

JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Lesson 30: SOLOMON - The Temple

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The 7th Day

Aim: To show how Solomon's kingdom and the temple he built picture the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ and the Millennial Temple in the 7th Day.

Key Scriptures: 2 Samuel 7:12-19. 1 Kings 1:32-40; 2:10-12. 1 Chronicles 22:5-19. Psalm 110:1. Ezekiel 43:5-7. Micah 4:1-2.

In our last lesson we saw how King David wanted to build a house for the LORD, but instead God said He would build a 'house' for David.

Q: Do you recall the reason God would not let David build Him a House?

A:

Q: What sort of 'house' was God going to build for David?

A:

Let's re-read the pertinent Scriptures from 2nd Samuel chapter 7:

2 Samuel 7:12 *"When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. 15 But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be*

established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.”
17 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David. 18 Then King David went in and sat before the LORD; and he said: "Who am I, O Lord GOD? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? 19 "And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O Lord GOD; and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come. Is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD?

Q: Four times the LORD mentions establishing David's throne and kingdom, through his 'seed' who will come after him. What did David know about the fulfillment of the prophecy?

A:

Q: How do Peter's comments on the day of Pentecost in **Acts 2:30-31** add further details to what David knew?

A:

Q: In your own words connect what Peter said in **Matthew 16:16** to the words of Nathan the prophet to David in 2 Samuel chapter 7.

A:

Before David died, his son Solomon was anointed and proclaimed king of Israel. Solomon had older brothers by different mothers, but David had promised Bathsheba, Solomon's mother, that he would be the next king. Before that could happen Solomon's brother Adonijah attempted to make himself king, unbeknownst to David, but this was revealed by Nathan the prophet to Bathsheba, and then David. You can read about it in 1st Kings chapter 1, which I encourage you to do. We will now focus on the verses relating to Solomon's coronation in that chapter.

Solomon's Coronation

As you read make observations in the margin and note any similarities between Solomon's coronation and Christ coming into His Kingdom.

Notes:

1Ki 1:32 And King David said, "Call to me Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada." So they came before the king. 33 The king also said to them, "Take with you the servants of your lord, and have Solomon my son ride on my own mule, and take him down to Gihon. 34 "There let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel; and blow the horn, and say, 'Long live King Solomon!' 35 "Then you shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit on my throne, and he shall be king in my place. For I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and Judah."

36 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said, "Amen! May the LORD God of my lord the king say so too. 37 "As the LORD has been with my lord the king, even so may He be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David."

38 So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule, and took him to Gihon. 39 Then Zadok the priest took a horn of oil from the tabernacle and anointed Solomon. And they

blew the horn, and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!" 40 And all the people went up after him; and the people played the flutes and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth seemed to split with their sound.

Q: Solomon was the third king of Israel. What do we know about the number three, and why is that significant with respect to Solomon's reign?

A:

Q: Benaiah's proclamation in **v.37** '*may He be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David.*', is an interesting one. How might we view or consider this?

A:

Solomon's name means '**peaceful**', '**perfect**', and his reign was characterized by peace from his enemies all around. Following David's death, Solomon's kingdom was established, and God gave him rest. (*We will come back to this with respect to Christ shortly.*)

1 Kings 2:10 *So David rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David. 11 The period that David reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years. 12 Then Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.*

Q: How does **v.12** confirm the near fulfillment of the prophecy concerning the covenant that the LORD made with David in 2nd Samuel chapter 7?

A:

Let's look at a conversation David had with Solomon and the elders of Israel before his death:

Notes:

1Chronicles 22:5 Now David said, "Solomon my son is young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for the LORD must be exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all countries. I will now make preparation for it." So David made abundant preparations before his death. 6 Then he called for his son Solomon, and charged him to build a house for the LORD God of Israel.

7 And David said to Solomon: "My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house to the name of the LORD my God; 8 "but the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have made great wars; you shall not build a house for My name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in My sight. 9 'Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon, for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days. 10 'He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his Father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'

11 "Now, my son, may the LORD be with you; and may you prosper, and build the house of the LORD your God, as He has said to you. 12 "Only may the LORD give you wisdom and understanding, and give you charge concerning Israel, that you may keep the law of the LORD your God. 13 "Then you will prosper, if you take care to fulfill the statutes and judgments with which the LORD charged Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and of good courage; do not fear nor be dismayed...

17 David also commanded all the leaders of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying, 18 "Is not the LORD your God with you? And has He not

given you rest on every side? For He has given the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land is subdued before the LORD and before His people. 19 "Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God. Therefore arise and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the holy articles of God into the house that is to be built for the name of the LORD."

Q: What evidence do you see in the verses above that confirms that the reign of Solomon pictures the reign of Jesus Christ in the 7th Day? Make **notes** in the margin.

Solomon's Temple

We learnt in our last lesson that the house David's son was to build would be both a physical 'house', as well as a line of descendants that would come from his body who would sit on his throne.

Following David's death Solomon began to build the temple in Jerusalem, which would be a house for God and His name to abide. All the stones for the temple were cut and shaped off site so that no hammer or chisel was heard where it was being assembled.

