

Read Through The Bible In A Year

Week 20 – King Solomon

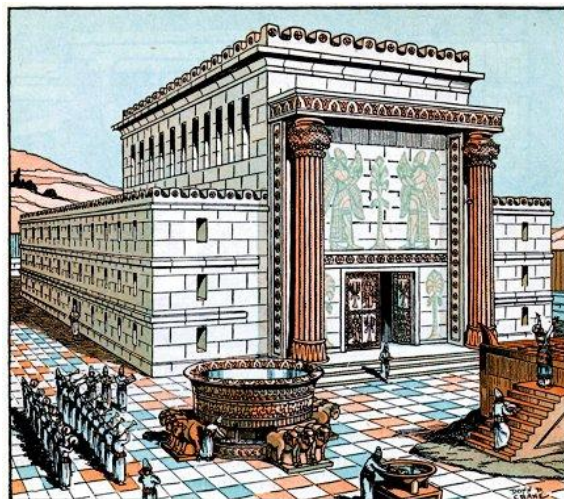
You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. Hebrews 10:36

1. Looking Back

Israel becomes a nation ruled first by Judges then Kings. Saul was the first king. He started well but gradually became self-reliant rather than God-reliant. God selected David, a shepherd, Son of Jesse and slayer of Goliath to succeed Saul. Despite his occasional missteps (notably Bathseba) David was Israel's greatest King who led the nation to become the dominate empire in the region. The Psalm he wrote give us an insightful picture into his faith, his extremes of emotion and his Godly wisdom. He was a man after God's own heart, but yet a man we can relate to. His son, Solomon, succeeded David.

2. What happened in this week's reading. May 10-16 (584-619)

- a. Solomon Becomes King
- b. Solomon Secures His Kingship
- c. Solomon Blessed with Wisdom
- d. Building the Temple



Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep. Psalm 127

3. What does it mean?

- a. The facts

Son of David and Bethsheba. Not in line of succession; designated by David on his deathbed
Amnon, Absalom, Chiliab were dead. Adonijah, next in line
Succession struggle with Adonijah (Dave Stone v. Kyle)
Chooses wisdom over long life or riches. Gets them all
David not allowed to build temple; Solomon's job
Wrote Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
Made shrewd alliances; Tolerant of other religions/cultures
Expanded territory and trade
Kingdom split after his reign ended and Israel ultimately fell

- b. The ___wisdom_____ of Solomon.

- c. Solomon had 600 wives and 300 concubines.
- d. The rise and fall of Solomon (and Israel) is an illustration of the perils of money, influence, compromise and power. . .and not keeping the main thing the main thing.
- e. Where did he go wrong?
- f. The implications for us:
- g. The Temples of God

The Plan of the Tabernacle

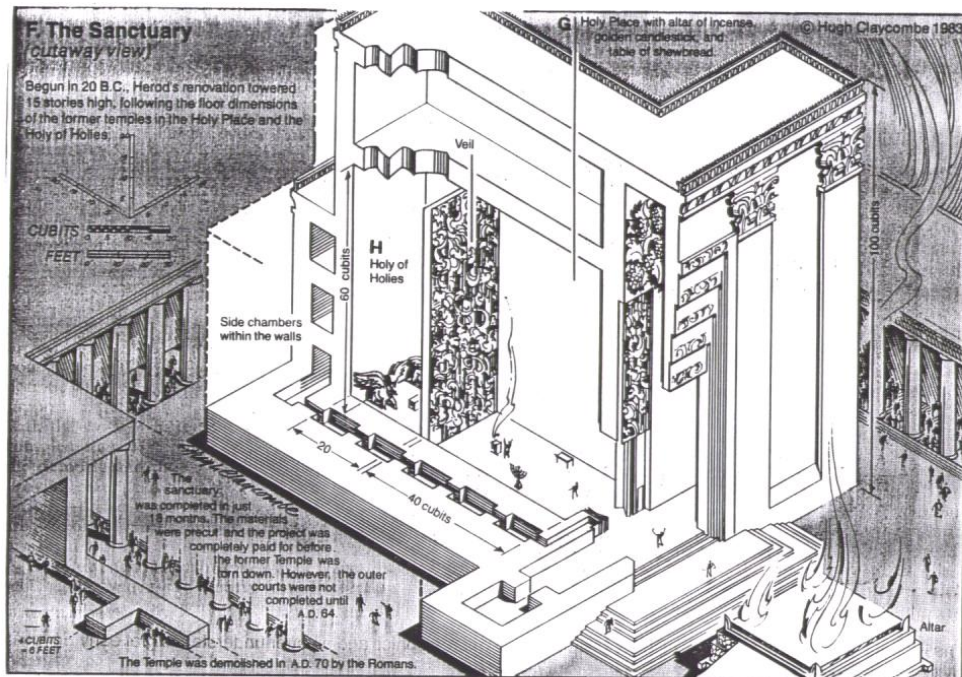
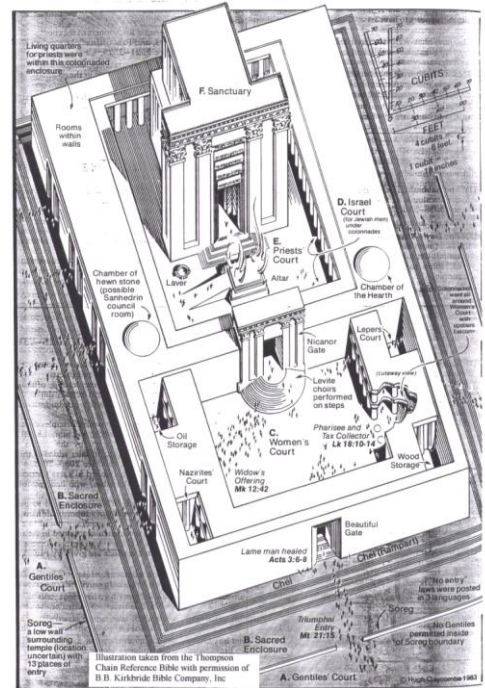
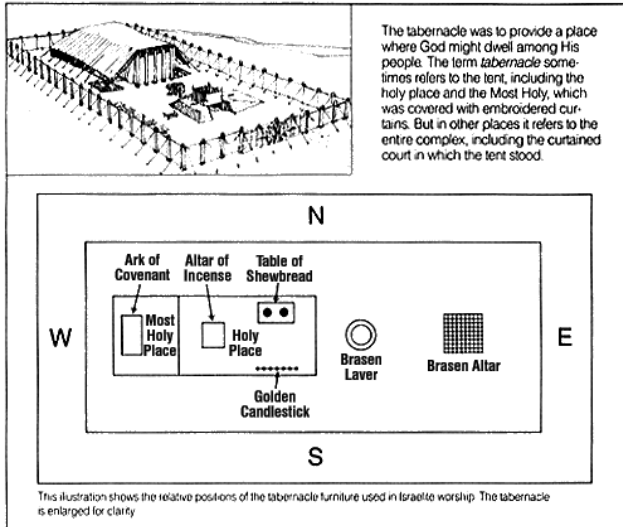


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