



Chronicles of Israel

A study on Israel, her kings, and truth versus consequence

High Meadow Ranch Men's Bible Study | Lesson #7 – December 6, 2022

Solomon Builds the Temple (2 Chronicles 2:1 – 7:22)

Provided in the table below is a high level overview of 1st and 2nd Chronicles. As we go through this series it will be useful to keep this overview in mind in relation to the overall framework of this study.

Chapters	Content	Significance
1 Chronicles 1 – 9	Genealogies, emphasis on tribes of Judah and Levi	Preparing the stage for the Kingdom of Judah and the priestly tribe
1 Chronicles 10	Reign of Saul	Transition to David's Kingdom; declaration that the throne belonged to the tribe of Judah
1 Chronicles 11 – 29	Reign of David	Phase 1 of the ideal Kingdom; detailed preparation for the Temple
2 Chronicles 1 – 9	Reign of Solomon	Phase 2 of the ideal Kingdom; construction and installation of the Temple
2 Chronicles 10 – 26	Kings of Judah	Succession of kings, all of whom were descended from David; implemented the standards of David and Solomon to varying degrees

This is the second of three lessons focused on the life and reign of Solomon. Solomon is one of the great character studies in the Bible. David provided the Kingdom to Solomon in a good condition. David had subdued his enemies and spent countless days in battle. Ironically, Solomon would never go into battle and his reign was one of peace and tranquility. Because of the time of peace, Solomon was able to focus on building and construction. He likely had numerous building projects, but the two most noteworthy were the construction of a palace for himself and The Temple **Tonight's lesson focuses on his building the Temple.**

Listed below are some interesting facts about the Temple.

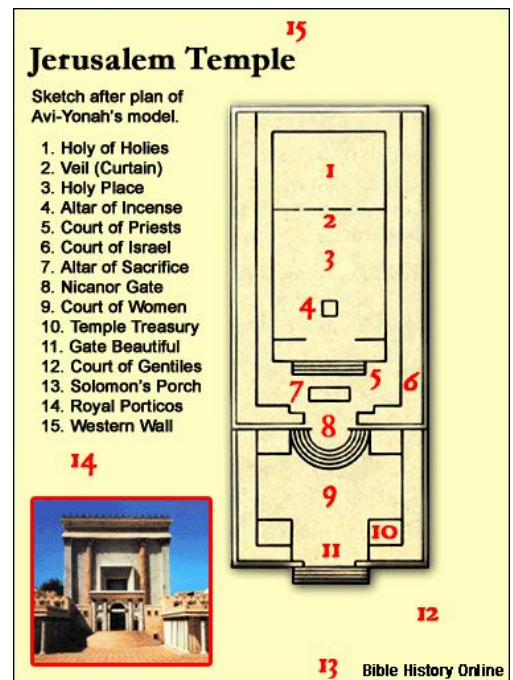
- According to 1 Kings:4-10, 1,086 talents, or about 34 tons of gold were brought to Jerusalem from Ophir by Solomon's workers. This quantity, worth about \$125 million at today's prices, is thought to have constituted about half the known gold supply of the ancient world.
- The cost of the temple in today's money is estimated to equal 3 to 6 billion dollars.
- Solomon began construction of the Temple 490 years after Israel came out of Egypt. 2 Chronicles 3:2
- The Temple site was located on Mt. Moriah where Abraham had offered Isaac. Genesis 22:2
- The Temple faced east and was built after the general plan of the Tabernacle, but twice the size: 90 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Construction took 7 years.
- The Holy Place was 60-ft (l) x 30-ft (w), the Most Holy Place was 30-ft (l) x 30-ft (w), and The Most Holy Place was separated by a curtain.



Questions

1. Read 2 Chronicles 3 and answer the following questions.
 - a. At what point in his reign did Solomon start building the Temple?
 - b. What were the dimension of the Most Holy Place?
 - c. What are five observations you make in reviewing this chapter?

2. One of the main purposes of The Temple was offering sacrifices. Select one of the following sacrifices and briefly describe it.
 - a. Burnt Offering (Leviticus 1:1-17)
 - b. Grain Offering (Leviticus 2:1-16)
 - c. Fellowship / Peace Offering (Leviticus 3:1-17)
 - d. Sin Offering (Leviticus 4:1 – 5:13)
 - e. Guilt / Trespass Offering (Leviticus 5:14-6:7)



3. What places in our culture do people consider sacred and how do they treat them?

4. According to Romans 12:1-2 how are we supposed to view our bodies?

5. Read 2 Chronicles 6 to develop an understanding of Solomon's petition to the Lord. What are several observations you make in reading this prayer?

6. Prayer should play a central in the life of a Believer. I would imagine all of our prayer lives could be more powerful. In what ways could you improve the power of your prayer life?

Next Meeting (Lesson #8, 1.03.23): In our next lesson we'll read 2 Chronicles 8:1 – 9:31 and discuss the *Splendors of Solomon*.