

2 Chronicles 3:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

Analysis

The temple's location is theologically significant: 'Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.' Identifying this as Mount Moriah connects to Abraham offering Isaac (Genesis 22:2), suggesting the temple site is where God provided the ram in Isaac's place. The mention of David's theophany and the threshingfloor where plague stopped (1 Chronicles 21:18-28) layers meaning - this is the place of sacrifice, divine appearance, and mercy. Ultimately, this points to Christ sacrificed in Jerusalem, the true temple where God's glory dwells.

Historical Context

Beginning construction in Solomon's fourth year (c. 966 BCE) on the threshingfloor David purchased fulfilled his vision. The Moriah identification (unique to Chronicles) theologically connects the temple to Abrahamic covenant and substitutionary sacrifice.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does the temple built on the site of sacrifice point you to Christ's sacrifice and the true temple?
2. What significance does location have in your understanding of where and how God meets His people today?

Interlinear Text

בֵּיר וְשָׁלַם	יְהוָה	בֵּית	אֶת	לְבַנּוֹת	שְׁלֹמֹה ה'	וַיִּהְיֶה
at Jerusalem	of the LORD	the house	H853	to build	Then Solomon	began
H3389	H3068	H1004		H1129	H8010	H2490
אָבִי יְהוֹשֻׁעַ	וְיָדָא	נִרְאָה ה'	אֶשֶׁר	הָמוֹת וְהִיא	בְּהָר	
his father	that David	where the LORD appeared	H834	Moriah	in mount	
H1	H1732	H7200		H4179	H2022	
אֶרְנָן	בֵּית הַתְּרֻמָּה	וְיָדָא	בְּמָקוֹם	הַכֵּין	אֶשֶׁר	
of Ornan	in the threshingfloor	that David	in the place	had prepared	H834	
H771	H1637	H1732	H4725	H3559		
הַיְבוּסִי:						
						the Jebusite
						H2983

Additional Cross-References

1 Chronicles 21:18 (References Lord): Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

Genesis 22:14 (References Lord): And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

Genesis 22:2 (Parallel theme): And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

1 Chronicles 22:1 (References Lord): Then David said, This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of the burnt offering for Israel.

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