

## FINAL STUDY NOTES – 1 Kings Chapters 8:22-9:28! 1/19-20/2026

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### OPENING PRAYER

**1 KINGS – Chapter 8 – Solomon’s Prayer of Dedication – (vs. 22-53); Solomon Blesses the Assembly – (vs. 54-61); Solomon Dedicates the Temple – (vs. 62-66)! Chapter 9 – God’s Second Appearance to Solomon – (vs. 1-9); Solomon and Hiram Exchange Gifts – (vs. 10-14); Solomon’s Additional Achievements – (vs. 15-28)!**

**Review: The Ark Brought into the Temple (1Ki 8:10-21)** And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. Then Solomon spoke: "The LORD said He would dwell in the dark cloud. I have surely built You an exalted house, And a place for You to dwell in forever."

#### **Solomon Blesses the Lord**

Then the king turned around and blessed the whole assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing. And he said: "Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who spoke with His mouth to my father David, and with His hand has fulfilled it, saying, 'Since the day that I brought My people Israel out of Egypt, I have chosen no city from any tribe of Israel in which to build a house, that My name might be there; but I chose David to be over My people Israel.' Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel. But the LORD said to my father David, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My

name, you did well that it was in your heart. Nevertheless you shall not build the temple, but your son who will come from your body, he shall build the temple for My name. 'So the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke; and I have filled the position of my father David, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised; and I have built a temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

**Solomon's Prayer of Dedication** - Solomon, in all his other glory, even on his ivory throne, never looked so great as he did now!

**1Ki 8:22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven;**

- Now he turns to talk to God, concerning the people. As he talks to God, we find that he is standing there on an elevated platform before the bronze altar so that the people could see him. He turned to talk to the LORD, initially standing, spreading forth his hands towards heaven, acknowledging the faithfulness of God, in keeping His word. But by the time he ends his prayer, he has fallen to his knees! (Ki 8:54) And so it was, when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication to the LORD, that he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.
- Solomon then began to offer a lengthy prayer of consecration to the LORD. First, giving glory to God, he affirmed that no god could compare to Israel's God, the LORD (1Ki 8:23-24). Second, he asked the LORD for His continued presence and protection (vs. 25-30). Third, he listed seven typical Israelite prayers that would require the LORD's response (vs. 31-54). These supplications recalled the detailed list of curses in (Deu 28:15-68), given for the breaking of the law.
- Solomon prayed that: (1) the LORD would judge between the wicked and the righteous (vs. 31-32); (2) the LORD would forgive the sins that had caused defeat in battle (vs. 33-34); (3) the LORD would forgive the sins that had brought on drought (vs. 35-36); (4) the LORD would forgive the sins that had resulted in national calamities (vs. 37-40); (5) the LORD would show mercy to God-fearing foreigners (vs. 41-43); (6) the LORD would give victory in battle (vs. 44-45); and (7) the LORD would bring restoration after captivity (vs. 46-54).

**1Ki 8:23 and he said: "LORD God of Israel, there is no God in heaven above or on earth below like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts.**

- Solomon begins his prayer with wonderful address! God's presence and protection. You are a God who keeps His word with those who walk before You and serve You with their whole heart!

**1Ki 8:24 You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day.**

- Solomon praises the LORD again for His faithfulness. LORD, this is all Your work. I am standing in the midst of Your providence.

**1Ki 8:25-26 Therefore, LORD God of Israel, now keep what You promised Your servant David my father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk before Me as you have walked before Me.' [26] And now I pray, O God of Israel, let Your word come true, which You have spoken to Your servant David my father.**

- LORD, You have promised that from David there would be one sitting upon the throne, and we ask You to keep that word also." Which of course He will, in Christ, when Jesus returns again!
- (2Sa 7:12,16) "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. [16] And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."

