

Glory of God



*King Solomon Beholds the Ark of the
Covenant Being Brought to the Temple*

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House of Prayer

Jesus talks about the temple as a house of prayer.

Luke 19:45-46 The Passion Translation (TPT)

Jesus entered the temple area and forcibly threw out all the merchants from their stalls. He rebuked them, saying, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Father's house is to be filled with prayer—a house of prayer, not a cave of bandits!'"

Solomon wrote: *Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.* Psalm 127:1

Gen 28:16 is the first mention of the house of God. And it is God's first communication with Jacob.

"prayer" is the Hebrew word "siach" which means to talk to or have a conversation. As we read Gen 28 it is clear Jacob and God were in conversation. Afterwards he piles the stones and marks the ground.

When you enter a house, you rest, you eat, you dwell. David wanted to build a dwelling place for God YET,

God's word to David is plain, *I will build you a house.*

2 Samuel 7:10-12, 27, 1 Chronicles 17:10

I will establish a place for my people Israel and settle them there; they will live there and not be disturbed anymore. Violent men will not oppress them again, as they did in the beginning and during the time when I appointed judges to lead my people Israel. Instead, I will give you relief from all your enemies. The Lord declares to you that he himself will build a dynastic house for you. When the time comes for you to die, I will raise up your descendant, one of your own sons, to succeed you, and I will establish his kingdom. (v10-12)

When God gives his promise, it is so much more of a guarantee than when humanity does. God's promises to David are not just about a building but rather a future son. The Davidic Covenant is a promise made by God to King David that a descendant of David would reign over Israel forever. The covenant is recorded in 2 Samuel 7:8-29.

And yes we see a son given who will rule, Solomon
however...

Houston we have a problem. Israel will abandon God. And
the line of David will fail to be faithful. The glorious temple
Solomon built will fall and be demolished.

THE First Temple period (1200-586 BC) lasted for 614 years.

The division of the united kingdom of ancient Israel into
Judah and Israel will see the rise and fall of king after king,
yet God will maintain the promise.

Who will see God fulfill the promise? Who will end
oppression and establish a place?

Hint: it's not a geographical location. In the words of JESUS,
"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in
spirit and truth" (John 4:23).

Let's look at someone who saw the heavenly throne.
In the book of Acts Stephen sees Christ glorified and is the
first to die a martyr's death. And as he prays as he is killed.

Read Acts 7:44-50

Stephen starts off with the ancestors of Israel from Abraham
to Moses and then during the days of Joshua taking the
land, the promised land. Stephen highlights how David
asked for something. What was it? He asked if he could find
a dwelling place for the HOUSE OF JACOB (v46).

Stephen then states what Isaiah said, 'What kind of house
will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is my resting
place? Did my hand not make all these things?

Jesus mentions the angelic elements of Jacob's dream to
Nathanael in John 1:51 NET. "He continued, "I tell all of you
the solemn truth—you will see heaven opened and the
angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of
Man."

The title Son of Man appears 13 times in John's Gospel. It is associated
especially with the themes of crucifixion (3:14; 8:28), revelation
(6:27; 6:53), and eschatological authority (John 5:27; 9:35)

The title as used in John's Gospel has for its background the son of man
figure who appears in Dan 7:13-14 and is granted universal regal

authority. Thus for the author, the emphasis in this title is not on Jesus' humanity, but on his heavenly origin and divine authority. (NET NOTES)

Stephen full of the Holy Spirit sees it. Acts 7:55-56 And communicates directly ie prays Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!

Jesus has the authority to open HEAVEN. HE is the door to eternal life. John 10:7-9 He is the only way.

Isaiah 66:1 This is what the LORD says: "The heavens are my throne and the earth is my footstool. Where then is the house you will build for me? Where then is the place I will rest?

Pray with me *Spirit of God rest on us*. It's what HE WANTS.

The Spirit of God dwells in you (Romans 8:9). Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19–20). Now read Mark 14:57-59

Christ has the authority to change the temple completely.
John 5:26-28, Matthew 28:18, Rev 1:18
1 Cor. 15:6

The God who made the world and everything in it, who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by human hands, ...we are his offspring. Acts 17:24-28

In the days of Solomon the house of God and the people of God were two distinct and different things. After the resurrection of Christ it's one and the same. 1 Timothy 3:15; Hebrews 3:6; and 1 Peter 4:17

Now going back to the martyrdom of Stephen— when Jesus humbles Saul at his conversion he says, 'why are you persecuting me?' Acts 9:4 Believer, can you see your value to him?

