

Solomon's Temple

King David's Desire (2 Samuel 7:2, 3)

"David said to Nathan the prophet, 'See now, I dwell in a house made of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within tent curtains.' Nathan said to the King, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' "

David a Man of War (1 Chronicles 22:8-10)

"The word of the Lord came to David, saying, "You have shed much blood and have waged great wars. You shall not build a house to My name... Behold, a son will be born to you who shall be a man of rest... He shall build a house for My name..." "

David Makes Preparations (1 Chronicles 22:5)

"David said, 'My son, Solomon, is young and inexperienced, and the house that is to be built for the Lord will be exceedingly magnificent, famous throughout all lands. Therefore, I will make preparation for it.' So David made ample preparations before his death."

Charge to Solomon (1 Chronicles 28:9,10, 20)

"As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind... If you seek Him, He will let you find Him... Consider now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for His sanctuary. Be courageous and act... He will not fail you nor forsake you until all the work for the service of the house is finished."

Solomon's Challenge (2 Chronicles 2:5, 6)

"The house which I am about to build for the Lord will be great, for greater is our God than all the gods. But who is able to build a house for Him, for the highest heavens cannot contain Him? So who am I that I should build a house for Him?"

The Work Is Finished (2 Chronicles 5:1-14)

"Thus, all the work that Solomon performed for the house of the Lord was finished... and he brought in all the things which David his father had dedicated... He then assembled to Jerusalem the elders of Israel... to bring up the ark of the covenant out of the city of David, which is Zion... The house of the Lord was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not stand to minister, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God."

Solomon's Dedication (2 Chronicles 6:14-21; 7:1-3)

"'Oh Lord, God of Israel, there is no one like you... Let your eye be open toward this house day and night. Listen to the supplications of Your servant and Your people when they pray toward this place; hear from your dwelling place in heaven and forgive us.' Now, when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the house. All the people of Israel, seeing the fire, bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground and worshiped and praised the Lord..."