**1Ki 8:27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!**

- Solomon acknowledges that God fills all of the universe. Here, we have built a house, but LORD, we realize that the earth cannot contain You, not even the heaven of the heavens can contain You. How much less this house that we have built! By far You transcend containment by anything in all creation!
- (Act 17:24) God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.
- **How big do you think your God is? Would you say with conviction, "Behold heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You! Wow! And yet You cherish time and an intimate and the closest relationship with me and with each one of Your children!**

*1Ki 8:28-30 Yet regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O LORD my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You today: [29] that Your eyes may be open toward this temple night and day, toward the place of which You said, 'My name shall be there,' that You may hear the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place. [30] And may You hear (12x) the supplication of Your servant (9x) and of Your people Israel, when (17x) they pray (6x) toward this place. Hear in heaven (8x) Your dwelling place; and when You hear, (11X) forgive (5x).*

- LORD, this is going to be the place that in our hearts and minds, represents where we meet You. So when we are in trouble and we turn towards this place, and cry out, LORD, You hear from your dwelling place, in heaven, and answer the needs and the prayers of Your people.”
- Solomon now gives a series of seven specific petitions that he asked the LORD would listen to and heed when these prayers are lifted up by people to the LORD looking in the direction of the temple. “When they come to You, then LORD, hear and answer.”

*(1) 1Ki 8:31-32 "When anyone sins (6X-sin, sins) against his neighbor, and is forced to take an oath, and comes and takes an oath before Your altar in this temple, [32] then hear in heaven, and act, and judge Your servants, condemning the wicked, bringing his way on his head, and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.*

- Forgiveness of Trespasses - Judging between the wicked and the righteous.
- The situation is where some wrongdoing has occurred between two people. There are no eyewitnesses, any other eyewitnesses except God. So they would bring them to the temple. Solomon is saying when that occurs, would You make manifest and reveal who is lying and who is telling the truth?
- LORD, we want to be a righteous nation. We want to be a nation that judges things properly, would You be involved in that judgment and in that righteousness in our nation and be actively involved by exposing who is telling the truth and who is lying?

*(2) 1Ki 8:33-34 "When Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and when they turn back to You and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication to You in this temple, [34] then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them back to the land which You gave to their fathers.*

- Forgiveness for sins causing defeats from enemies.

*(3) 1Ki 8:35-36 "When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, when they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin because You afflict them, [36] then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your servants, Your people Israel, that You may teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on Your land which You have given to Your people as an inheritance.*

- Forgiveness of sins that brought on calamity.

*(4) 1Ki 8:37-40 "When there is famine in the land, pestilence or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers; when their enemy besieges them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is; [38] whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, or by all Your people Israel, when each one knows the plague (sin) of his own heart, and spreads out his hands toward this temple: [39] then hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men), [40] that they may fear You all the days that they live in the land which You gave to our fathers.*

- Awesome isn't it? God knows what is in your heart, something even I do not always know. The LORD said, (Jer 17:9-10a) "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? I, the LORD search the heart." Here Solomon acknowledges, when each one knows the plague of his own heart, and spreads out his hands toward this temple, hear from heaven, and heal.”

*(5) 1Ki 8:41-43 "Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, but has come from a far country for Your name's sake. [42] (for they will hear of Your great name and Your strong hand and Your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this temple, [43] hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, that all peoples of the earth may know Your name and fear You, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this temple which I have built is called by Your name.*

- Mercy for God-fearing foreigners. During the time of the law, God made tremendous provisions for the strangers. God commanded that the strangers be given certain rights and privileges, and certain

respect. Solomon realizing the magnificence of this temple, that it would attract strangers from all over the world, who would come to see the glory and the magnificence of this temple. It was not long before the queen of Sheba came that long distance to visit Solomon, because she had heard of the glory of his kingdom.

- **LORD, even when the strangers come, and they pray unto You** in this place, hear them LORD, answer their prayers, that they may know that You are God! That they might understand.

***(6) 1Ki 8:44-45 "When Your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever You send them, and when they pray to the LORD toward the city which You have chosen and the temple which I have built for Your name, [45] then hear in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.***

- **Victory in battle. Battle against their enemy wherever You send them.** Israeli military in another foreign country cannot have access to the temple to go there and ask for victory in battle; so they would turn in the direction of where the temple and pray. Solomon was saying even though there is this geographical distance, then hear their prayer and honor their prayer.

