

Biblical Economics — 1

1 Samuel 17 ⁴ And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ There was a bronze helmet (וְכִסָּיִת בְּרֹזֶה) on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze (וְהַיָּרְמֵל עָלָיו כֶּסֶף חֲמֵשָׁתָיִם אֲלָפִים שֶׁקֶל). ⁶ And he had bronze (וְהַיָּרְמֵל) armor on his legs and a bronze (וְהַיָּרְמֵל) javelin between his shoulders. ⁷ And the shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and the spear's head was six hundred shekels of iron (וְרֹאשׁ הַיָּרֵחַ שֶׁקֶל בְּרֶזֶק - אֶסְרֵי מֵאוֹת), and the shield-bearer went before him.

2 Samuel 12 ³¹ And [David] brought forth the people that were in [Rabbah] and he put them [to work] with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes of iron (וַיִּבְרָא דָוִד אֶת-עַמּוֹת רַבְבָּה לְעֵצִים וְלַחֲרָשִׁים וְלַחֲרָשִׁים), and he made cross over to the brick kilns; and so he did to all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

1 Kings 6 ⁷ And the temple, when it was being built, was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or chisel or any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was being built.