



SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

No 1 The Zeal Of Thine House

For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up;
Psalm 69:9

INTRODUCTION

- before the study of Solomon's Temple can get under way, we must go back long before the first stone was ever put into place

this was not a building project that simply occurred to Solomon...rather, the idea for the Temple was born in the heart of King David and designed in the mind of God

- King David was a spiritual giant in God's Word

he wrote some 75 psalms

more than sixty chapters of scripture are devoted to his life and exploits

almost half the books in the Bible mention him by name

- The Lord amazingly described David as a man after his own heart **1 Samuel 13:14**

Acts 13:22

...I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

in spite of his shortcomings and sins,
David obviously and humbly loved God

- David's heart was revealed by two things:
 - (1) his love for God's Word
 - (2) his love for God's house
- it is impossible to overstate the burning passion David possessed for the house of the Lord and for Mount Zion

1 Chronicles 28:2

I had in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and for the footstool of our God

- likewise, God was highly pleased with David's desire:

2 Chronicles 6:8

...thou didst well in that it was in thine heart

NOTE: there is no evidence King Saul built *anything* during his reign...scripture seems to indicate his small government met under a tree

1 Samuel 14:2 (22:6)

early in David's reign, he captured Jerusalem and made it his capital city

2 Samuel 5

there is an interesting historical side note...in the late 1960s, King Hussein of Jordan attempted to build a palace on the traditional site of biblical Gibeah on the West Bank but construction stopped when Israel took the area after the 1967 war

the palace was built on Tel El-ful...
the Hill of Beans

DAVID'S PASSION FOR CONSTRUCTION

1. DAVID'S GREATEST PROCLIVITY

David's heart was inclined to worship in God's house:

Psalm 27:4

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

the king defined his desire to dwell with God to mean:

worship ...behold the beauty of the Lord

prayer ...enquire in his temple

under the guidance of the Spirit, David poured out his passion in song, declaring his great love and zeal for the house of God

Psalm 26:8

LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth.

Psalm 69:9

For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up;

this verse was applied to Jesus in **John 2:17** when He cleansed Herod's Temple the first time

2. DAVID'S GOVERNMENT PRIORITY

as soon as David's kingdom was secure, he turned his attention to the goal of bringing the glory of God to the capital city

knowing the Temple's location would be somewhere in Moriah (the mountain range where Jerusalem was situated), the king brought the Ark of the Covenant into the Holy City

2 Samuel 6:12

And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness.

also **verse 17**

1 Chronicles 16:1

So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God.

NOTE: the tent constructed by David for the Ark is mentioned elsewhere in scripture:

Isaiah 16:5

Amos 9:11-12

Acts 7:45-47 (15:16-17)

behind every action and thought, David was continuously searching for the chosen site on which to build

compare **Psalms 132:1-5**

3. DAVID'S GENEROUS PREPARATION

everything short of actually erecting the building was taken care of by David during his reign

- he collected funds

- purchased the materials

- dressed the cut stones into finished blocks

- planned the labor

- organized the priesthood and Levites into proper divisions

God declared David would not be the one to build the Temple because he was a man of war and had shed blood in battle

1 Chronicles 22:8

But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight. see also **28:3**

David would only be permitted to make the preparations

Solomon would be the one to build the House of God

- see **1 Chronicles 22:2-5**

- also **2 Samuel 7:12-13;**

- 1 Chronicles 17:12 (28:6)**

NOTE: wars were necessary to established the promised borders God had given to Israel...also, many of the deaths ascribed to David were necessary to keep the nation righteous

the Temple serves as a picture of the Christian's right worship and as such should be concerned with peace

4. DAVID'S GALVANIZING PROPOSITION

a vision this large required David to draw the entire nation together, for which he had to set the tone for the building project

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no vision, the people perish:

the king began by calling for his son, whereby he presented him with the challenge of building the Temple

1 Chronicles 22:6

Solomon fervently accepted this commission and because all of Israel's enemies had been subdued by David, he was able to make the construction of the Temple his main priority

next, David addressed the nation of Israel one final time and urged them to support the Temple project

1 Chronicles 29:5

the people responded from their hearts: the king's government leaders (**29:6**) and the people (**29:9**) gave abundantly of their gold and silver

at the end of his life, David's final prayer request before God was that He would empower Solomon to build the Temple

1 Chronicles 29:19

And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace [temple], for the which I have made provision.

when David had finished preparing for the Temple, he offered a public prayer that began with praise and adoration to the Lord

1 Chronicles 29:10-21

God had blessed David richly, so he blessed God thankfully...his words are a short course in theology, in that he blessed the God of Israel and acknowledged His greatness, power, glory, victory, and majesty

David assured the Lord that the offerings came from his heart and the hearts of his people (**verse 17**)

he asked that they might always have hearts of generosity, gratitude, and joy and that they might always be loyal to their God...not worshiping wealth and making material gain their god

Christian, what consumes you? What are you passionate about? Jesus said that your treasure was an indication of your heart condition:

Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Are you consumed by the things of God, or does He take a backseat to the cares of this world?

Mark 4:19

And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.