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Simply teaching the Word simply

A sunset with vibrant orange and red clouds over a landscape. In the foreground, an open Bible is laid flat, showing text from the Book of Proverbs. The text is partially obscured by the large yellow title.

Through The Bible

Session 16

1 & 2 Kings

From the miracle of our origin to the mystery of our destiny

Old Testament

Torah - 5

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Exodus
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Zechariah
Malachi

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- **Divided Kingdom** **80 years** **12-22**
 - Accession of Rehoboam
 - Kings of Southern Kingdom (“Judah”)
 - Kings of Northern Kingdom (“Israel”)
 - The Prophet Elijah

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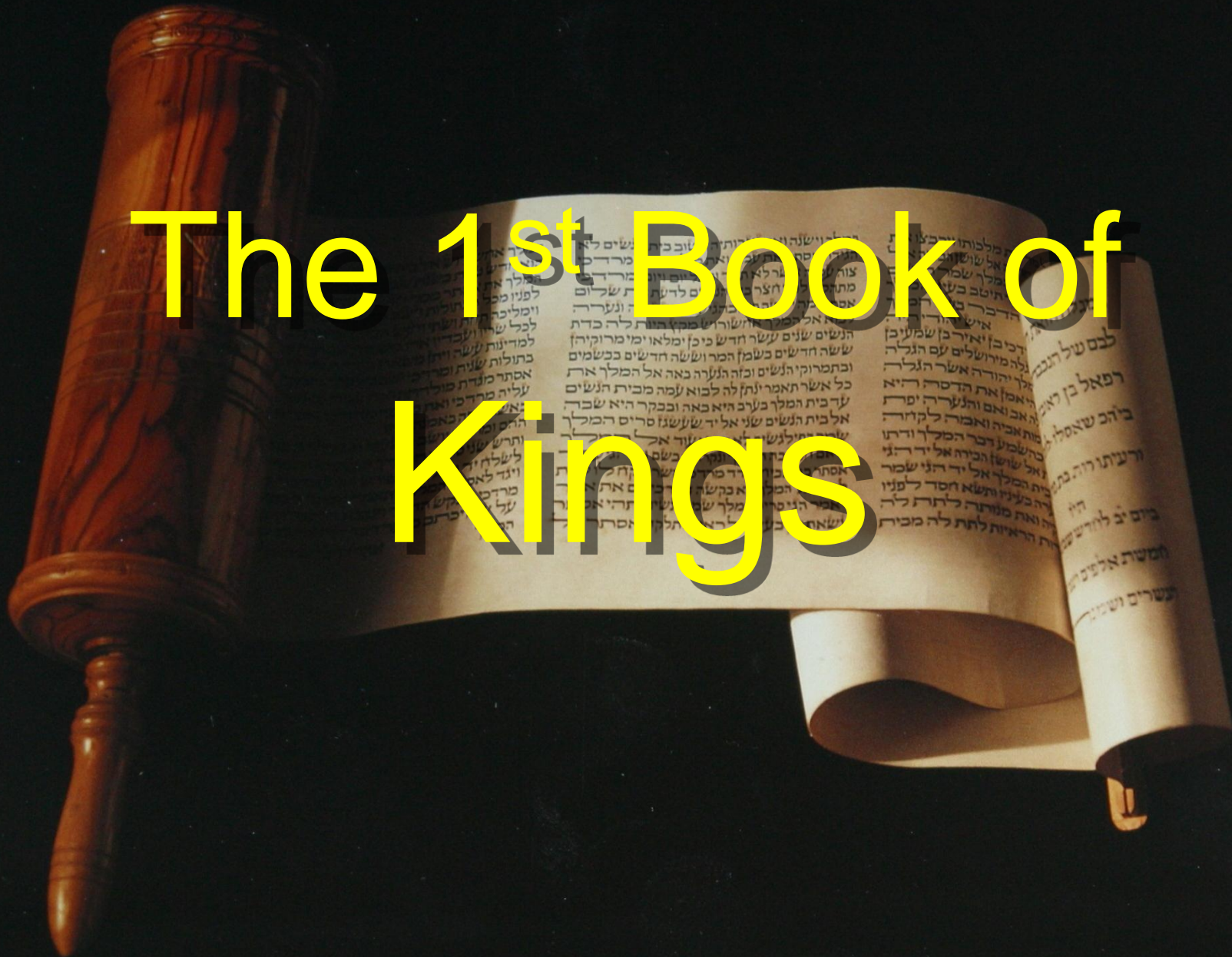
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The 1st Book of Kings



