

CARE This Week...

October 20, 2024



Solomon Builds the Temple

Scripture Discussed: 1 Kings 5-9; 2 Chronicles 2-7

Before he died David gave Solomon the plans and instructions for building the temple. 'Be strong and courageous, and do the work, for the Lord is with you,' David told Solomon. 'He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work is finished.' Both Solomon and David had a good relationship with King Hiram of Tyre. Solomon purchased expensive timber from King Hiram of Tyre. 30,000 workers were enlisted to work in shifts cutting trees in Lebanon. Large cedars and Juniper trees were then floated down the coast to Joppa. They were then hauled overland to Jerusalem. Solomon had 70,000 carriers and 80,000 stonecutters in the hills, managed by 3,300 foremen. They quarried large blocks of high-grade stone and chiseled them into shape before transporting them to the temple. In this way NO hammer, chisel or iron tool was heard at the temple site while it was being built. The temple was 90ft long, 30ft wide and 45ft high. The interior walls were lined with cedar boards. On the walls around the temple were carvings of angels, palm trees and open flowers. These two pillars were bronze and set up before the temple. '...one on the right hand and the other on the left; he called the name of the one on the right Jachin, and the name of the one on the left Boaz.' Top craftsmen who worked with bronze were hired from King Hiram to make two large pillars for the portico of the temple. A large wash basin stood on top of 12 bronze bulls. Ten movable stands and basins were also crafted in bronze. The inner sanctuary was covered inside with pure GOLD. The floors of the inner and outer room were also covered with gold. Gold was used to create the altar, the table for bread, the lampstands and other furnishings. When the temple was finished, the elders and a vast number of people were assembled at a holiday feast to watch as the Ark of the Covenant was brought into the temple. The Ark of the Covenant was put in the Most Holy Place (the Holy of Holies) beneath the wings of the cherubim. A beautiful veil hung in front of the holy of holies. Weavers used blue, purple, and red yarn. They wove pictures of cherubim into the cloth. When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud of the glory of the Lord filled the temple and was so overwhelming the priests were unable perform their service. Solomon blessed the people and praised God. 'The Lord has kept his promise to David and I have built the temple for the Name of the Lord,' he declared. He stood before the altar with his arms spread then knelt and prayed, 'May your eyes look at this temple night and day and hear our prayers. Hear from heaven, and when you hear, forgive. The king then told the congregation, 'May the Lord be with us as he was with our ancestors and never leave or forsake us. May He turn our hearts to be fully obey His commands.' 22,000 cattle and a 120,000 thousand sheep and goats were offered in sacrifice. (1 Kings 8)

When Solomon had built the temple and his own palace God spoke to him. 'I have consecrated this temple, by putting my Name there forever. If you obey me, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel. 'But if you, or your descendants, turn away from me and worship other gods I will cut them off from the Promised Land and this temple will become a heap of rubble.'

Bible Verse: Rejoice in my house of prayer. Isaiah 56:7

Life Application: I will rejoice in places of worship to God.

SATURDAY ZOOM CLASS

Saturday ZOOM Bible Study met this past Saturday. Our study covered the account of Solomon Builds the Temple.

If you or a friend are interested in joining this Zoom Class you are welcome! Contact Anita at anita.bruck@huntersglen.org or call 972-867-1610, x205



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Oct. 27th

HG's Fall Fun Fest
4:00 to 6:00 PM

CARE will be on
Popcorn Duty!

Sat., November 16th

CARE Game Night
6:00 to 8:30 PM