***(7) 1Ki 8:46-49 "When they sin against You (for there is no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to the land of the enemy, far or near; [47] yet when they come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication to You in the land of those who took them captive, saying, 'We have sinned and done wrong, we have committed wickedness'; [48] and when they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who led them away captive, and pray to You toward their land which You gave to their fathers, the city which You have chosen and the temple which I have built for Your name: [49] then hear in heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause,***

- Restoration after captivity. Hear the prophecy contains in it.
- **Yet when they come...and repent, and make supplication ... saying, 'We have sinned and done wrong, we have committed wickedness';...when they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land ...pray to You! LORD, help me to remember to always do that!**
- **LORD if they are carried away captive**, and there in their captivity, they pray and confess their sin, then LORD, hear and answer." Now, we remember the prayer of Daniel, which is quite interesting in light of what Solomon has prayed here. In ***(Dan 9:3,7) Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. [7] O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.***
- **Daniel follows this pattern that Solomon had given**, earlier on when Darius had made the decree, that no one could pray to any king, except Darius, for a period of time. Then Daniel, of course, the whole decree was a set up to trap Daniel. When Daniel knew that the king had signed the decree, Daniel went to his home, and he opened the windows towards Jerusalem, and prayed unto the LORD.

***1Ki 8:50-51 and forgive Your people who have sinned against You, and all their transgressions which they have transgressed against You; and grant them compassion before those who took them captive, that they may have compassion on them [51] (for they are Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought out of Egypt, out of the iron furnace),***

- Egypt had been a place where they were forged and refined. You brought them out of the iron furnace.

***1Ki 8:52-53 that Your eyes may be open to the supplication of Your servant and the supplication of Your people Israel, to listen to them whenever they call to You. [53] For You separated them from among all the peoples of the earth to be Your inheritance, as You spoke by Your servant Moses, when You brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD."***

- So this prayer of Solomon, as he is dedicating the temple, and asking God to meet His people there. When they have failed, and through sin experienced calamities, when they would turn to God, that God would hear, and that God would maintain their cause. ***(Exo 19:5) Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.***

## Solomon's Benediction

***1Ki 8:54 And so it was, when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication (longest in the Bible) to the LORD, that he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.***

- We were told in (1Ki 8:22) that Solomon began this prayer standing, but some time before he finished, he fell to his knees in reverence to God.
- (2Ch 7:1-3) *When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. [2] And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house. [3] When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever."*
- Evidently, on top of what has already taken place, it is a good thing Solomon stands up and backs up a little, because at this point, the fire of God falls from heaven on the burnt sacrifice! How remarkable! The fire of God falls from heaven as Solomon risers from his knees, and he steps back in praying this prayer, and his hands spread towards heaven.

***1Ki 8:55-56 Then he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying [56] "Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses.***

- Solomon acknowledges now the faithfulness of God once more. When he speaks to the people in the beginning it is on the subject of the faithfulness of God, to keep His word. When he turns to speak to God, he acknowledges the faithfulness of God, in keeping His promises. Now, turning to the people once again, the theme is the faithfulness of God.
- God has not failed in keeping His word that He gave to Joshua, some four hundred and ninety years earlier! (Jos 21:45) *Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.* So, Solomon speaks of the rest that they would have.
- In (Lev 26:11) *And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you.* Here now is the temple in the midst of God's people of Israel, who have congregated together. "There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses."
- That should bring great comfort to the child of God. God keeps His promises! God keeps His word! Not one word will fail of all that He has promised. It should cause great concern to those who are not children of God, because God has spoken of the judgement that shall come upon them! You can be sure, not one word will fail of all that He has promised, to the ungodly. The faithfulness of God, to keep His word. This was the whole theme of Solomon, on the prayer of dedication.
- ***There has not failed one word of all His good promise! Is that really a part of my life experience and testimony, that there has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised?***

***1Ki 8:57 May the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fathers. May He not leave us nor forsake us,***

- Solomon says, LORD, we want to have the same great history with You that generations of Jewish people have had. We do not want to just read about the great God that You are, the great things that You did in the past. We want that to be a part of our history as well. That is a great attitude for any generation.

