

2 Chronicles 2:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of Solomon's reign, specifically focusing on Mobilizing resources for God's house. The Chronicler presents Solomon's faithfulness in temple building and worship as paradigmatic for post-exilic Israel. Unlike the Kings account which includes Solomon's failures, Chronicles emphasizes his positive example during his faithful years.

Theologically, the passage demonstrates that wholehearted seeking of God results in His manifest blessing and presence. The temple construction and dedication represent the climax of God's dwelling with Israel, foreshadowing the incarnation when God would dwell among humanity in Christ. The elaborate preparations and careful adherence to divine pattern emphasize that worship must occur on God's terms.

Cross-references to the tabernacle (Exodus 25-40), Davidic covenant (2 Samuel 7, 1 Chronicles 17), and Messianic prophecies illuminate how Solomon's temple points toward Christ as the true meeting place between God and humanity. The

material glory of Solomon's kingdom anticipates the greater glory of the Messianic age.

Historical Context

The reign of Solomon (970-930 BCE) represents Israel's golden age of peace and prosperity. The temple construction began in Solomon's fourth year (966 BCE), exactly 480 years after the Exodus according to 1 Kings 6:1. The Chronicler writes from a post-exilic perspective (450-400 BCE), emphasizing themes relevant to the restored community: temple worship, Levitical service, and covenant faithfulness.

Archaeological evidence confirms Solomon's extensive building projects and international trade relationships. The temple's design incorporated Phoenician architectural elements, evidenced by parallel structures discovered in Syria and Lebanon. Solomon's alliance with Hiram of Tyre provided both materials (Lebanese cedar) and craftsmen for the construction.

The post-exilic audience, having returned from Babylonian captivity to rebuild the temple, needed encouragement that God's presence and blessing could be restored through faithful worship. The Chronicler presents Solomon's reign as paradigmatic—when leaders and people seek God wholeheartedly, He dwells among them and prospers them.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does this verse deepen understanding of God's presence as the source of true blessing and success?
2. What does this passage teach about the importance of following God's prescribed patterns in worship and service?
3. How does Solomon's example in Preparation for Temple Building point forward to Christ as the ultimate fulfillment?

Interlinear Text

חֹט יִם	נָתַתִּי	הָעֵץ יִם	לְכַרְתִּי י	לְחֹטֵב יִם	וְהִנֵּה ה
H2406	H5414	H6086	H3772	H2404	H2009
wheat	And behold I will give	timber	that cut	the hewers	
כֹּר יִם	וְשֹׁעֵר יִם	אֶלְף:	עֶשְׂרֵי יִם	כֹּר יִם	לְעֶבֶד יְיָ
H3734	H8184	H505	H6242	H3734	H5650
measures	of barley	thousand	and twenty	measures	to thy servants
בֵּית יִם	וְשֵׁן מִן	אֶלְף:	עֶשְׂרֵי יִם	בֵּית יִם	וַיֵּן
H1324	H8081	H505	H6242	H1324	H3196
baths	of oil	thousand	and twenty	baths	of wine
אֶלְף:	עֶשְׂרֵי יִם	אֶלְף:	עֶשְׂרֵי יִם	אֶלְף:	עֶשְׂרֵי יִם
H505	H6242	H505	H6242	H505	H6242
thousand	and twenty	thousand	and twenty	thousand	and twenty
אֶלְף:	עֶשְׂרֵי יִם	אֶלְף:	עֶשְׂרֵי יִם	אֶלְף:	עֶשְׂרֵי יִם
H505	H6242	H505	H6242	H505	H6242
thousand	and twenty	thousand	and twenty	thousand	and twenty

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 5:11 (Parallel theme): And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.