

Igbo Torah Thoughts

Parashah # 22: Vayakhel “He Assembled”

Shemot / Exodus 35:1-38:20

I Kings 7:40-50

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**And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it; the horns thereof were of the same: and he overlaid it with brass. – Exd. 32:2**

**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... 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. – I Kings 7:40, 45**

This Torah Portion deals with building the Tabernacle and its furnishings within it is the element of brass/copper. Archeologist Thurston Shaw shed in his findings that the Igbo knew how to work with this metal for much jewelry and other artifacts found at the Igbo Ukwu archeological site in Igboland were made of brass/copper.

Igbos being Hebrews would have carried this knowledge with them from Egypt to the various areas they settled in West Africa.

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