

1 Chronicles 22:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.

Analysis

God's prohibition 'Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name' reveals the temple's symbolic significance. David, though a man after God's heart, was a warrior whose hands shed blood (even justly in holy war). The temple required a builder whose reign typified peace (shalom) - Solomon, whose name derives from shalom. This distinction points to Christ who, though victorious warrior against sin and Satan, is supremely the Prince of Peace who builds the true temple (the church) not through warfare but through His blood shed on the cross.

Historical Context

David's wars (c. 1010-975 BCE) secured Israel's borders and established the kingdom's golden age. Yet these necessary military actions disqualified him from building God's house, teaching that worship requires different virtues than warfare - peace, rest, and holiness.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

- ## Interlinear Text

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 5:3 (References Lord): Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

