like the CHURCH

Matt 16:18

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will **build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Eph 2:21-22

21 In whom all **the building** fitly framed together groweth unto **an holy temple** in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for **an habitation of God** through the Spirit.

1 Tim 3:15

But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in **the house of God**, which is **the church** of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

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- The tabernacle and temple were the DWELLING place of God just like the BELIEVER'S BODY
- As the aggregate church is the BUILDING (temple) of God so each born again believer is a STONE in that building

1 Cor 3:16

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Cor 6:19

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

1 Pet 2:5

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

- The tabernacle and temple picture the human BODY
- The addition of iron into the temple likely pictures the addition of “angelic DNA” into the BODIES of men to give them “strength”
- This almost certainly is connected with the mark of the beast (Rev 13:16)

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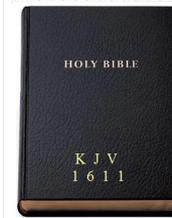


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Rev 13:16

And **he causeth all**, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, **to receive a mark in their right hand**, or **in their foreheads**:

- Hiram was an ENGRAVER (2 Chr 2:14)
- *Engrave*= “to scratch; to scrape; to cut as in metals, stones, or other hard substances, with a chisel or graver; to MARK by incision; to imprint; to impress deeply”
- It appears that at least part of the process of receiving the mark of the beast will entail something similar to receiving a tattoo today
- It is interesting to note that Hiram also worked IN fine linen cf. (Rev 19:8; 2 Cor 5:21)
- The word used to describe this work under Bezaleel is EMBROIDERY (Exo 35:35)
- *Embroidery*= “needle-work; to stitch or cut into cloth”
- Both engraving and embroidery involve CUTTING INTO
- The word WORKMANSHIP appears 7x; 3x in reference to the TABERNACLE (Exo 31:3,5; 35:31); 1x in reference to the TEMPLE (1 Chr 28:21); 1x in reference to the CHURCH (Eph 2:10); but also 1x in reference to an IDOLATROUS ALTAR (2 Kin 16:10), and 1x in reference to SATAN (Eze 28:13)



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