1 Kings 1

- David is now old
- Adonijah appoints himself to be king
 - Supported by Joab
- Nathan & Bathsheba (fearing for theirs and Solomon's life) petition David
- David then appoints Solomon as king
 - He rides David's mule through Jerusalem
- Adonijah's supporters flee, he is spared

1 Kings 2

- Solomon is charged by David regarding his primary responsibility:
 - Be strong
 - Walk in God's ways

3 keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself

1 Kings 2:3

1 Kings 2

- Solomon is also charged by David with some 'housekeeping' tasks
 - Deal with Joab
 - Guilty of the murder of Abner
 - Now also guilty of treason
 - Show kindness to Barzillai
 - Who blessed and supported David when he fled from Absalom
 - Deal with Shimei
 - Who cursed David when he fled from Absalom

1 Kings 2

- Adonijah then commits treason and is put to death
- Abiathar (priest) is removed from office
 - **To** *“fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh”* 1 Kings 2:27
- Joab is also killed for his act of treason
- Shimei is put under house arrest in Jerusalem, but later leaves and is put to death
- Finally the kingdom is established

1 Kings 3

- Solomon made an alliance with the king of Egypt and took Pharaoh's daughter as his wife.
- Nevertheless:
 - “Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father” 1 Kings 3:3

5 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

1 Kings 3:5-14

9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

10 And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;

12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

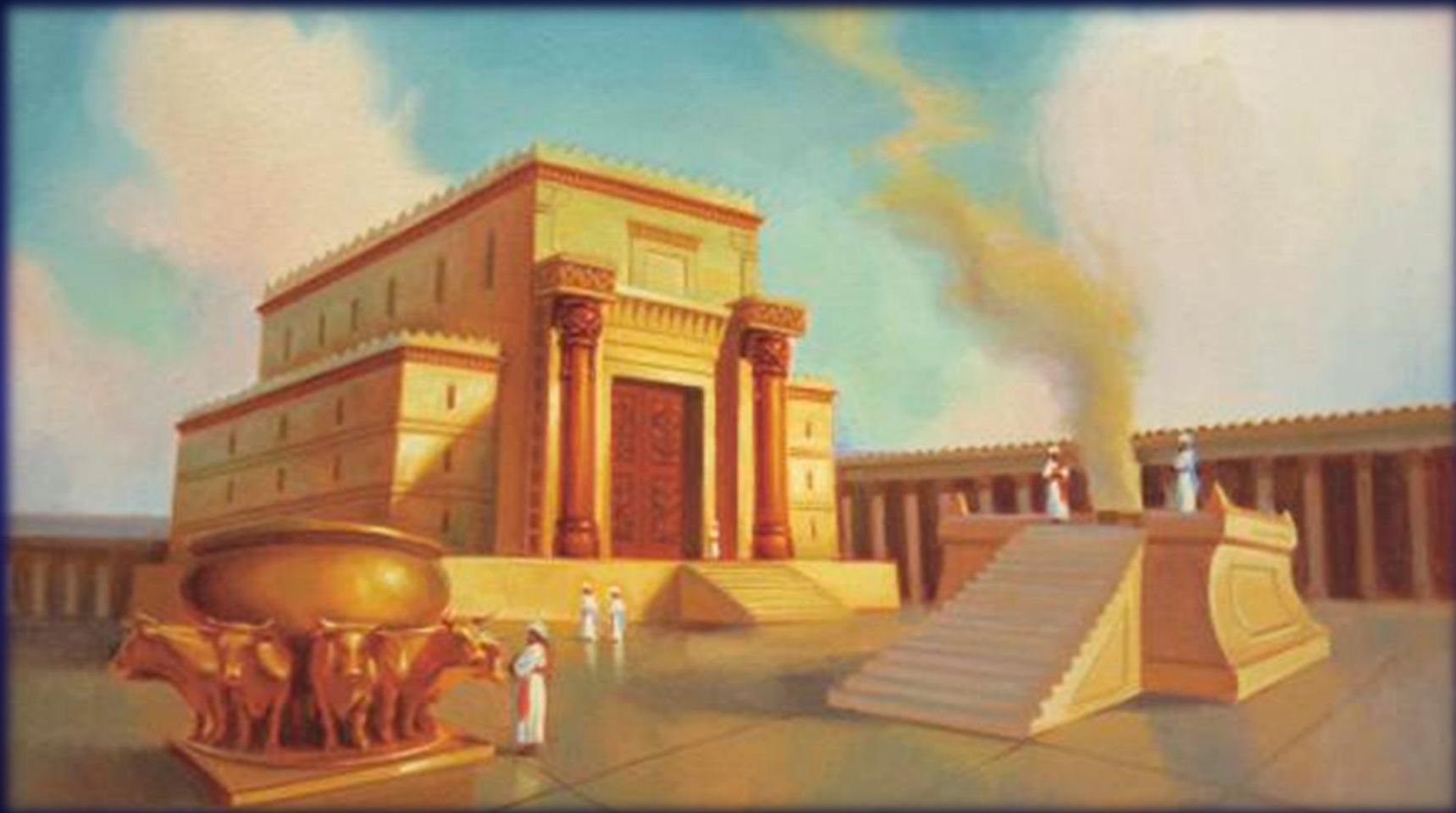
13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

