

The Glory of Solomon's Reign

Quote: "And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard." 1 Kings 10:6-7

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The Parable of the Kingdom of God

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| A time of peace preceded by great wars | 1 Kg 5:4 | Psa 110:2, Isa 9:6-7; Mic 5:5 |
| Jerusalem - the Throne of Yahweh | 1Chron 29:23; 28:5 | Jer 3:17 |
| One King over united Israel | 1 Kg 4:20 | Ezek 37:22 |
| Israel, a multitudinous and powerful nation | 1 Kg 4:20 | Mic 4:7 |
| Israel - secure and at peace | 1 Kg 4:25 | Mic 4:4; Zeph 3:19-20 |
| Israel - the chief of the nations | 1 Kg 4:21 | Mic 4:8 |
| Israel - prosperous and happy | 1 Kg 10:8; 23-29 | Zech 8:13 |
| Israel, the principal third with Egypt and Assyria (kings of the south and north Dan. 11:40) | 2 Chron 9:26; 1 Kgs 10:29. | Isa 19:23-25 |
| Israel, the trading centre of nations | 2 Chron 1:17; 9:21 | Isa 23:18 |
| Wealth of the Gentiles flows to Jerusalem | 1 Kings 4:21, 2 Chron 9:13-14,23-24 | Isa 60:11; Psa 72:10 |
| Surrounding nations submit to Israel's power | 1 Kg 4:21; 2 Chron 9:26 | Psa 72:10 |
| Fabulous wealth in Jerusalem | 2 Chron 1:15 | Isa 60:17 |
| A time of great fertility in the land | 1 Kg 4:22-28; 5:11 | Isa 35:1-2; Psa 72:16; Amos 9:13-14 |
| A period of tremendous building activity | 1 Kg 9:10-20 | Isa 65:21-22 |
| Gentiles assist in the building of Israel | 2 Chron 2;2,17 | Isa 60:10,13 |
| Glorious Temple built at Jerusalem | 1 Kg 6 | Isa 56:7-8; Ezek 40-48 |
| Temple constructed from God-provided plans | 1 Chron 28:11-19 | Ezek 40-48 |
| Temple built by Prince of Peace (Solomon means "Peaceable") | 1 Kg 6 | Zech 6:12 |
| Solomon was a man of Peace - Christ is the "prince of peace". | 1 Kg 4:24; 5:12; 1 Chron 22:9 | Isa 9:6; Psa 72:7 |
| The King noted for wisdom, enlightenment | 1 Kg 3:28; 4:29-34; 5:12; 10:4-8; 23-24; 2 Chron 9:3-7, 22-23 | Isa 32:1; 33:5-6; 52:15 |
| The King noted for piercing, unerring judgment | 1 Kg 4:29-34 | Isa 11:1-3 |
| Jerusalem the centre of worldwide pilgrimage to hear the wisdom of its king | 2 Chron 9:3-7, 22-23; 1 Kg 4:34 | Isa 2:2-4; Zech 8:2-23; 14:16 |

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| Tyre (Tarshish) the great friend of Israel assisted Solomon. The latter day Tyre will do likewise when the greater than Solomon reigns in Jerusalem. | 1 Kg 5:1,12 | Psa 45:12; Isa 18:12; 60:9 |
| Zadok (means righteousness) was High Priest in the days of Solomon. He was also a ruler (1 Chron 27:17). He types Christ our King-Priest after the order of Melchizedek. | 1 Chron 29:22 | Isa 16:5; Heb 7:11-12; Ezek 40:46; Psa 110:1-4; |
| Zadok's line receives a double portion (portion of the firstborn) They type the immortal priests of the Temple of the Age to Come | 1 Chron 24:3-4 | Ezek 44:15-16; Psa 132:9, 16; Rev 5:9-10 |
| Priests serve day and night in Temple (Psa 134) thus figuratively immortal (Isa 40:28-31). David extended the life of service of the priests typical of the extension of life (immortality) to be granted to those who will be immortal priests of the Age to Come | Initially 30-50 (Num 4:3) Changed to 20-50 (1 Chron 23:24) | Heb 7:17; Rev 4:8; 5:9-10; 7:15 |
| Full order of Divine worship established for first time (Pattern given in 1 Chron 28:11-19) | 1 Kg 9:25; 2 Chron 8:12-16 | Deut 30:6-8; Isa 42:21 |
| Satan bound at the beginning of Solomon's reign | 1 Kg 5:4 | Rev 20:2 |
| Satan unloosed towards the end of reign | 1 Kg 11:14 | Rev 20:7 |
| Uniting of Royalty with the Priesthood | 1 Chron 23:2 | Rev 5:9-10; 1 Pet 2:9; Zech 6:12-13 |
| Rest for Yahweh's Servants | 1 Chron 23:25-26 | Heb 4:9 |
| Yahweh's servants dwell in Jerusalem | 1 Chron 23:24-25 | Jer 3:16-18; Rev 21:22-23; 22:2-3 |
| The Royal priesthood chosen before David (the Beloved) | 1 Chron 24:6 | Rev 4:4; 7:14 |
| Appointment of 24 orders or musicians/singers | 1 Chron 25:7 | Rev 14:2-3; 15:2-3 |
| Selection of 12 princes over Israel, with the nation divided into 12 districts | 1 Chron 27:16-22; 1 Kg 4:7-19 | Ezek 48; Matt 19:28 |
| Promotions to positions of honour | 1 Chron 27:25-31 | Matt 25:21-23; Lk 19:17 |
| An inner counsel of seven appointed | 1 Chron 27:32-34 | Rev 4:5 |
| The stone for the Temple was quarried and shaped away from the site, before being fitted in construction. The living stones of Yahweh's spiritual temple are shaped away from the site by the influence of God's Word | 1 Chron 22:3-4; 1 Kg 5:13-18; 6:7 | 1 Pet 2:5; Eph 2:19-22 |
| The three timbers for the building: | | |
| • Cedar - very durable - symbol of incorruption (Psa 92:12). | 1 Kg 5:6,8,10; 6:9,10,15,16,18,20,36; 2 Chron 2:8 | Spiritual house: 1 Cor 15:50-58. Literal house: 2 Sam 7:13, 16 |
| • Fir tree - very strong - spoke of the the strength derived from God. | 1 Kg 5:8, 6:10,15,34; 2 Chron 2:8 | Hab 3:19; Isa 60:13 |
| • Olive - produces light giving oil - a symbol of divine enlightenment and truth (Zech 4:3) | 1 Kg 6:23, 31-33 | Isa 60:1-3 |
| Solomon not only built the temple, but also a house for his Gentile bride (the daughter of Pharaoh). Likewise those who attain to immortality having come out of spiritual Egypt will likewise find a dwellingplace with Christ as his "bride". | 1 Kg 7:8 | Psa 45:10-11, 14-15 |

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| Just as the glory of Yahweh filled the Temple at the opening ceremony, so the Temple of the Age to come will be filled with Yahweh's glory | 1 Kg 8:10-11; 2 Chron 7:1-3 | Ezek 43:4 |
| Solomon desired that the Temple be a house of prayer for not only Jews, but also "for all people of the earth". Likewise the Temple of the Age to Come will be a "House of Prayer for all nations" | 1 Kg 8:41-43; 2 Chron 6:32-33 | Isa 56:6-8 |
| Solomon's Temple was opened during the Feast of Tabernacles. The Feast of Tabernacles speaks of the joyous fellowship of the redeemed in the millennium after the judgment seat. | 2 Chron 5:3 | Rev 7:9; also Zech 14:16 |

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