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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**;

not when reading 1st and 2nd Kings... where we read the historical perspective of the 10 tribes of the **Northern Kingdom**... the House of **Israel**.

Dedication of the temple (chapters 5-7)

¹ Now when Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the House.

² And the priests could not enter into the House of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD'S House.

³ And when the children of Israel saw how fire came down and the glory of the LORD filled the House, they bowed on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and worshiped, and praised the LORD, saying, Truly He is good; for His mercy continues.

⁴ Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.

⁵ And King Solomon offered a sacrifice of 22,000 oxen, and 120,000 sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the House of God.

⁶ And the priests stood at their posts: the Levites with musical instruments for praising the LORD, which King David had made to thank the LORD, because His mercy never fails, when David used them in the ministry of praise; and the priests in front blew trumpets, and all Israel stood up.

⁷ Solomon also consecrated the middle part of the courtyard that was before the House of the LORD: for there he sacrificed burnt offerings, and the fat slices of the peace offerings; the bronze altar which Solomon had made was not able to hold all the burnt offerings, and the grain offerings, and the fat slices.

⁸ Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, from the Pass of Hamath to the river of Egypt.

⁹ On the eighth day they held a closing celebration for seven days: after the seven days they devoted to the dedication of the altar.



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¹⁰ Then on the twenty-third day of the seventh month, he sent the people away to their homes, rejoicing with glad hearts for the goodness the LORD showed to David, to Solomon, and to Israel His people.

¹¹ Thus Solomon finished the House of the LORD, and the royal palace of the king: and all that came into Solomon's mind he did successfully, to make the House of the LORD, and his own house.

¹² And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place as My House for sacrifice.

¹³ If I shut up heaven that there is no rain, or if I command locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people;

¹⁴ **If My people, who are called by My Name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wrong ways;** then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

¹⁵ Now My eyes are watching, and My ears are listening to the prayers made in this place.

¹⁶ For now I have chosen and consecrated this House, that My Name may be there always: and My eyes and My heart will be there always.

¹⁷ And as for you, if you will walk before me, as your father David walked, and do all that I have instructed you, and will keep My statutes and My justice;

¹⁸ then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, as I have agreed with David your father, promising, he would never be without a descendant ruling over Israel.

¹⁹ But if you turn away, and abandon My statutes and My instructions, which I have set before you, and go and serve foreign gods, and worship them;

²⁰ then I will uproot them from My land that I have given them; and this House, which I have consecrated for My name, I will throw from My sight, making it a proverb and a byword among all the nations.

²¹ This House so grand! -- anyone passing by will be amazed, and ask why the LORD has done this to the land, and to this house.

²² And the answer will be: Because they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers, who brought them out from the land of Egypt, and they seized foreign gods, and worshiped them, and served them: so He brought all this ruin on them.

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