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bānāh qal inf cstr plus qal בְּנָה perfect: intensified

"certainly, surely, built" NOT building I built

zebul: "magnificence; lofty זְבֵל

"habitation, exalted dwelling." It designates the exalted habitation of God (Isa. 63:15)

šākan: "settle, occupy, lie for שָׁבַן

"down, set in place, to dwell" Basis for later Rabbinic term, shekinah.

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1 Kings 8:16, "'Since the day that I brought My people Israel out of Egypt, I have chosen no city from any tribe of Israel *in which* to build a house, that My name might be there; [gap] but I chose David to be over My people Israel."

- 2 Chronicles 6:5, "'Since the day that I brought My people out of the land of Egypt, I have chosen no city from any tribe of Israel in which to build a house, that My name might be there, nor did I choose any man to be a ruler over My people Israel.
- 2 Chronicles 6:6, "'Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name may be there; but I chose David to be over My people Israel.'"
 [identical with 8:16c in Hebrew; Eng. trans. differ]

Adds: 1 Chron. 6:13, "Now Solomon had made a bronze platform, five cubits long, five cubits wide and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and he stood on it, knelt on his knees in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven."

1 Kings 8:23, "and he said: 'LORD God of Israel, there is no God in heaven above or on earth below like You, who keep Your covenant and lovingkindness with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts."