

# II Chronicles 1-9

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Historical Books II  
Lecture #26

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## Chapter 1

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Solomon's Rise

# Confirmation



- Israel gathers at Gibeon to proclaim Solomon as the new king.
- Note that he is popularly selected as heir, not just chosen by David.

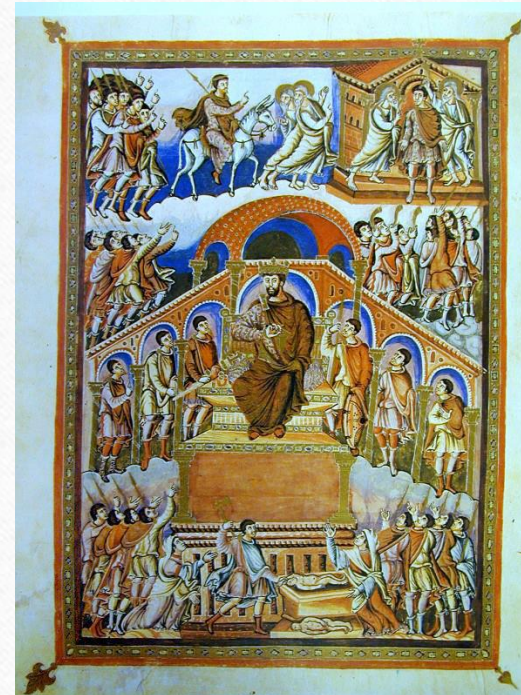
# Prayer for Wisdom



- Absent from Chronicles is the conditional promise of long life, which Solomon failed to follow.

# Solomon's Wealth

- This is highlighted earlier in the account compared to Kings.
- Shows that all of Solomon's reign was prosperous.
- We see the gathering of horses, violating Duet. 17.



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## Chapter 2

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Solomon and Hiram

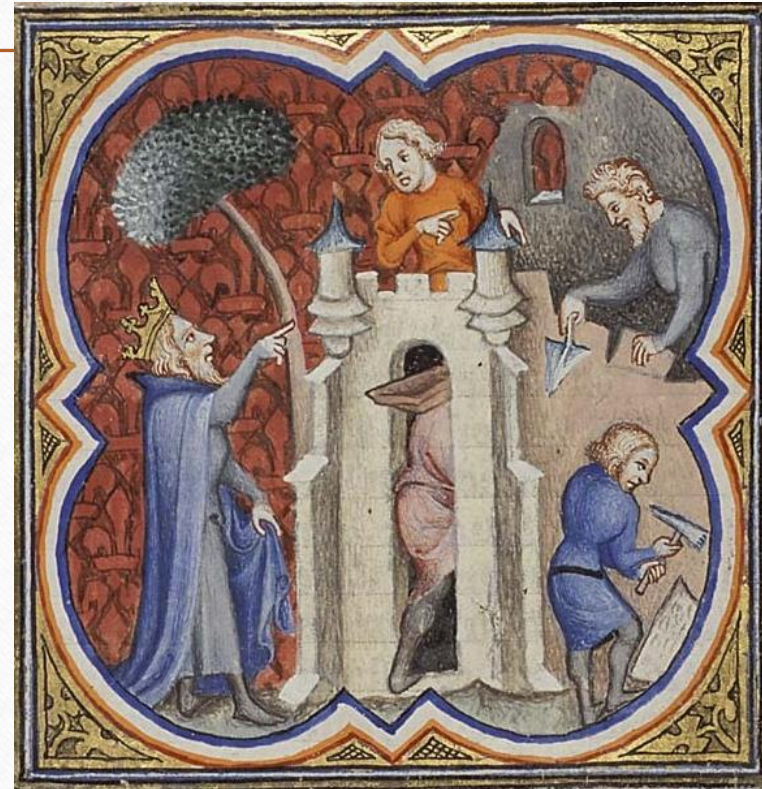
# Collaboration with Hiram

- Hiram provides material, laborers and artisans for Solomon's construction projects.
- Chronicles gives a different inventory of supplies, not for Hiram but for the workers.