The Temple – 1 Kings 5-7

- David desired to build a ‘house for God’
 - 2 Samuel 7
- God said to David was *not* to build it himself, but his son would do it
- Solomon now begins the work
 - He obtains Cedars from Lebanon
 - David had a close relationship with Hiram
 - Solomon has a workforce of 183,300
 - 30,000 men (10,000 per/month shift)
 - 70,000 carriers
 - 80,000 hewers in the mountains
 - 3,300 supervisors

The Temple



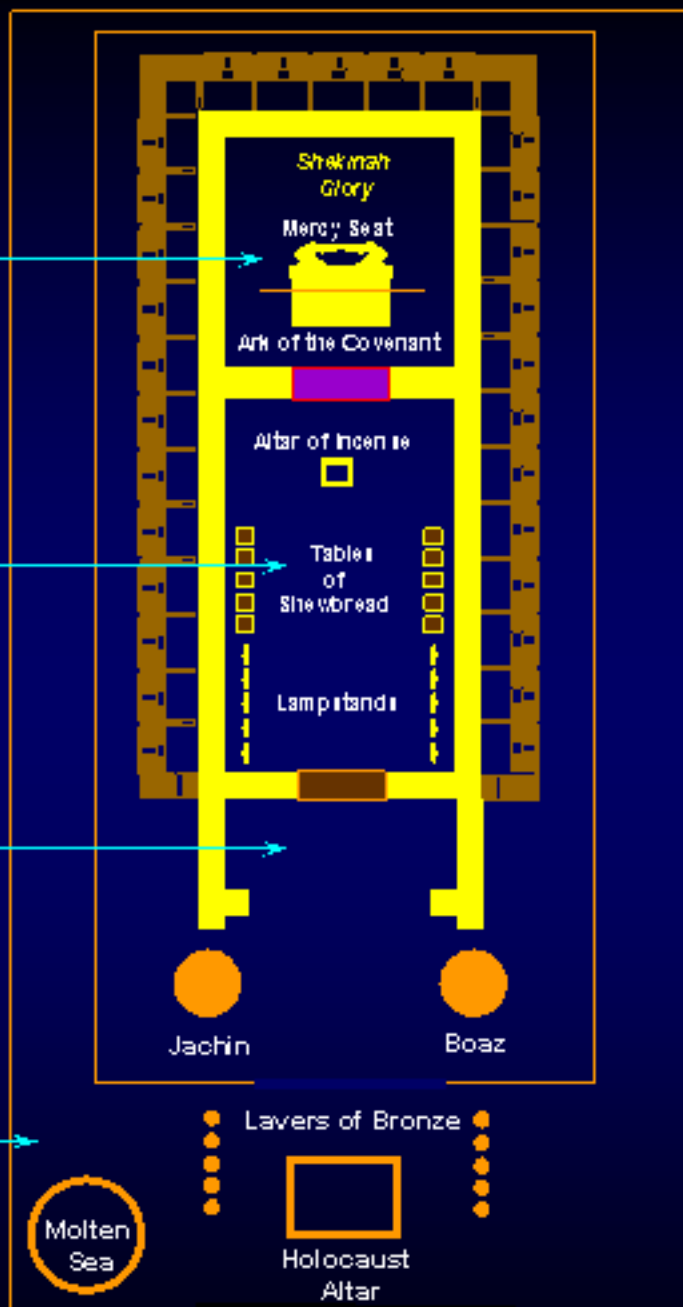
Holy of Holies

Holy Place

Porch

Inner Court

Outer Court



Our Personal Architecture?

