

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## THE DESTINY OF HUMANITY

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### PART 30: BUILDING THE FIRST TEMPLE

#### **THE BUILDING OF THE TEMPLE**

Solomon was determined to build the temple of the Lord and started the project early on after establishing himself over Israel. Solomon decided that all parts of the temple were to be prefabricated. **1 Kings 6:7**

It took him four years to prepare the stones, timber, doors, etc. **1 Kings 5:17-18; 6:1**

Solomon enlisted the King of Tyre for timber to build the temple and 30,000 men were used for this labor project - **1 Kings 5:13-14**

In addition Solomon drafted 70,000 men to carry heavy burdens and 80,000 men to cut stones and shape them for the foundation of the temple. **verse 15**

Solomon had 3,300 supervisors to ensure it was quality work. This was not a paid workforce; these were drafted men who more or less worked as slave labor. **verse 16**

It took four years to gather the stones and lumber and fabricate beams, doors, trim, etc. and then another 7 years to assemble the temple. **1 Kings 6:37-38**

#### **DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE**

On the day of the temple dedication, Solomon requested the leadership of Israel to be at Jerusalem. **2 Chronicles 5:1-3**

The temple was built upon Mount Moriah, and according to Jewish history, it was constructed on the very spot where Abraham had come to sacrifice Isaac some 1,200 years earlier. It was also the same location where King David had built an altar to the Lord. **Genesis 22:1-2; 2 Chronicles 3:1**

- ❖ This was the place where Abraham encountered the Lord.
- ❖ This was the location where David met the Lord after the judgment on Israel.
- ❖ This was site of the first temple where the glory of God was present. **2 Chronicles 5:13-14**
- ❖ This is also the spot where the Antichrist will declare his godhood. **2 Thessalonians 2:1-4**

The Ark of the Covenant was removed from the tent and carried into the temple by Levites. There was an abundance of sacrifices with singers and musicians to honor and praise the Lord. **2 Chronicles 5:4-14**

Then Solomon dedicated the temple with a prayer to the Lord. This was a request for God to hear and minister to the people of Israel as they came to worship and seek the Lord, yet Solomon never repented of his sins. **2 Chronicles 6:12-42**



Fire came down from heaven when Solomon finished his prayer and consumed the burnt offering and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. **2 Chronicles 7:1-4**

The celebration continued fourteen days and then Solomon sent the people back to their homes. **verses 5-11**

## **A SECOND VISIT FROM THE LORD**

God visited Solomon during the night when he was quiet and alone. **verse 12**

God delivered a warning and promise. He could create a draught, He could send locusts to devour the crops, and He could send pestilence among the people. **verse 13**

Then God laid out His plan for revival. This was a promise to Solomon and the people of Israel some 3,000 years ago, but that promise is still good today if God's people come together and seek him. **verses 14-15**

God acknowledged He had chosen and sanctified the temple on Mount Moriah. **verse 16**

Solomon received a personal warning from the Lord that his throne was dependent upon him walking with the Lord and keeping God's commandments. **verses 17-18**

If Solomon neglected to follow the laws given to Moses, and he began to worship pagan gods, then God would pluck up Israel from the land. **verses 19-20**

The temple would be destroyed. **verse 21**

Everything would come to pass if the Israelites abandoned the Lord. **verse 22**

Nevertheless, Solomon walked away from the Lord over time and turned to pagan worship. **1 Kings 11:1-13**

The Ten Northern tribes were removed from the land by the Assyrians in 727 B.C.

Judah and Benjamin were taken to Babylon and the beautiful temple of Solomon was destroyed in 593 B.C.

## **SOLOMON'S PALACE AND HOUSES**

The Bible records that Solomon's palace in Jerusalem was 13 years in the making. He also built a house in the forest of Lebanon entirely from cedar wood which was 150 feet long and 75 feet wide. He also constructed a private dwelling place for the daughter of Pharaoh, which he had taken to be his wife. **1 Kings 7:1-8**

Solomon recognized that the daughter of Pharaoh was a pagan and should not be kept in King David's palace in Jerusalem so he brought her to a special house built just for her. **2 Chronicles 8:11**

## **MILITARY CAMPAIGN**

Hamath and Zobah were two small kingdoms northwest in Syria and south of modern day Turkey. They had been at war with each other during the reign of King David, who subdued Zobah and befriended the king of Hamath. **2 Samuel 8:3-11**

The nations of Hamath and Zobah rebelled and Solomon led a military campaign to crush this uprising. **2 Chronicles 8:3**

Solomon then proceeded to build cities in Hamath to solidify his hold on the area. **verses 4-6**

After the temple was finished, the Israelite men were no longer conscripted as slave workers, but became soldiers in Solomon's army. All the Gentiles and their offspring who had been previously conquered and resided in Israel were made slaves. **verses 7-10**

***Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!***

***Do you have an ear to hear with?***