

2 Chronicles 7:6

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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

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

וְהַכֹּהֲנִים	עַל	מִשְׁמֹרוֹתָם	עֹמְדִים:	וְהַלְוִיִּם	בְּכָלִי
And the priests	H5921	on their offices	stood	the Levites	also with instruments
H3548		H4931	H5975	H3881	H3627
וְשָׁרָה	לַיהוָה	אֲשֶׁר	עָשָׂה	דָּוִד	הַמֶּלֶךְ
of musick	of the LORD	H834	had made	when David	the king
H7892	H3068		H6213	H1732	H4428
וְשָׁרָה	כִּי	לְעוֹלָם	חֲסֵדוֹ	בָּהֵל	דָּוִד
of the LORD	H3588	endureth for ever	because his mercy	praised	when David
H3068		H5769	H2617	H1984	H1732
בְּיָדָם	וְהַכֹּהֲנִים	מִחֲצָצֵרִים	וְנָגְדִים	וְכָל	
by their ministry	And the priests	sounded trumpets	H5048	H3605	
H3027	H3548	H2690			
וּשְׁכָא	לְ	עֹמְדִים:			
before them and all Israel		stood			
H3478		H5975			

Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 5:12 (Parallel theme): Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)

2 Chronicles 7:3 (Grace): And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves

with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

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