- 7 Times declared:
“Ye are the Temple of God”
 - 1 Cor.3:9-17; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 2:20,21;
Heb. 3:6; 1 Pet. 2:5; 4:17.
- Appears to hold the key to our “software” architecture:
 - Heart?
 - Soul?
 - Spirit?
 - Mind?

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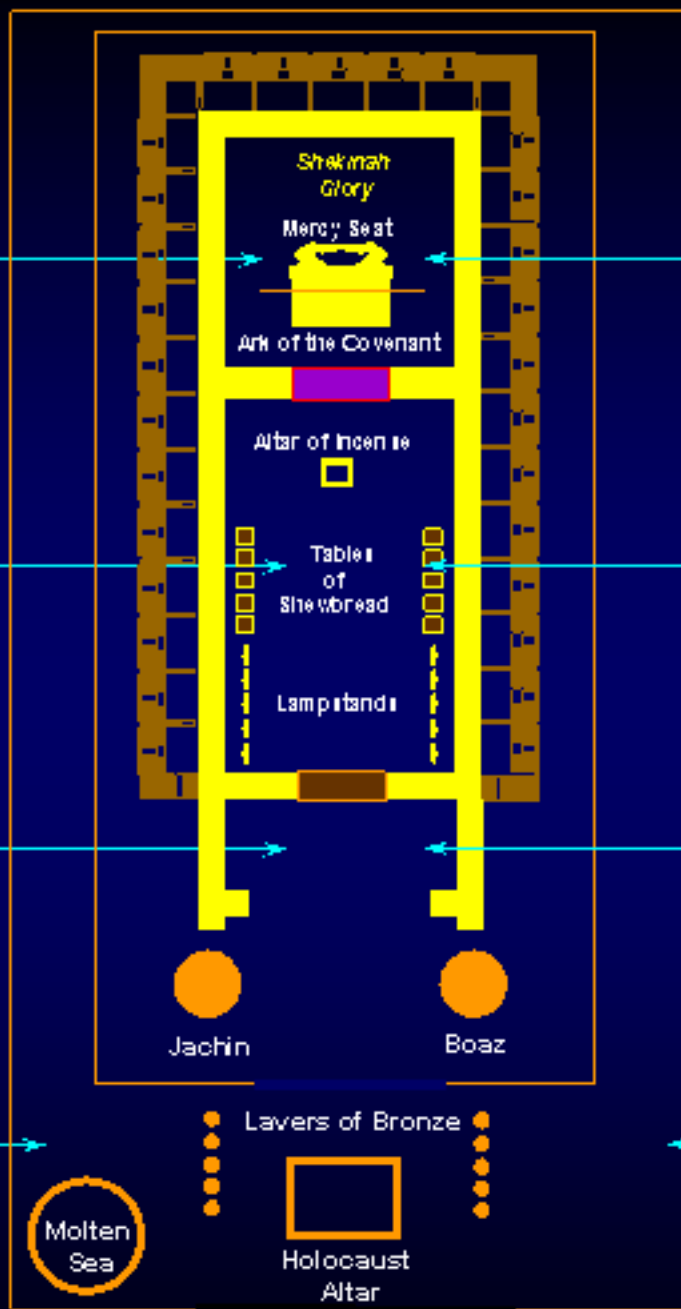
Willpower

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Soul

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Body



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Subconscious?