Solomon, son of David

Solomon's reign as king of Israel lasted from around 970 B.C. to around 930 B.C. roughly 40 years. When did he write Ecclesiastes? Near the end of his reign, approximately 935

B.C. 1 Kings 11:42 Solomon was the tenth son of King David (the second king of ancient united Israel). Solomon was the third and last king of ancient united Israel— "The Golden Age" of Israel. Solomon's reign is seen as a prefiguration of Jesus' future Kingdom.

His mother is Bathsheba the wife of Uriah.

On his attainment of kingship, after an attempted coup by his older brother Adonijah Solomon was made king by his father

King David. Upon enthronement he met with all of the kingdom of Israel's leaders at Gibeon. He offered 1,000 burnt offerings (1 Kings 3:4, 2 Chronicles 1:6). After this sacrifice, God appeared to him in a dream (1 Kings 3:5) and granted him wisdom (1 Kings 3:12, 2 Chronicles 1:7–12). WE TOO have an elevation to kings and priests according to the sacrifice of the Lamb.

Solomon handles a difficult matter between two mothers. Solomon has some practical discernment. When you bring your prayers before with one GREATER than Solomon he has a deep understanding of human nature and the complications of our flawed social setups. Thank you Lord for Proverbs.

King Solomon died of natural causes in 931 BC at the age of 80.

If you don't see God rightly, you can't see his kingdom correctly. You can't see your value correctly. Solomon started off with a proper view of himself, you know 'blessed are the poor in spirit' and he knew he was poor in spirit. He knew he needed God. He needed wisdom from God. His father David set him up to understand his need for God. (1 Chronicles

22:5) So Solomon prayed. And what a superior discernment he was granted. His judgement between two women identified and correctly judged their dispute over who was the real mother of the baby.

Jesus Christ The
One Greater than
Solomon

Matthew 12:42 NASB The Queen of the South will rise up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. (also in Luke 11:31)

The Queen of Sheba had a real thirst for wisdom, she traveled over 1200 or so miles to Jerusalem to test the wisdom of Solomon. And she brought gold, spices and precious stones as gifts.

1 Kings 10:3-5 "Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her. When the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the palace he had built, the food on his table, the seating of his officials, the attending servants in their robes, his cupbearers, and the burnt offerings he made at the temple of the LORD, she was overwhelmed." The ESV says 'there was no breath in her.' In 1 Kings 10:6-9 She says, "you have far exceeded the report I heard...Praise be to the Lord your God,"

Has reality ever exceeded your expectations?

I'm trying to make much of the glory of the kingdom of Israel under Solomon so you will properly see the glory of Jesus born 26 generations later the Christ, the very wisdom of God on earth will exceed all expectations. Jesus lived wisdom out, Prov 11:30 "The fruit of those who are right with God is a tree of life, and he who winds souls is wise." (NLT)

Read Ephesians 1:18-23

People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." Mark 7:37 NIV

People were really amazed. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes deaf people able to hear. And he makes those who can't speak able to talk." Mark 7:37 NIRV

Revival of religion in South Britain, Conn., in the year 1812

They saw him to be just such a Saviour as they needed. he was, therefore, precious to them, and regarded as the chiefest among ten thousand, and altogether lovely. The Bible appeared to them to be a new book. They found it a rich treasury of precious instruction. The doctrines of grace, to which they had felt great opposition, they cordially embraced. They felt them to be the sincere milk of the Word, which furnished them with spiritual nourishment. They felt a peculiar love and attachment to the people of God; and in the duties of religion they experienced a satisfaction with which they were before totally unacquainted. Concerning the consolation of religion, they were ready to say with the queen of Sheba, when she had surveyed the glory of Solomon's kingdom, "It was indeed a true report which we had heard of these things, but lo! the half was not told us."

