



SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

No 1 The Zeal Of Thine House

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

INTRODUCTION

2 Timothy 2:20-21

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonor. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

**prepared = plan ahead; make ready;
to provide ahead of time**

- just because God would not allow David to fulfill his dream and build the Temple did not mean the king rested on his earlier accomplishments

1 Chronicles 22:5 David prepared abundantly...

in the same manner, Paul challenged Timothy to prepare himself unto every good work

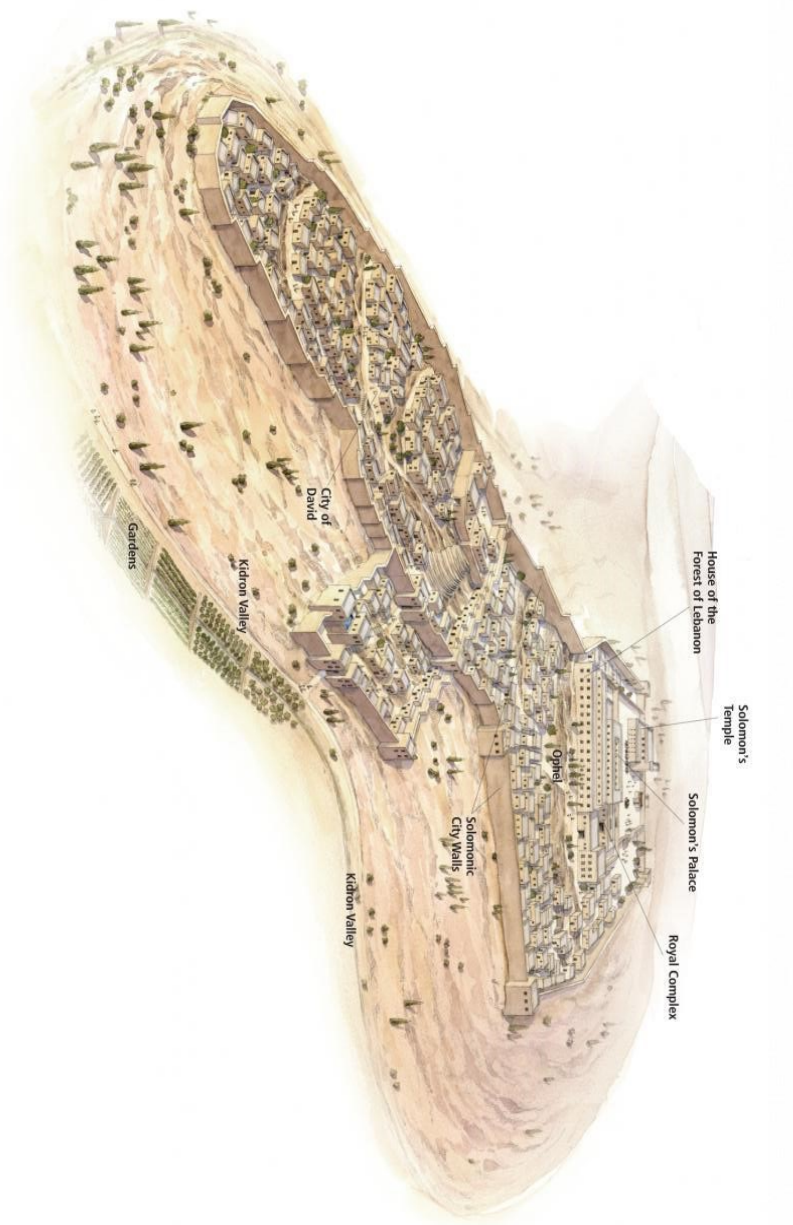
not knowing what the future might hold, Timothy needed to plan his life according to God's will and be ready to serve in any capacity that might arise

God is in the details...are you???

1. David's Passion For Construction

2. David's Plans For Construction

DAVID'S PREPARATION
FOR CONSTRUCTION



House of the Forest of Lebanon

Solomon's Temple

Solomon's Palace

Royal Complex

Opinel

Solomonic City Walls

Kidron Valley

City of David

Kidron Valley

Gardens

1. THE COMPONENTS OF THE TEMPLE

the Temple would be constructed from massive amounts of raw materials

David took it upon himself to collect almost everything needed for the project's completion

great quantities of iron and brass used for nails and fittings **1 Chronicles 22:3**

other materials included stone, wood, precious metals, costly fabrics, gemstones

unlike modern conveniences enjoyed in our modern culture, it required years to gather and prepare these materials in the ancient world

NOTE: many Bible scholars speculate David was around 60 years of age when he began his preparations

to give a general idea of the extent to which King David went in his preparations, stone was sourced from the abundant supply of local limestone in Jerusalem and the surrounding hills

these "costly stones" (**1 Kings 7:10**) were huge, dressed rectangular stones (*ashlars*)

they were decorated with an exquisite embossed border which outlined the face of each stone

NOTE: a biblical cubit is approximately 18 inches, making these stones about 12-15 square feet each

large quantities of cedar from Lebanon

fir, juniper, and olive woods were imported from other regions

algum wood (**1 Kings 10:11; 2 Chronicles 9:10**) was purchased, either from the southern part of the Arabian peninsula, or as far away as India

the Temple was to be decorated with vast amounts of gold, silver, and precious gemstones...the interior was covered entirely in pure gold

colored stones, marbles and granites, were imported and brought to Jerusalem where they were stored in great warehouses until the project called for their installation

added to this would be thousands of yards of hand-woven fine linen, dyed with costly ingredients from the Mediterranean Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba

large quantities of dyed wool would also be implemented for the interior design

NOTE: Tyrian purple dye was made from the crushed shells of sea mollusks...archaeologists have discovered the largest production site of this dye inside the borders of Israel...it is estimated this dye was worth 3 times its weight in gold

2. THE COMMERCE OF THE TEMPLE

the cost of Solomon's Temple would be staggering, even by the standards of opulence in today's world

the gold and silver for the Temple came from four sources:

the treasures of the Tabernacle

1 Chronicles 22:14

donations received from David's personal wealth

1 Chronicles 29:3-4

David's government leaders

1 Chronicles 29:6-7

the general offerings from the people of Israel

1 Chronicles 29:14

NOTE: it has been estimated David gave over \$1 billion in gold from his own personal wealth

shekels vs. talents

combined, the Temple offerings of gold and silver would easily top \$218 billion in value

by comparison, the cost of Hurricane Katrina, the costliest disaster in American history, was \$80 billion...nearly bankrupting the insurance industry

AT&T stadium in Arlington cost \$1.5 billion

the tallest building in Europe, The Shard, cost \$435 million

The Great Mosque of Mecca was completed in 2021 at a cost of \$120 billion

the tallest building in the world, *Burj Khalifa*, cost \$1.5 billion in 2010

all totaled, the cost for the Temple would be somewhere around \$61 million *per square foot*

this cost does not include the massive amounts of bronze, iron, cedar and other materials already mentioned

nor does it include the cost for seven and one-half years of labor: food and housing for such a large labor force

neither does it include the original purchase price for the land **\$6.5 billion**

NOTE: to illustrate this great cost another way...if an employee earned \$25 per hour, it would take almost three million years, working seven days a week with tax-free wages to earn \$218 billion

no doubt, the question would eventually be asked: Why would so much money be spent to build a temple for God?

David testified that God's house had to be exceedingly great in magnificence, fame, and splendor before the eyes of all nations

1 Chronicles 22:5

Solomon would affirm that the Temple reflected the incomparable greatness of God: **And the house which I build is great; for great is our God above all gods.**

2 Chronicles 2:5

Isaiah 66:1-2

Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.