***1Ki 8:58-59 that He may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, which He commanded our fathers. [59] And may these words of mine, with which I have made supplication before the LORD, be near the LORD our God day and night, that He may maintain the cause of His servant and the cause of His people Israel, as each day may require,***

- As things come up, that God will maintain, or stand with us. Whatever the circumstance. You and I can come boldly to the throne of grace in time of need.

***1Ki 8:60 that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other.***

- They see the glory cloud, the presence of God coming down, and filling the temple. It is an awesome day of great spiritual experience. The power of God is manifested before them, causing them to become conscious of God, and of the presence of God. Solomon is encouraging them to remain in this kind of a consciousness.

***1Ki 8:61 Let your heart therefore be loyal to the LORD our God, to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, as at this day."***

- **This is a wonderful call on their part, to be loyal to the LORD**, meaning to obey the LORD. It is wonderful to think about obedience in that way, realizing how the LORD interprets our obedience. He interprets it as an expression of loyalty. That is a beautiful way of looking at obedience, expressing our loyalty to Him.

### **Solomon's Sacrifices**

***1Ki 8:62 Then the king and all Israel with him offered sacrifices before the LORD.***

- **Here is the temple. God has brought His presence to it.** Solomon has prayed and then now it is time to head into this great celebration over this great event! They began to *offer sacrifices before the LORD*.

***1Ki 8:63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to the LORD, twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.***

- **A great sacrifice of peace offerings:** Twenty-two thousand oxen and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep! Just imagine what a picture that is, what was happening there! These are peace offerings where part of it is burned and part of it is given to the worshiper. So there is a lot of barbecuing going on there. This is a remarkable picture of the people of Israel communing with the LORD!
- **It gives us an idea of the number of people that were attending this great event.** Jews had come from all around the world, not only for the dedication of the temple, but also to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles, which ran seven days. Solomon is going to declare and add an extra week to the celebration. So it is going to be two full weeks.
- **You have this gigantic crowd! You have God there!** You have the worship of the LORD! You have prayer; fellowship; barbecue; food, and 14 days like that! It was just a great, great celebration of what was happening there!

***1Ki 8:64 On the same day the king consecrated the middle of the court that was in front of the house of the LORD; for there he offered burnt offerings, grain offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that was before the LORD was too small to receive the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.***

- **Solomon said, "This is consecrated ground here in the middle of the court,"** because the bronze altar was not big enough to offer all these sacrifices. The bronze altar was 30 feet by 30 feet. But when you are talking about 22,000 bulls and 120,000 sheep over 14 days, even God's part would overwhelm that particular altar. So he extended out into what normally would be the courtyard to also be used for the sacrifices.

***1Ki 8:65 At that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great assembly from the entrance of Hamath to the Brook of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven more days—fourteen days.***

- **People came from the north and the south** to be a part of this!

***1Ki 8:66 On the eighth day he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the good that the LORD had done for His servant David, and for Israel His people.***

- **How glorious it is, when we assemble together, and we are conscious of God**, and the power of God. We experience the touch of God's love in our heart, and the work of His Holy Spirit, and we are just sort of supercharged, from a spiritual standpoint. So that as we go, God has been moving in our midst, we feel the presence of God. We go joyful and glad in our hearts, for the goodness of the Lord, that He has shown unto His people!
- **Really, that is the way we should always leave this place.** Just having joyful hearts, glad for God's goodness, and His blessings, and making possible our opportunity of gathering to share in His love, as we grow in grace and in knowledge of Him. God is good. God will keep His word to His people. Not one word will fail of all that God has promised unto us. So, as we go, we should go with joyful hearts. Glad, because God is so good.
- **They left saying that this is too much! We are going to brag** about the fact that we were eye witnesses of this for the rest of our life.