The above is but an imperfect sketch of what we have been permitted to witness. Truly the Lord hath done great things for us; and to his name be ascribed all the glory. O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men. Psalm 126:3; 29:2; 107:31 p 360 NEW ENGLAND REVIVALS, Bennet Tyler, Evan

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David's last words to him are found in 1 Kings 2. *Be a man.* Solomon learned from David and lived into the words of his Father: *Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; proclaim His salvation from day to day.*

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; He also is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are things of nought; but the LORD made the heavens. 1 Chronicles 12:23-26

Unfortunately: Solomon wasn't able to resist the pull of the gods of his harem and 700 wives.

As he grew in power and world wide fame, he fell. (1 Kings 11:9-10)

Only Jesus could fulfill all his Father's instructions perfectly.

John 6:37-39: Jesus came to do the will of his Father, not his own. And he teaches us to pray, "Thy will be done."

Matthew 6:9-10

"As I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." John 5:19,30.

1 Cor 1:29-30 NET so that no one can boast in his presence. He is the reason you have a relationship with Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Glory in the Temple

Israel has a history of being overwhelmed by the glory of God. 400 years before the temple was built God's glory

Exodus 40:34-35 34 ESV Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

*As soon as Solomon **finished his prayer**, fire descended from heaven and burned up the burnt offerings and sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the Temple. And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord filled the Lord 's house.*
2 Chronicles 7:1

Under both occurrences of glory there is stability of leadership. Moses is a friend of God, Solomon is a young God fearing king and in both eras Israel is overwhelmed with the glory. *The king and all the people kept on offering sacrifices in the presence of the LORD. 2 Chronicles 7:4*
22,000 oxen and 120,00 sheep,
The bronze altar could not contain the offerings.
142,000 animals

Quite a few eh?, Solomon sacrificed 142,000 animals in 7 days while dedicating the temple.

Then the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD. Solomon offered as peace offerings to the LORD
22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep. So the king and all the people of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD. (1 Kings
8:62-63)

The priests could not enter the Temple of the Lord because the glorious presence of the Lord filled it. When all the

people of Israel saw the fire coming down and the glorious presence of the Lord filling the Temple, they fell face down on the ground and worshiped and praised the Lord, saying, "He is good!

His faithful love endures forever!"

2 Chronicles 7:2-3

Now consider not only Hebrews 10:14nKJ21 For by one offering He hath perfected for ever those who are sanctified, but how acceptable this offering is to our God and Father! Consider his response when the glory comes in Acts 2, fire from God, glory of the promised power resting upon each of them. In JESUS the sacrifice required was met by the blood of the Lamb (Luke 3:15-16). What did they need to do? WAIT on HIM. And so they waited and all joined together constantly in prayer. (Acts 1:15,14)

Now back to Solomon the worship of pagan gods, or idols and the forsaking of God's commands were unthought of during this glory.

But it is mentioned in God's reply to all of this ceremonial glory and sacrifice given to his name.

BUT IF YOU ABANDON ME.. 2 Chron 7:11-22

Don't abandon the LORD, or the act of prayer.

Stephen couldn't even while facing his death by stoning. Jesus couldn't. Jesus didn't. He finished well and so will you.

He is praying for you now. He is superior to Samuel, who said the following: As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right. 1 Samuel 12:23

Shall Jesus Christ be interceding in heaven? Oh, then, be thou a praying man on earth; yea, take courage to pray. Think thus with thyself—I go to God, to God, before whose throne the Lord Jesus is ready to hand my petitions to him; yea, 'he ever lives to make intercession for me.' This is a great encouragement to come to God by prayers and

supplications for ourselves, and by intercessions for our families, our neighbors, and enemies. John Bunyan

James 5:16-17 NIV Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power to prevail.

Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

Private Prayer

Pray in a room with the door closed.

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and
not be weary; Isaiah 40:31

TAKE THIS TIME TO PRAY.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in
my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of
salvation, He has covered me with the robe of
righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with
ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
Isaiah 61:10

What is thrown on the son? Luke 15:22

You have been clothed with power from on high. Luke 22:49
Acts 2:4, 4:8, 31, Acts: 5:10, Acts 7:55, Acts 11:24, Acts 13:9

The Greek word *parakletos* (παράκλητός) has multiple
meanings, including "helper," "advocate," "comforter," and
"intercessor"

The term "*paraklétos*" is used in the New Testament to
describe someone who is called to aid, support, or intercede
on behalf of another. In a legal context, it refers to an
advocate or legal assistant. In a broader sense, it signifies a
helper or comforter who provides encouragement and
support. In the New Testament, "*paraklétos*" is primarily used
to describe the Holy Spirit, who acts as a divine helper and
guide for believers.

