

SON OF DAVID

THE KINGDOM OF SOLOMON & THE REIGN OF JESUS

PART 5: SOLOMON'S REIGN

1 Kings 2:10-12 – Solomon's reign begins

#1 - STOP OR GET RID OF RIVALS/ENEMIES

- Adonijah, Solomon's Brother (1 Kings 2:13-25)
- Abiathar, The priest (1 Kings 2:26-27)
- Joab, The General (1 Kings 2:28-34)
- Shimei, the troublemaker (1 Kings 2:36-46)

Purpose: 1 Kings 2:46 (NIV) - Then the king gave the order to Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and he went out and struck Shimei down and killed him. The kingdom was now firmly established in Solomon's hands.

#2 - APPOINT NEW LEADERS

Key Leaders - 1 Kings 4:1-6
12 Deputies - 1 Kings 4:7-19

#3 – PEACE, ABUNDANCE & LAND

2 Chronicles 1:15 - The king made silver



and gold as plentiful in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars as plentiful as sycamores in the lowland.

1 Kings 4:20 & 25 – Great Population, Rejoicing, & Safety, “Vine & Fig Tree”

This phrase implies a freedom and independence of the “common man.” If a farmer has a vine and a fig tree, they have some significant resources and if they are “living in safety” with “every man under his vine and fig tree” he isn’t under foreign occupation, nor is he being unjustly or overly taxed by his own kingdom. He is enjoying the fruit of his own labor rather than giving it to someone else. There is also the image of peace and safety if he is able to do this.

Land & Boundary

1 Kings 4:21 - Partial Abrahamic Covenant Fulfillment

2 Chronicles 9:26 - (Solomon) was the ruler over all the kings from the Euphrates River even to the land of the Philistines, and as far as the border of Egypt.

v. 20 & 21 - the reference to “as numerous as the sand of the seashore” (v. 20), the described land area (v. 21) and the evidence of Solomon ruling over their enemies (v. 21, 24) → clear references to the Abrahamic Covenant.

The Abrahamic Covenant is one of the other “great” covenants of the Bible (like the Davidic). The Abrahamic covenant related to giving the people of Abraham land, descendants, and blessing.

Genesis 12:1-3 - Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; 2 And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; 3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."



Genesis 12:7 - The LORD appeared to Abram (**in Canaan**) and said, "To your descendants I will give **this land**." So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.

Genesis 15:18 - On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:

Genesis 17:4-8 - "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you will be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 "No longer shall your name be called Abram, But your name shall be Abraham; For I will make you the father of a multitude of nations. 6 "I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come forth from you. 7 "I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. 8 "I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

Genesis 22:17 - indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; (cp. 1 Kings 4:20) and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. (cp. 1 Kings 4:21, 24)

This is quite the time in Israel. Under Solomon, the Abrahamic covenant is being fulfilled in it's greatest realization. They are in the land, blessed, living peace, under a good king whose rule is extending beyond the regions of Canaan.

They are living in a time where they possess the land, have blessing, many descendants and peace on every side. This was God's vision for His people and it is being realized during Solomon's reign!

#4 - NATIONS & KINGS FLOW TO JERUSALEM

1 Kings 4:21 & 24 - Solomon Ruling Over Other Nations

1 Kings 4:34 - Other nations coming to pay tribute, seek Solomon's wisdom, learn ways of the LORD

1 Kings 10:23-25 (cp. 2 Chronicles 9:22-23) - Solomon exalted. Other nations coming to Jerusalem.

Example: Queen Of Sheba - 1 Kings 10:1-13; 2 Chronicles 9:1-9

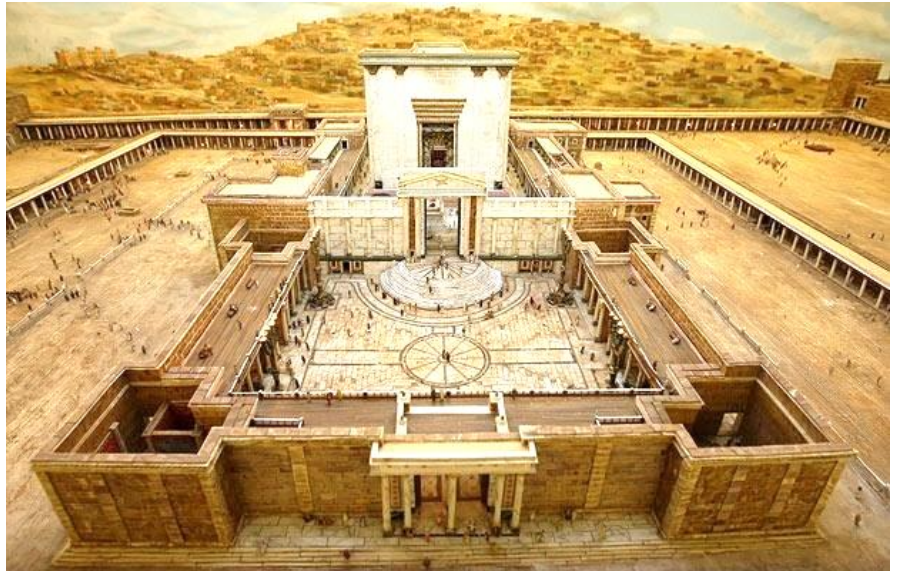
#5 - HOUSE OF GOD BUILT

2 Chronicles 5:11, 13-14

(NLT) - Then the priests left the Holy Place. All the priests who were present had purified themselves, whether or not they were on duty that day....13 The trumpeters and singers performed together in unison to praise and give thanks to the LORD.

Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and other instruments, they raised their voices and praised the LORD with these words: "He is good!

His faithful love endures forever!" At that moment a thick cloud filled the Temple of the LORD. 14 The priests could not continue their service because of the cloud, for the glorious presence of the LORD filled the Temple of God.



1 Kings 8:17-20, 22-27 - Solomon's Dedication Prayer

2 Chronicles 7:1-3 - Now 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 house. 2 The priests could not enter into the house of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD'S house. 3 All the sons of Israel, seeing the fire come down and the glory of the LORD upon the house, bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave praise to the LORD, saying, "Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting."

THE FALL OF ISRAEL

1 Kings 9:6-9 - The LORD told Solomon what would happen if he turned from Him.

FUTURE MESSIANIC HOPE REMAINS

Jeremiah 50:4-5 - "In those days and at that time," declares the LORD, "the sons of Israel will come, both they and the sons of Judah as well; they will go along weeping as they go, and it will be the LORD their God they will seek. 5 "They will ask for the way to Zion, turning their faces in its direction; they will come that they may join themselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.

Hosea 3:4-5 - For the sons of Israel will remain for many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar and without ephod or household idols. 5 Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king; and they will come trembling to the LORD and to His goodness in the last days.