

2 Chronicles 7:10

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 Divine acceptance with conditional covenant warnings. 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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

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 God's Glory Fills Temple point forward to Christ as the ultimate fulfillment?

Interlinear Text

אֶת	שָׁלַח	הַשְּׁבִיעִי	לַחֹדֶשׁ	וּשְׁלֹשָׁה	עָשָׂר יָמִים	וּבִיּוֹם
	away	of the seventh	month	And on the three	and twentieth	day
H853	H7971	H7637	H2320	H7969	H6242	H3117

הַטּוֹבִי	עַל	לִב	הַטּוֹבִי	שְׂמֵחִים	לְאֶהֱלֵיהֶם	עַמּוֹ:
and merry		in heart	and merry	glad	into their tents	his people
H2896	H5921	H3820	H2896	H8056	H168	H5971

וּלְיִשְׂרָאֵל	וְלִשְׁלֹמֹה	לְדָוִד	יְהוָה	עָשָׂה	אֲשֶׁר
and to Israel	and to Solomon	unto David	that the LORD	had shewed	
H3478	H8010	H1732	H3068	H6213	H834

עַמּוֹ:
his people
H5971

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 8:66 (Good): On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.