# Laborers

- The remaining Canaanites are forced into service.
- Hiram (not the king) is the chief artisan.
- Jew and Gentile are laboring together in service of God.





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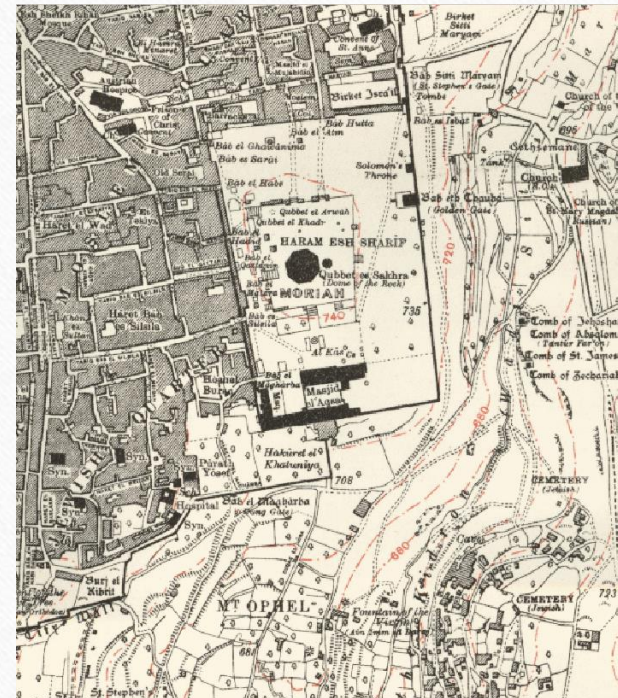
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Solomon Builds the Temple

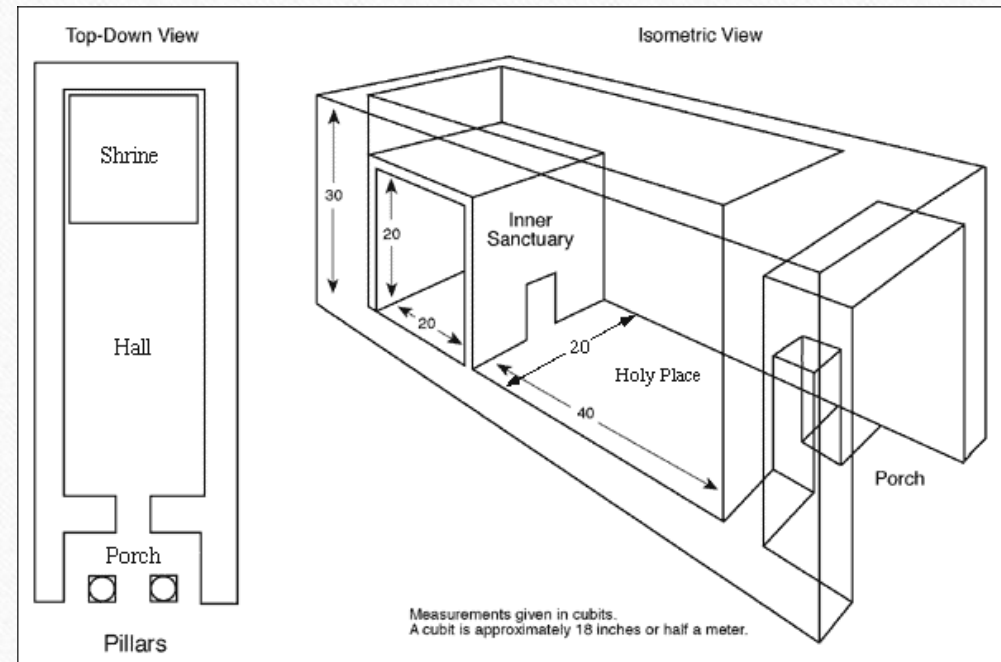
# Construction Begins

- Kings highlights the *timing*.
- Chronicles highlights the *place*.
  - Mt. Moriah
    - Where Abraham offered Isaac.
    - Where David offered Sacrifice.