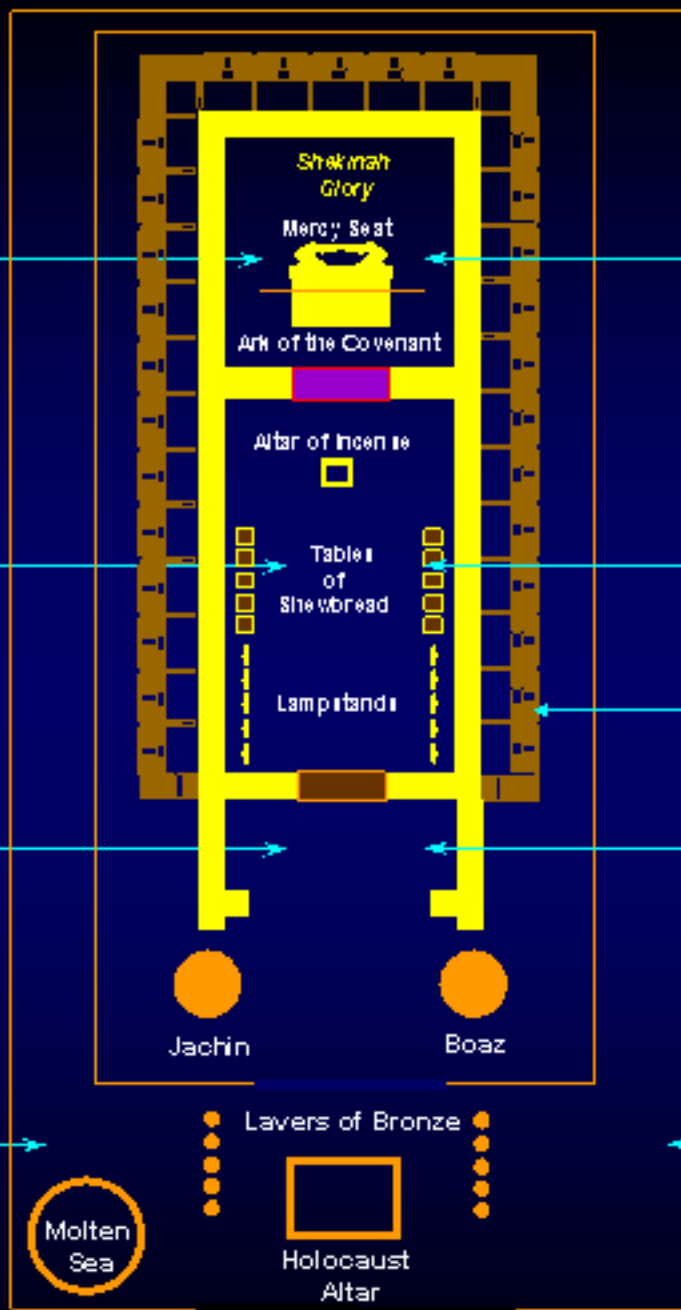
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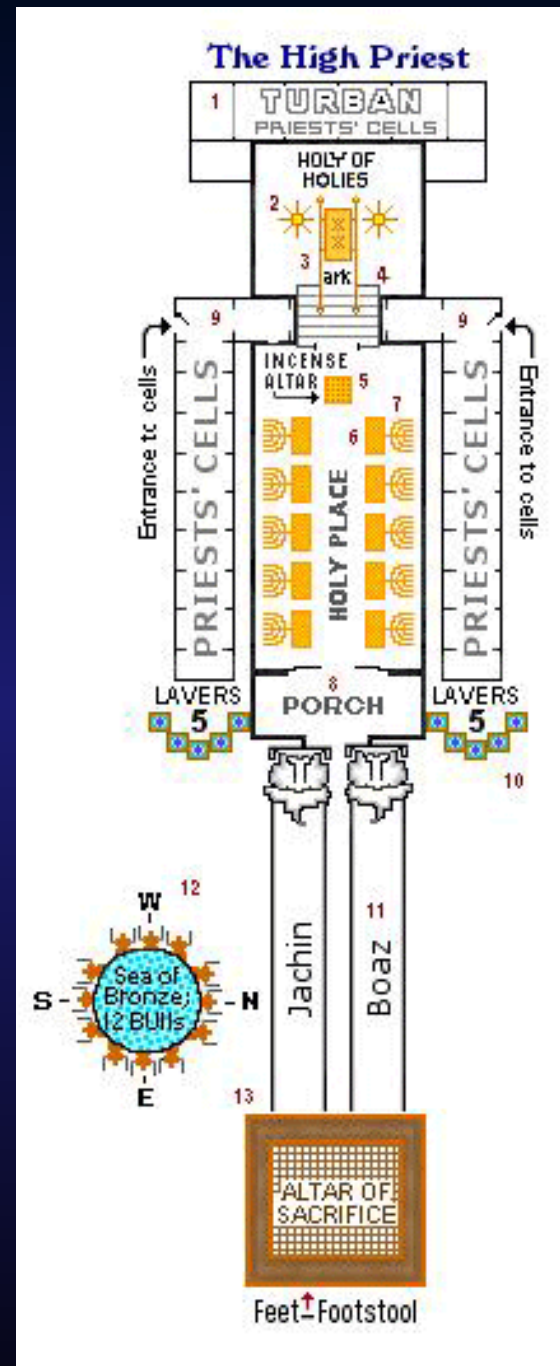
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Body