- All of this is a shadow of what you will know tomorrow morning when you open up your Bible in the presence of the Holy Spirit and enjoy all of the blessings that are yours in Christ Jesus! They are celebrating a shadow, the substance of which is our portion all day, every day in Christ! We are so rich, may we never lose our excitement in terms of the worship of the LORD!

### The LORD Appears to Solomon a Second Time

*1Ki 9:1 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished building the house of the LORD and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he wanted to do,*

*1Ki 9:2 that the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon.*

- When Solomon began his reign, (1Ki 3:5) At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" Solomon requested that the LORD might grant to him wisdom to govern His people." God was pleased with his request, telling him that He would not only give him wisdom, but would give him riches, and victory over his enemies. Then the LORD spoke to him concerning his commitment. "If you will remain true and faithful, then I will establish your kingdom, as I promised to David." God spoke to Solomon concerning that commitment.
- Now, Solomon has been engaged in building projects. The temple is complete, his beautiful palace is complete. A lot of times when a person is in the midst of major projects, you are so pressed for time, you are so busy, that you are just caught in the whole momentum of what is going on. But many times, at the completion of a project, there's sort of a letdown. When Alexander the Great had conquered the world, he sat down and cried, "There is nothing else to conquer. You know, what am I going to do." He was depressed.
- God came to Solomon the second time. It was a fresh visitation from God. This time it is pretty much a warning. First, God says that He is going to answer his prayers. But then **God definitely warns him**, concerning apostasy, and **repeats to him the conditional promises of maintaining of his kingdom.**

*1Ki 9:3 And the LORD said to him: "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.*

- *I have heard.* This is in reference to the prayer at the dedication of the temple. *I have consecrated this house,* which is basically what Solomon prayed. "LORD, the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this house that we have built." Yet, LORD set Your name in this place. Let the people meet You there!
- *My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.* The LORD responds, "Not only My eyes, but My heart will be towards this place!"

*1Ki 9:4-5 Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, [5] then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.'*

- Now the LORD warns him. Here is the conditional promise. It is conditioned upon Solomon keeping God's covenant! Keeping God's word, the commandments, His statutes, His judgements, **as did David** his father.
- Walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart. Note the standard here. "as your father David walked!" Now David was far from a perfect person, as far as sinlessness is concerned. David did sin. Yet David never was involved in idolatry. He never went after other gods, remaining true and faithful in his commitment unto the LORD!
- We Christians, at times experience personal failure in our walk, but there is that overall commitment of faith in Jesus Christ. Though we may have times where we stumble, where we fall into sin, underneath, basically the foundation underneath, there is a commitment and a faith in Jesus Christ. We do not turn our backs upon Him. We do not turn away from our faith in Him. It is a failure of our flesh, it is a weakness. But not the turning away, it is back-sliding, not the apostatizing!
- **"If you walk before Me as your father David walked in integrity of heart!" How we need to take heed of this! The standard is not sinless perfection, but that of the sinner David. Though he, as we, sinned throughout his whole life, his heart never turned away, it never left, it never strayed away from our God! What is my commitment? What am I doing in my heart to insure that I do not fall away? Am I quick to repent? Am I under the power of the Holy Spirit? Being daily in His word**

**and praying, so that I will not fall away? That I will finish well? May we consider carefully and learn from this account of Solomon's life!**

**1Ki 9:6-7 But if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, [7] then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight!! Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples.**

- So it is a conditional promise of God. Now tragically, as we will soon read! We find that the many wives of Solomon turned his heart away from the LORD. He began to build altars and shrines for the other gods, right there in Jerusalem. Solomon did this! After the warning of God!
- **Whenever God warns you about something, pay attention!** So often we feel that the warnings of God are not necessary. "Lord, thank You! I appreciate Your thinking about me, but there is no problem LORD, I have that all under control." Watch out! That is the very area where you are going to be slipping up. God does not warn us needlessly! So it is wise to pay attention when God is speaking to you about an issue!
- **Pay attention to God's warning! How well am I doing that? This is such an important thing, this warning to Solomon. Notice that he will demonstrate a continual turning away from the LORD in multiplying gold, silver and horses and eventually wives (Deu 17:17) May we be totally convicted in learning from Solomon's experience!**
- Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. For years, the Jews, have become a proverb and a byword. God warned this in Deuteronomy, He spoke of it again through the prophets. Anti-Semitism continues today! People just hate Jews because they are Jews. It is all a part of what God said would happen, if they would turn to other gods, which unfortunately they did.