# Temple Dimensions

- 90 cubits x 20 cubits x 30 cubits
  - 135 feet x 30 feet x 45 feet
- This is the “Temple Proper”, there are additional rooms build around and possibly above this.



# The Porch

- 10 cubits x 20 cubits x 120 cubits
  - 15 feet x 30 feet x 180 feet
- Many critics do not like the 120-cubit height.



# BEATIFUL!!!

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- Gold everywhere!
- Golden cherubim!
- Bronze Pillars!

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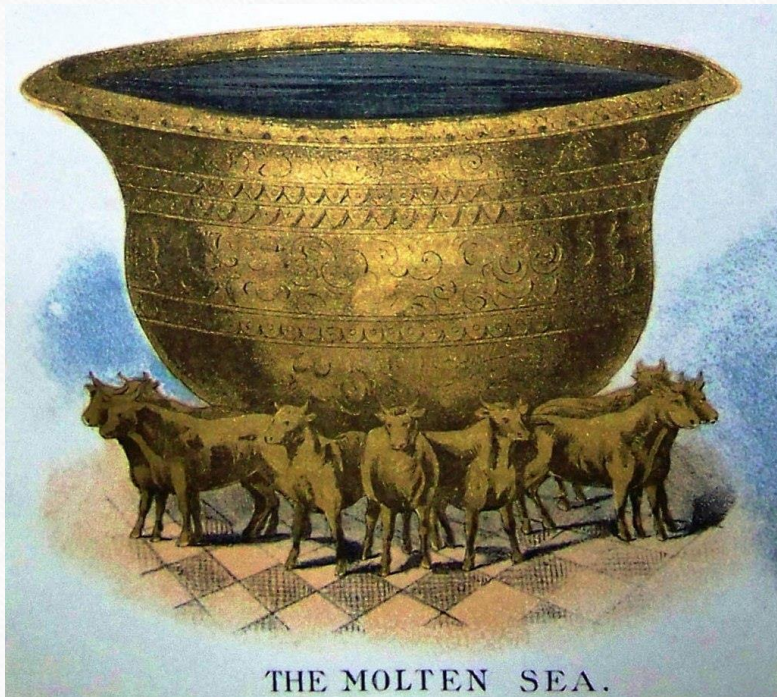
Solomon's Temple Described