Hidden Design?

- Our personal architecture?
- Created in His image?



He shall build the temple of the Lord; and He shall bear the glory.'-Zechariah 6:13

“Christ Himself is the builder of His spiritual temple, and He has built it on the mountains of His unchangeable affection, His omnipotent grace, and His infallible truthfulness. But as it was in Solomon's temple, so in this; the materials need making ready”.

He shall build the temple of the Lord; and He shall bear the glory.'-Zechariah 6:13

“There are the 'Cedars of Lebanon,' but they are not framed for the building; they are not cut down, and shaped, and made into those planks of cedar, whose odoriferous beauty shall make glad the courts of the Lord's house in Paradise. There are also the rough stones still in the quarry, they must be hewn thence, and squared. All this is Christ's own work”

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“Each individual believer is being prepared, and polished, and made ready for his place in the temple; but Christ's own hand performs the preparation-work. Afflictions cannot sanctify, excepting as they are used by Him to this end. Our prayers and efforts cannot make us ready for heaven, apart from the hand of Jesus, who fashioneth our hearts aright”

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“As in the building of Solomon's temple, 'there was neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron, heard in the house,' because all was brought perfectly ready for the exact spot it was to occupy-so is it with the temple which Jesus builds; the making ready is all done on earth”

– Charles H Spurgeon

Numerical Difficulties?

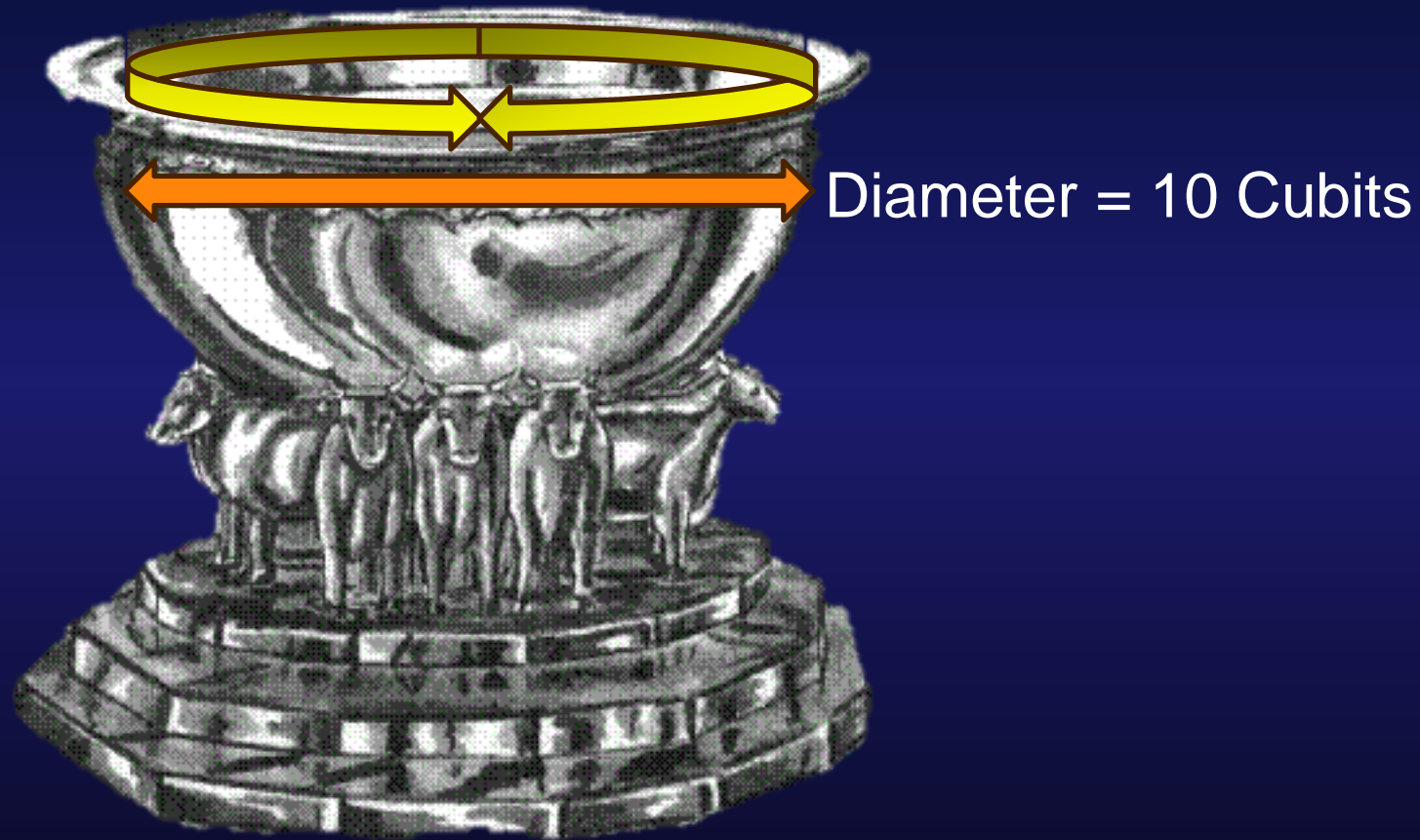
Exhibit 'A'