**1Ki 9:8-9 And as for this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and will hiss, and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?' [9] Then they will answer, 'Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore the LORD has brought all this calamity on them.'**

- We tend to blame God for every calamity that comes along, even though we have often turned our backs so many times on God, walking after our own flesh. Then when something tragic comes along, we say, "Why would God allow this to happen? "How could a God of love do that to me?"
- **When they see this temple, so beautiful and high, when they come by it and they see it in desolation, they are going to hiss at the thing, saying 'Why would Jehovah allow that to happen? The answer is because the people turned their backs upon Him. They worshiped and served other gods!**

### Solomon's Other Acts

**1Ki 9:10-13 Now it happened at the end of twenty years (midway through his reign), when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD and the king's house [11] (Hiram the king of Tyre had supplied Solomon with cedar and cypress and gold, as much as he desired), that King Solomon then gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. [12] Then Hiram went from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him, but they did not please him. [13] So he said, "What kind of cities are these which you have given me, my brother?" And he called them the land of Cabul, as they are to this day.**

- Hiram was not pleased with these twenty little villages. He probably wanted the great port city of Acco. The villages in the upper Galilee, is rather mountainous and is rocky. It is not very valuable.

**1Ki 9:14 Then Hiram sent the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold.** (about \$500,000 today)

- Apparently this land he despised, naming it Cabal, the value of the land in comparison to what he had supplied Solomon for construction during the twenty years, did require a gold payment to supplement that, or this just represented some other transaction of which we are not aware.

**1Ki 9:15 And this is the reason for the labor force which King Solomon raised: to build the house of the LORD, his own house, the Millo, the wall of Jerusalem, Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer.**

- The Millo is not a city, it means the piling up, literally in the Hebrew. It seems probably to be the walls on the Tyropoean Valley on the west side of the Temple Mount. Many believe it was building up a fortification wall to protect the Gihon Springs in the Kidron Valley.



- **Solomon had raised a labor force to build the house of the LORD, his own house, the Millo, the wall of Jerusalem, Hazer, Megiddo, and Gezer.** The fortification of these cities needed strengthening so Solomon built walls, fortifying them.

**1Ki 9:16 (Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and taken Gezer and burned it with fire, had killed the Canaanites who dwelt in the city, and had given it as a dowry to his daughter, Solomon's wife.)**

- **Gezer, on the road from Joppa to Jerusalem,** had been a powerful Canaanite city. (*Jos 16:10*) *And they did not drive out the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites to this day and have become forced laborers.* Though it was included in the tribe of Ephraim, it was not occupied by the Israelites until the time of Solomon. Then it was given to Solomon as a wedding gift by Pharaoh to his daughter

**1Ki 9:17-20 And Solomon built Gezer, Lower Beth Horon, [18] Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land of Judah,** (cities southwest of Jerusalem) **[19] all the storage cities that Solomon had, cities for his chariots and cities for his cavalry, and whatever Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. [20] All the people who were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who were not of the children of Israel—**

- **Solomon, had really developed these cities to store the goods.** The cities for fortifications, the protection of the land.

**1Ki 9:21 that is, their descendants who were left in the land after them, whom the children of Israel had not been able to destroy completely—from these Solomon raised forced labor, as it is to this day.**

- **We read of Solomon having thirty thousand slaves** and then the eighty thousand, and these were a portion of the slaves that he used, in this slave labor, in building all of these cities. (*1Ki 5:13b, 15*) *and the labor force was thirty thousand men. [15] Solomon had seventy thousand who carried burdens, and eighty thousand who quarried stone in the mountains,*

**1Ki 9:22-23 But of the children of Israel Solomon made no forced laborers, because they were men of war and his servants: his officers, his captains, commanders of his chariots, and his cavalry. [23] Others were chiefs of the officials who were over Solomon's work: five hundred and fifty, who ruled over the people who did the work.**

- **These supervisors over these gigantic construction projects** that were occurring all the way through his reign are certainly very strong in the first 20 years of his 40-year reign. Solomon really had the thing organized, and set out in a very efficient manner.