# Brazen Altar

- 20 cubits x 20 cubits x 10 cubits
  - 30 feet x 30 feet x 15 feet



# Molten Sea

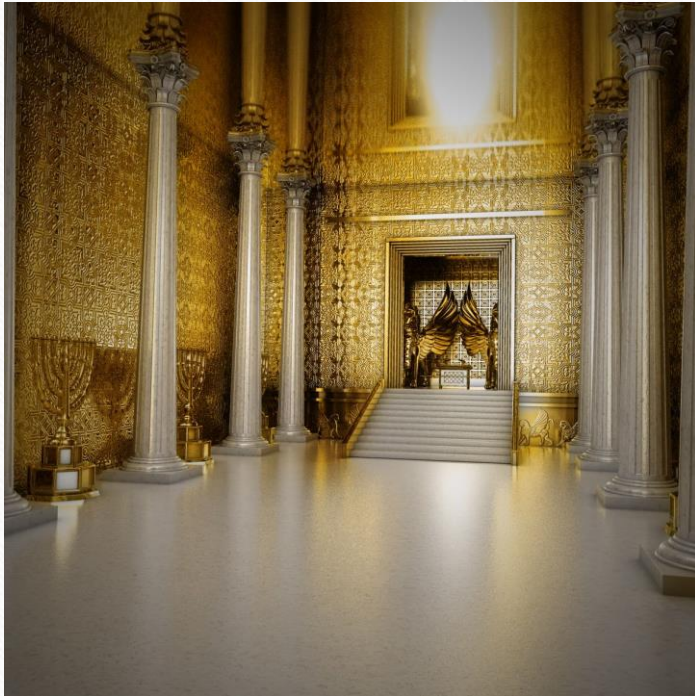


- 10-cubit diameter, 5-cubit depth.
- 30-cubit circumference.
  - $2\pi r = 31.4$ -cubit circumference
- Base is 12 oxen.
- 10 lavers to move water where it is needed.



# Interior

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- 10 golden candlesticks
- 10 golden tables (for candlesticks?)
- Altar of Incense
- Table of Shewbread

# Implements



- There are hundreds of small spoons, scoops, bowls, etc. that are made for service in the Temple.

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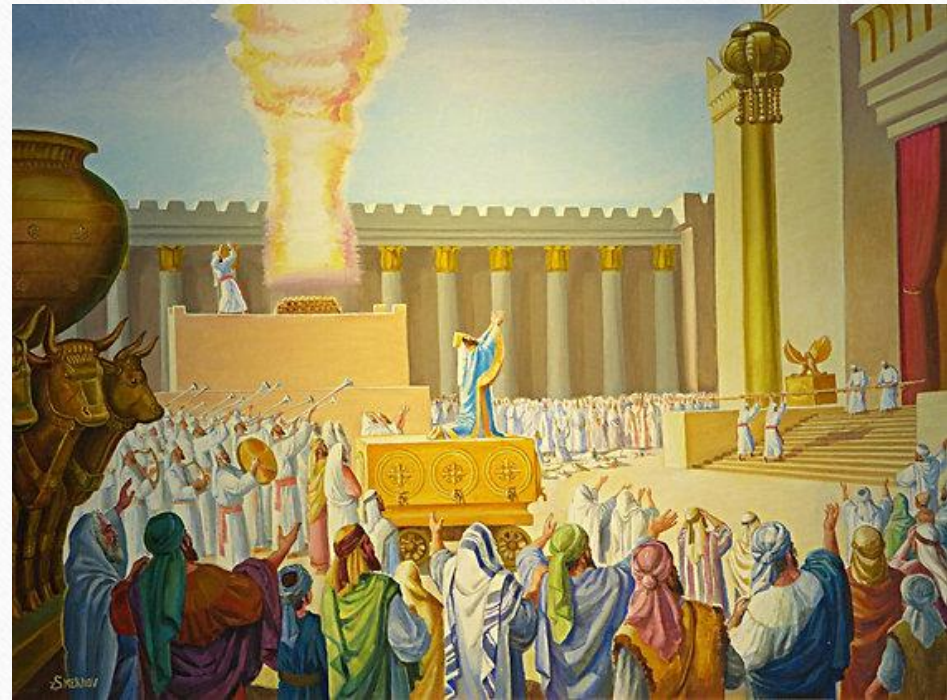
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The Dedication of the Temple

# Dedication

- The Ark is brought in and placed in the Most Holy Place.
- The musicians play and sing.
- The Shekinah glory appears.



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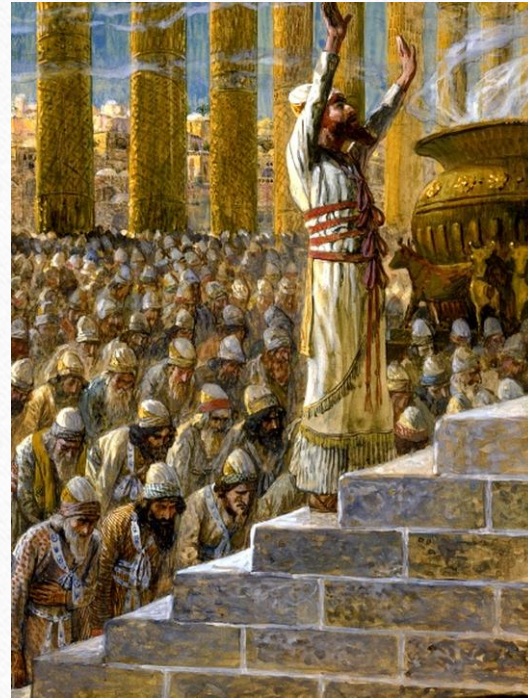
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Solomon's Prayer