The Temple took 7 years to build, and when it was completed, the Ark of the Covenant was taken from the Tabernacle by the priests and placed behind the Veil that separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place. The Temple was laid out in a similar pattern to the Tabernacle that we studied in lessons 21 to 24, but on a much larger and grander scale. Everything inside was cedar wood overlaid with pure gold. (*2 Chron. 4 & 1 Kings 6*).

Dedication of the Temple

Once the priests from the tribe of Levi brought the Ark of the Covenant inside the Temple behind the Veil, then the Glory of the LORD filled the temple and God's presence dwelt there. The glory cloud was so thick that the priests could not minister or enter.

Once the temple and all the furnishings inside and outside were completed, Solomon prayed and blessed the Temple and the people. In the dedication, he sacrificed peace offerings of ‘twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep’ (*1 Kings 8:63*). Solomon held a feast for all Israel that lasted a total of fourteen days.

Solomon the Type

In the covenant that God made with David in 2nd Samuel chapter 7, David was told that the Seed whose kingdom would be established forever would be God’s Son. Last lesson we learnt how Jesus was THE Seed, and the ‘Son of David’ through Mary and Joseph. In the 7th Day, Jesus will sit both on His father David’s throne in Jerusalem and on His own throne in the heavens.

Jesus the Antitype

Solomon was the literal seed and son of David, and as such he is a type of Jesus Christ in the 7th Day. Solomon sat on his father’s throne in Jerusalem. His name means ‘peace’ and ‘perfect’. Jesus is referred to as the Prince of Peace (*Isaiah 9:6*), and He will bring peace to the earth in the 7th Day when He reigns from Jerusalem and from the heavens. The name Jerusalem means ‘teaching or city, of peace’.

We can read in [1st Kings 5:3-4](#) that the LORD had put all David’s foes **under the soles of his feet**, and that the LORD God gave Solomon ‘**rest** on every side from his adversaries and all evil occurrences’. When Christ rules in the 7th Day, the **Day of Rest**, the King will have rest from all His enemies because they will be firmly under the soles of His feet, as He rules with a rod of iron. But in the meantime, we are told that Jesus is seated at the right hand of His Father waiting for His enemies to be that footstool for His feet:

***Psalms 110:1** A Psalm of David. 1 The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”*

The Temple in the 7th Day

At the beginning of our study of Jesus in the Old Testament (lesson 6) we studied **Melchizedek** who was both a king and priest in Jerusalem. We know

that he pictures Christ as King **and** Priest in the 7th Day. Jesus is currently a High Priest in the heavens, but when He returns to the earth to establish His Kingdom, the nation of Israel will need a priest to deal with their sins of unbelief and of killing their King. So Jesus will come according to the priestly order of Melchizedek to remove their sins and establish His Kingdom.

Those remaining on the earth and entering into the 7th Day will also need a priest once they believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and go to Him for cleansing of their sins. Therefore, during the 7th Day there will be a newly built temple in Jerusalem.

Ezekiel & The Two Temples

When Israel was taken into captivity in Babylon, the prophet Ezekiel sadly saw a vision of the glory of God departing Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem and returning to heaven. However, The LORD God later gave Ezekiel a vision of the Millennial Temple with its precise dimensions and furnishings. This was followed by the Glory of God returning and filling the Temple. Solomon's temple was just a shadow of this future Temple:

***Ezekiel 43:5** The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, **the glory of the LORD filled the temple.** 6 Then I heard Him speaking to me from the temple, while a man stood beside me. 7 And He said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever."*

Concluding Comments:

Solomon, the Third King of Israel, was of the seed of David and sat on David's throne. He built a house for the LORD God. Solomon is a Type of Jesus Christ during the 7th Day, the Day of Rest from His enemies, when they will be firmly under the soles of His feet, and He will rule the nations with a rod of iron.

You might still have some questions about Solomon's reign representing the reign of Christ because of Solomon's activities later on in his reign. So how should we view this?

Not all of Solomon and his reign is a part of the type. Later in life he departed from God's statutes, but because of David, Solomon's kingdom was not taken from him, but from his son Rehoboam.

We should look at the type as a broad overview that prophetically pictures the fulfillment of the covenant that God made with David concerning 'a son whose kingdom would be established forever' and would build 'a house' for God's name.

Just as Solomon, the son of David, reigned from Jerusalem and built the temple for God and His Glory to fill, so the Millennial Temple will be filled with the Glory of the LORD, and God's name and presence will be there in the form of His Son. In the 7th Day, the people and nations will flow to Jerusalem, the City of Peace, the City of David:

Micah 4:1 *Now it shall come to pass in the latter days [the 7th Day] that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it. 2 Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

The mountain (the kingdom) of the LORD's house will be 'established on the top of the mountains' and 'above the hills', revealing that the Lord Jesus Christ's Kingdom will be 'far above all' other kingdoms and nations (*c.f Eph.1:21*).

We began our study of Jesus in the Old Testament to learn how all the OT reveals something about Christ, 'beginning in Moses, the Psalms and the Prophets'. Concluding our study with Solomon as a Type of Jesus Christ in His Kingdom in the 7th Day seems a fitting place to finish. However, we could spend a lifetime studying the OT and the Holy Spirit would be able to continue to open our understanding and reveal Jesus to us. Let us determine to continue seeking Jesus's Kingdom and His righteousness through our study of the Word of God.

Do you have any final comments?

Let's pray....