



SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

No 1 The Zeal Of Thine House

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

INTRODUCTION

- Paul's sermon to Antioch in **Acts 13** described King David as one who had **served his own generation by the will of God... (verse 36)**
- David's desire to build the Temple was overruled by God, because the king had been a man of war

this prohibition did not deter David from moving forward with the plans for the Temple

not only did he provide all that was needed for the building of the Temple, he also wrote songs and designed the musical instruments to be used in the worship services

for the rest of his life, David planned for the construction of the Temple and the tiniest of details did not escape his attention

- because of his love for God's house and God's word, the legacy of David enriched God's people for centuries to follow

DAVID'S PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION

1. THE PATTERN OF THE TEMPLE

while it is fascinating to study every detail and design found in Solomon's construction, we must understand that God designed His house

David received the Temple design by special revelation from the Spirit of the Lord

1 Chronicles 28:11-19

verse 19 it would seem the hand of God came upon David to create the written blueprints and to understand the technical details

perhaps in visions???

the design was received in complete detail, even down to the amount of gold and silver to be used for each vessel

the design included the layout of the courts, the chambers, the divisions of the priesthood and Levites, the large cherubim, the bronze pillars, and the additional furniture

Note: during his lifetime, David was many things: musician, marksman, shepherd, military leader, king, tactician, theologian, parent, husband...the list goes on and on

the one thing he is never described as is an architect...therefore, the finite details with which David recorded the blueprints for the Temple can only be attributed to God

repeatedly, the word *pattern* is used

verses 11-12, 18-19

this indicates an **INTENTIONAL DESIGN**

God was the architect and designer of the Temple...nothing was left to man's mind or imagination or creativity

pattern = a model; resemblance

also translated as likeness, form, similitude, and figure

consider the extreme detail of this pattern:

the *pattern* of the porch...
and the *houses* thereof
and the *treasuries* thereof
and the *upper chambers* thereof
the *place* of the mercy seat
of the *courts* of the house of the Lord
all the *work of the service* of the house

ALL of the details of this pattern were given to David and he carefully wrote them down and followed the instruction given to him

Note: Christian, pause for a moment and consider the pattern of your life. Has God determined every aspect of it? Do you allow Him to have full control or do you permit Him into only certain areas? If the Creator can design the universe, and no doubt, a building, is He not trustworthy with our lives?

1 Corinthians 3:10-17

verse 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

cf **Ephesians 3:16-19**

so why was there such an emphasis placed on the specific design of the Temple?

1. the Temple of Solomon was to be a shadow on earth of the Heavenly Temple...everything in Heaven is done decently and in order...any representation thereof must follow that pattern perfectly

Isaiah 6:1

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Revelation 11:19

And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament:

2. this Temple was to be God's earthly dwelling place, where He could reveal His glory and make His will known through His appointed and anointed High Priest on the ground of redemption
3. in turn, this building pointed to Christ, who was the Temple of God bodily on the earth

John 2:19-21

...he spake of the temple of his body.

2 Corinthians 5:19

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

just as Christ was sinless and perfect, the Temple which foreshadowed His ministry would have to be flawless, too

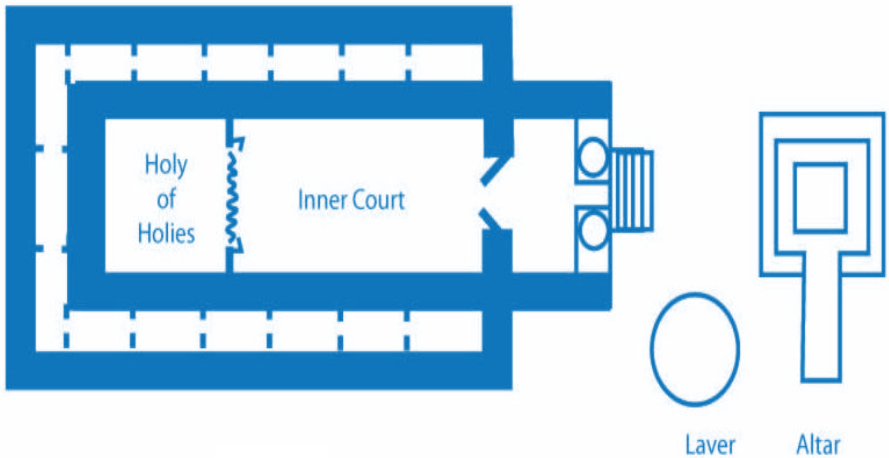
the Temple Solomon would build followed the general design of the Tabernacle in the wilderness:

it had only two rooms, contained similar furniture, and was surrounded by a courtyard

two major differences could be readily observed:

1. the Temple was much larger in scale in order to accommodate a larger national population
2. the Temple was a permanent building of timber and stone in the midst of a geographical country instead of a sojourning people

NOTE: the right worship of the Christian...
who is at rest in the finished work of Christ



2. THE PLACE OF THE TEMPLE

the location for the Temple was chosen as a result of David's sin (consider: David's two 'greatest' sins)

1 Chronicles 21 cf **2 Samuel 24**

letting his pride supersede his faith in God, the king commanded a census be taken of all able-bodied men cf **Exodus 30:12**

this was a temptation by Satan (**21:1**) and David's sin resulted in 70,000 men being slain by the angel of the Lord

in order to stay the hand of God, the angel instructed David to build an altar on the spot where a man named Ornan (Araunah) was threshing wheat

when God sent fire from Heaven to consume David's offerings (**verse 26**), the king knew his sin was forgiven and he was returned to fellowship with God

he also perceived this altar was special to the Lord, so he purchased the land from Ornan for 600 shekels of gold (**verse 25**)

years later, the Temple would be built here

1 Chronicles 22:1

thus, a place for separating the whet from the chaff was destined to be the foundation of the Temple...where spiritually speaking...

Note: in 2024 prices, David would have paid about \$6,500,000 for the land and the cattle he sacrificed

some have seen a discrepancy in the price, but **2 Samuel** gives the price of the *threshing floor*, whereas **1 Chronicles** gives the price of the entire area (*place*) where the Temple would be built

Genesis 22:14

And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

seen = in Hebrew, it conveys the deeper meaning of *experienced*

Deuteronomy 12:11

Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD: