

# 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

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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

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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

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

### Study Questions

1. How does this distinction between warrior (David) and temple-builder (Solomon) illuminate Christ's dual role as conquering King and peaceful High Priest?
2. What 'warfare' might be necessary in your life (spiritual battles) that nonetheless doesn't qualify you for certain kingdom roles?

### Interlinear Text

לֹרֶב דָּם יִם לְאָמֶר יְהֹוָה דָּבָר עַל יְהֹוָה  
H1961 H5921 But the word of the LORD came to me saying H1697 H3068 H559 H1818 H7230  
לֹא עַש יְתָר גָּדֵל וְתַּמְלִיכָּמָן וְתַּשְׁפַּק כְּתָת  
H3808 thou shalt not build H1129  
Thou hast shed wars great and hast made H8210 H4421 H1419 H6213  
אַתָּה שְׁפַּק כְּתָת בְּבֵית לְשָׁמֶן כִּי לְשָׁמֶן בְּבֵית  
upon the earth H8210 H776  
an house unto my name H1004 H8034 H3588 H1818 blood much Thou hast shed  
H6440  
לְפָנַי  
in my sight

### Additional Cross-References

**1 Chronicles 28:3** (Blood): But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou hast been a man of war, and hast shed blood.

**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.

