

# 1 Chronicles 22:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days.

## Analysis

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**Theological Analysis:** This passage falls within the section on Temple preparations - David's charge to Solomon. The Hebrew term **בַּיִת** (bayit) - house/temple is theologically significant here, pointing to Worship center as focus of covenant community. The Chronicler's narrative, while paralleling Samuel-Kings in places, offers a distinct theological perspective emphasizing temple worship, Levitical service, and covenant faithfulness.

Chronicles presents David not primarily as warrior-king but as worship organizer and temple planner. This verse contributes to that portrait by highlighting the spiritual dimensions of Israel's national life. The text demonstrates that true prosperity comes through proper worship and covenant obedience rather than merely military or political success.

Doctrinally, this passage teaches about Worship center as focus of covenant community. Cross-references throughout Chronicles connect David's reign to the broader redemptive narrative, showing how God's covenant promises advance through faithful human leadership while ultimately depending on divine grace and power. The messianic implications are profound: Christ as true temple and church as His body.

## Historical Context

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**Historical Background:** This section describes events from David's reign (c. 1010-970 BCE) but was written centuries later during the Persian period (c. 450-400 BCE). The Chronicler's selectivity in retelling David's story serves his theological purposes—he omits David's sins (Bathsheba, Absalom's rebellion) while emphasizing David's worship reforms and temple preparations.

The historical setting of Temple preparations - David's charge to Solomon occurred during Israel's united monarchy, when the nation reached its territorial and political zenith. Archaeological evidence from this period shows significant building projects and administrative development. However, the Chronicler writes for a much smaller, struggling post-exilic community, using David's golden age to inspire hope for restoration.

Ancient Near Eastern parallels show that temple construction and royal sponsorship of worship were common across cultures. However, Israel's understanding of worship centered on covenant relationship with the one true God rather than manipulation of capricious deities. This theological distinctiveness shapes the Chronicler's presentation.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse's emphasis on Worship center as focus of covenant community challenge or affirm your current spiritual priorities and practices?
2. What does Christ as true temple and church as His body teach you about Jesus Christ and His redemptive work?
3. In what practical ways can you apply the principles of covenant faithfulness and proper worship demonstrated in this passage?

## Interlinear Text

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וְיֹהִי בָּן־נָוֶל־לְגַת הַוְאָהָבָה  
H2009 Behold a son shall be born H0 H1931 H1961  
H1121 H3205

מְכֹל־לֹא־מִנוּמָה וְתִיְמָנָה אֵשׁ  
to thee who shall be a man of rest and I will give him rest H0 H3605  
H376 H4496 H5117

שֵׁם־וְיְהִי־הַשְּׁלָמָה שְׁלָמָה מִסְבֵּב־יְבָאֵת־אֹיְבָיו<sup>וְ</sup>  
from all his enemies round about shall be Solomon for his name H1961 H8034  
H341 H5439 H8010

בָּיִמּוֹנָה יִשְׁבָּא־לְעַל־אַת־וְיִשְׁקַט־וְיִשְׁלַׁוּם  
peace and quietness and I will give unto Israel in his days H3117 H5921 H3478  
H7965 H8253 H5414

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 4:25** (References Israel): And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.

**1 Kings 4:20** (References Israel): Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.

**1 Kings 5:4** (Parallel theme): But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent.