1. How is I Kings 5:13 (Then King Solomon ***raised up a labor force out of all Israel***; and the labor force was thirty thousand men.) thematically connected to the Torah portion?[[1]](#endnote-1)
2. How is I Kings 6:2 (Now the house which King Solomon built for the Lord, ***its length was sixty cubits, its width twenty, and its height thirty cubits.***) thematically connected to the Torah portion?[[2]](#endnote-2)
3. How is I Kings 6:5 (Against the wall of the temple he built chambers all around, against the walls of the temple, all around ***the sanctuary and the inner sanctuary***. Thus he made side chambers all around it.) thematically connected to the Torah portion?[[3]](#endnote-3)
4. How is I Kings 6:9 (So he built the temple and finished it, ***and he paneled the temple with beams and boards of cedar***.) thematically connected to the Torah portion?[[4]](#endnote-4)
5. How is I Kings 6:12 (*Concerning* this temple which you are building, if you walk in My statutes, execute ***My judgments, keep all My commandments***, and walk in them, then I will perform My word with you, which I spoke to your father David.) thematically connected to the Torah portion?[[5]](#endnote-5)
6. How is I Kings 6:13 (***And I will dwell among the children of Israel***, and will not forsake My people Israel.) thematically connected to the Torah portion?[[6]](#endnote-6)
1. Exodus 25:1 – Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying:  “Speak to the children of Israel, ***that they bring Me an offering***. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering.
In the Torah portion, the people brought an offering of things in order to build the tabernacle. The Haftarah reading connects to the Torah portion in that Solomon “took an offering” of people to build the tabernacle. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. Exodus 25:10 – And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; ***two and a half cubits shall be its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height***. The connection here is simply that dimensions are given for the temple and/or its furnishings. Any passage in the Torah reading that gave dimensions could have been chosen. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. Exodus 25:8 – And let them ***make Me a sanctuary***, that I may dwell among them. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. Exodus 26:1-13 – Usage of the ***curtains to cover (panel) the tabernacle.*** The common connection here pertains to how the tabernacle/temple was covered. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
5. Exodus 25:22 - And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, ***about everything which I will give you in commandment*** to the children of Israel. [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
6. Exodus 25:8 – And let them make Me a sanctuary, ***that I may dwell among them***.

[↑](#endnote-ref-6)