John 14:16,26; 15:26; 16:7

1 John 2:1

I'm praying Colossians 2:2-3 over your personal study of God's word: *My goal is that their hearts, having been knit together in love, may be encouraged, and that they may have all the riches that assurance brings in their understanding of the knowledge of the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

Personal Study Comparison of Solomon and Jesus:

Solomon's reign begins with judgement;
1 Kings 2:25-26, 1 Kings 2:32-34, 1 Kings 2:44-46

And how does Christ begin? Matthew 25:31-32

A son shall be born to you:
1 Chronicles 22:6-9

Isaiah 9:6-8, Phil. 4:7

Built the Temple
1 Kings 8:20, 27 Matthew 16:18, Rev 21:22, John 2:19-21

Beloved Sons, Sons of David
2 Samuel 12:24-25

Matthew 3:17, Luke 9:35

1 Kings 5:7

Matthew 1:1, Luke 18:38

Rulers bring them gifts

1 Kings 9:11, 1 Kings 10:10

Matt. 2:11, Ps. 72:10

Wisdom

1 Kings 4:29,34;

Luke 2:40,52; Matthew 13:54; Mark 6:2

Anointed (fyi: Christ and Messiah mean Anointed.)

1 Kings 1:39

Luke 4:18, John 1:41

Women and spices

1 Kings 10:10

Mark 14:3, 16:1

Kingdom duration

1 Kings 11:11

Luke 1:33, Hebrews 1:8

King of Kings

MATTHEW 26:63-68 NET

But Jesus was silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." **Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."** Then the

high priest tore his clothes and declared, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? Now you have heard the blasphemy! What is your verdict?"

They answered, "He is guilty and deserves death." Then they spat in his face and struck him with their fists. And some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy for us, you Christ! Who hit you?"

Jesus was killed for telling them who HE IS. Son of God, and Son of Man!

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 NET

"While I was watching,
thrones were set up,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.
His attire was white like snow;
the hair of his head was like lamb's wool.
His throne was ablaze with fire
and its wheels were all aflame.

A river of fire was streaming forth
and proceeding from his presence.
Many thousands were ministering to him;
many tens of thousands stood ready to serve him.
The court convened
and the books were opened.

“I was watching in the night visions,
And with the clouds of the sky
one like a son of man was approaching.
 He went up to the Ancient of Days
 and was escorted before him.

To him was given ruling authority, honor, and sovereignty.
 All peoples, nations, and language groups were serving him.
 His authority is eternal and will not pass away.
 His kingdom will not be destroyed.

In Daniel 7:9-10 YHWH is described

Here are some Old Testament allusions to the might and power of the Ancient of Days. He is “our fortress and our strength” (Psalm 91:2); the “rock on which we can depend” (1 Samuel 2:2). He is “matchless in his majesty, power, and authority” (Jeremiah 10:6). He is the “never-changing” (Malachi 3:6) “Great I AM” (Exodus 3:14). Sovereign even over the rise and fall of earthly kingdoms (Job 12:23), He remains “faithful through it all” (Deuteronomy 7:9).

In Daniel 7:13-14 Jesus the son of man, Son of God is described

God put on mortal flesh (Colossians 2:9). The ancient curse of sin (Genesis 2:17; Romans 6:23) was brought to bear on the sinless Savior, both Mighty God and the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). Christ was lifted high (John 3:14) as our perfect, spotless sacrifice in order to secure our redemption (Hebrews 9:12). On the cross, Jesus cried out words from Psalm 22 (Matthew 27:46), a Messianic psalm which calls for help to a Father who is a rescuer of those who place their trust in Him (Psalm 22:5,19). The Son’s trust was not misplaced, and He was “rescued by the Father’s hand to reign as King forevermore!”

Amos 5:24, Revelation 4:8,5:13, 19:16, 22:5