# Solomon's Prayer

- Blesses the people – vs. 1-11
- Dedication of Temple – vs. 12-42



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## Chapter 7

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Solomon and God

# God's Response

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- Shekinah glory shows God's approval of the building.
- Fire from heaven on the sacrifice shows God's approval of the service.





# Feast of Dedication

- The dedication of the Temple is celebrated for seven days and then a “solemn assembly” on the eight day.



THE DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE.

# God's Warning

- God appears to Solomon a second time.
- God tells Solomon that He will bless the people if they serve Him and curse them if they reject Him.
- God says He will forgive if the people repent.



# Connection to Solomon's Prayer - 1

“If I shut up heaven that there be no rain,...” – 7:13	“...when the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain,...” – 6:26
“...or if I command the locusts to devour the land,...” – 7:13	“...if there be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillers;...” – 6:28
“...or if I send pestilence among my people;” – 7:13	“...if there be pestilence,...” – 6:28
“If my people, which are called by my name,...” – 7:14	Solomon refers to Israel as “thy people” or as “thy people Israel” a total of ten times in his prayer.
“...shall humble themselves,...” – 7:14	This phrase has no parallel to chapter 6 in letter, but it does in spirit.

# Connection to Solomon's Prayer - 2

“...and <b>pray</b> ,...” – 7:14	“...if they <b>pray</b> ...” – 6:26
“...and <b>seek my face</b> , and <b>turn from their wicked ways</b> ;...” – 7:14	“...if they pray <b>toward this place</b> , and <b>confess thy name</b> , and <b>turn from their sin</b> ,...” – 6:26
“...then will I <b>hear from heaven</b> , and will <b>forgive their sin</b> ,...” – 7:14	“Then <b>hear thou from heaven</b> , and <b>forgive the sin</b> of thy servants,...” – 6:27
“...and will <b>heal their land</b> .” – 7:14	“... <b>send rain upon thy land</b> ,...” – 6:27
“Now mine eyes shall be <b>open</b> , and mine ears <b>attent</b> unto the prayer that is made in <b>this place</b> .” – 7:15	“Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, <b>thine eyes be open</b> , and let <b>thine ears be attent</b> unto the prayer that is made in <b>this place</b> .” – 6:40

# Concerning II Chronicles 7:14

- It is a response to Solomon's prayer.
- It is all about Israel.
- It is not about America, though we may learn from it.



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## Chapter 8

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The Rise of Solomon's Greatness

# Solomon's Greatness

- He builds and he conquers.
- He takes care of the Temple and its services.
- He is prosperous commercially.



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## Chapter 9

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Solomon's End



# Queen of Sheba



- The Queen of Sheba visits.
- She is amazed at Solomon's wisdom and wealth.
- She gives him a present of 120 talents of gold.

# Solomon's Wealth

- Yearly income of gold – 666 talents  
- \$1,409,808,173
- Targets – 600 shekels each -  
\$423,387 each
- Shields – 300 shekels each -  
\$211,694 each
- Ivory throne, golden vessels....



# Solomon's Prosperity

- Commercial trade – rare goods.
- Strong military.
- Unimaginable wealth.



# Solomon's Death

- No mention of Solomon turning from God.
- Reigned 40 years.
- His son Rehoboam inherits the throne.