**1Ki 9:24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up from the City of David to her house which Solomon had built for her. Then he built the Millo.**

- **Pharaoh's daughter was probably living in David's palace,** which was down the hill, called Ophel, the city of David, as Solomon was building the upper area of the city, her house up there, near the temple. So, she moved on into her place.

**1Ki 9:25 Now three times a year** (Three major feasts of Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles) **Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which he had built for the LORD, and he burned incense with them on the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the temple.**

- **At this point, Solomon was intent upon keeping the LORD at the center** of Israel's national life, just as David did. So He is strict about keeping the three major feasts of the Jewish religious calendar, which are the feasts of Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. This was a good thing that he did.

**1Ki 9:26 King Solomon also built a fleet of ships at Ezion Geber, which is near Elath on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom.**

- **This is down in the gulf of Aqaba.** The area of Eilat, today. He began to build a navy.

**1Ki 9:27 Then Hiram sent his servants with the fleet, seamen who knew the sea, to work with the servants of Solomon.**

- **The Phoenicians were famous for their navy,** in the ancient world. Hiram sent some of these skilled sailors down to train Solomon's men, in seamanship. We notice that Hiram is willing to work cooperatively at this point in time.

**1Ki 9:28 And they went to Ophir, and acquired four hundred and twenty talents of gold from there, and brought it to King Solomon.**

- **This fleet begins to pay for itself pretty quickly.** Four hundred and twenty talents of gold is sixteen tons. That is thirty-two thousand pounds of gold coming in to Israel at that time.
- **Read ahead, Chapters 10 & 11! Next week we are going to see the end of Solomon's life.** We are going to see the kingdom divided, all of the glory so soon beginning to disintegrate and fall apart.

What a tragedy! After hundreds of years, Israel finally getting to the place, the zenith of her glory, with the temple, with God's glory, with the fire falling from heaven. But in a matter of a few years, how quickly it can fall!

## SUMMARY

- **How big do you think your God is?** Would you say with conviction, “Behold heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You! Wow! And yet You cherish time and an intimate and the closest relationship with me and with each one of Your children!
- ***Yet when they come...and repent, and make supplication*** ... saying, 'We have sinned and done wrong, we have committed wickedness';...when they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land ...pray to You! LORD, help me to remember to always do that!
- **There has not failed one word of all His good promise!** Is that really a part of my life experience and testimony, that there has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised?
- ***“If you walk before Me as your father David walked in integrity of heart!”*** How we need to take heed of this! The standard is not sinless perfection, but that of the sinner David. Though he, as we, sinned throughout his whole life, his heart never turned away, it never left, it never strayed away from our God! What is my commitment? What am I doing in my heart to insure that I do not fall away? Am I quick to repent? Am I under the power of the Holy Spirit? Being daily in His word and praying, so that I will not fall away? That I will finish well? May we consider carefully and learn from this account of Solomon’s life!
- **Pay attention to God’s warning!** How well am I doing that? This is such an important thing, this warning to Solomon. Notice that he will demonstrate a continual turning away from the LORD in multiplying gold, silver and horses and eventually wives (*Deu 17:17*) May we be totally convicted in learning from Solomon’s experience!

***1Ki 8:28-30 Yet regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O LORD my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You today:***

**SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER** - W. Walford/W. Bradbury – Maranatha Praise Band (2:08/2:14)

*Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care, And bids me at my Father’s throne Make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, My soul has often found relief, And oft escaped the tempter’s snare, By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

*Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my petition bear To Him whose truth and faithfulness Engage the waiting soul to bless. And since He bids me seek His face, Believe His Word and trust His grace, I’ll cast on Him my every care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!*

## CLOSING PRAYER

**NEXT WEEK: Study *I Kings*, Chapters 10-11**