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The Bible is so interesting; even the Old Testament. Remember: when reading the 1st and 2nd Chronicles... we read history and events recorded from the perspective of the 2 tribes of the **Southern Kingdom**, the House of **Judah**;

Solomon dedicates the Temple,

¹ Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, to king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the Ark of the covenant of the Lord from the city of David, which is Zion.

² And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month / this month is often referred to as the feast of trumpets.

³ And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the Ark.

⁴ And they brought up the Ark of the LORD, and the tent of the congregation, and all the holy vessels who were in the tent, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up.

⁵ And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, who were assembled to him, were with him before the Ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen, that could not be counted or numbered.

⁶ And the priests brought in the Ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim.

⁷ For the cherubim extended their two wings over the place of the Ark, and the cherubim covered the Ark and the staves of it above.

⁸ And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are to this day.

⁹ There was nothing in the Ark except two tablets of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came from the land of Egypt.

¹⁰ And it happened, when the priests came from the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,

¹¹ So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.



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¹² Then spoke Solomon, The LORD said that He would dwell in the thick darkness.

¹³ I have surely built for You a house to dwell in, a settled place for You to abide in forever.

¹⁴ And the king turned facing, and blessed all the congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood;)

¹⁵ And he said, Blessed is the LORD, the God of **Israel**, who spoke with His mouth to David my father, and has with His hand fulfilled it, saying,

¹⁶ Since the day that I brought forth My people **Israel** from Egypt, I chose no city from all the tribes of **Israel** to build a house, that My Name might be in it; but I chose David to be over My people **Israel**.

¹⁷ And it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the Name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

¹⁸ And the LORD said to David my father, as it was in your heart to build a house to My Name, **you did well that it was in your heart.**

¹⁹ Yet you will not build the house; but your son who will come from your loins, he will build the house to My Name.

²⁰ And the LORD has fulfilled His word that He spoke, and I have risen in the place of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the Name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

²¹ And there, I have set in place the Ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD, which He made with our fathers, when He brought them from the land of Egypt.

²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven:

²³ and he said, O LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like You, in heaven above, or on earth below, who keeps covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their heart:

²⁴ who kept with Your servant, my father David, what You promised him: indeed, You spoke with Your mouth, and fulfilled it with Your hand, this day.

²⁵ So now, O LORD, God of Israel, keep with Your servant my father David what You promised him, saying, You will not lack one to sit on the throne of Israel; if only your children take heed to their way, to walk before Me as you have walked.

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²⁶ And now, O God of Israel, please let Your word be confirmed, which You spoke to Your servant, my father David.

²⁷ But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You; how much less this house that I have built!

²⁸ Yet regard the prayer of Your servant, and to his request, O LORD my God, listen to the cry and to the prayer, which Your servant prays before You today:

²⁹ that Your eyes are open toward this house night and day, toward the place that You said, My name will be there: that You hear the prayer Your servant will pray toward this place.

³⁰ And listen to the request of Your servant, and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place: and You hear in heaven -- Your dwelling place: and when You hear, **forgive**. / which is why the people 3,000 years later still come to that place – day and night, to make their requests known before the Lord, their God.

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