

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

וּמִי וּבָי	עַשְׂרֵה יָמִים	וּשְׁלֵשָׁה	לְחַדְשָׁה	לְחַדְשָׁה	בְּשְׁבִיעַ י	אֶת שְׁלֵחָה
day	and twentieth	And on the three	month	of the seventh	away	H853
H3117	H6242	H7969	H2320	H7637	H7971	
עָמָךְ:	לְאַהֲלֵיכֶם	שָׁמְחִים	בְּהַטּוּבָה	לְבָבֵיכֶם	עַל	הַטּוּבָה
his people	into their tents	glad	and merry	in heart	and merry	H2896
H5971	H168	H8056	H2896	H3820	H2896	
רָאשָׁךְ הַעֲשֵׂה	יְהִי	יְדֵךְ יְהִי	לְךָ יְדֵךְ	וְלִשְׁלָמָה	וְלִשְׁרָאֵל	
H834	H6213	H3068	H1732	H8010	H3478	
had shewed	that the LORD	unto David	and to Solomon	and to Israel		
עָמָךְ:						
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.