²³ And he made a molten sea, **ten cubits** from the one brim to the other: it was round all about, and his height was five cubits: and a line of **thirty cubits** did compass it round about.

1 Kings 7:23

The Molten Sea

Circumference = 30 Cubits?



- Circumference = $\pi \times \text{Diameter}$
 - 3.14159265358979 x 10 Cubits

Misspelling?

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1 Kings 7:23

- The incorrect spelling has a letter 'heh'
- Often seen as the breath of God
 - Abra[h]am / Sara[h]

Hebrew Alphanumerics

א	1	י	10	ק	100
ב	2	כ	20	ר	200
ג	3	ל	30	ש	300
ד	4	מ	40	ת	400
ה	5	נ	50	ך	500
ו	6	ס	60	ם	600
ז	7	ע	70	ן	700
ח	8	פ	80	ף	800
ט	9	צ	90	ץ	900

A Spelling Lesson

קרה *kethiv* (written variation)

קר *qere* (marginal annotation)

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קוה *kethiv* (written variation)

קר *qere* (marginal annotation)

ק = 100

ו = 6

ה = 5

A Spelling Lesson

קוה *kethiv* (written variation) 111

קו *qere* (marginal annotation) 106

ק = 100

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ה = 5

- $111/106 \times 3$

- $= 3.14159265358979$ (!!!)

*...with an error of less than
15 thousandths of an inch in
a circumference of over 46 feet!*

12 Then spake Solomon, The LORD said that he would dwell in thick darkness.

13 I have surely built thee an house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide in for ever.

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

1 Kings 8:12-40

15 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying,

16 Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that my name might be therein; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.

17 And it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

18 And the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart.

1 Kings 8:12-40

19 Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name.

20 And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

21 And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

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

1 Kings 8:12-40

23 And he said, LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart:

24 Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

25 Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me.

26 And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day:

1 Kings 8:12-40

29 That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.

30 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.

33 When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house:

34 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.

1 Kings 8:12-40

35 When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them:

36 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

1 Kings 8:12-40

37 If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be;

38 What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:

1 Kings 8:12-40

39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;)

40 That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

46 If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;

1 Kings 8:46-54

47 Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;

1 Kings 8:46-54

- These words are quoted by Daniel in captivity in Babylon (Dan ch9)

48 And so return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name:

49 Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause,

1 Kings 8:46-54

50 And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them:

51 For they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron:

1 Kings 8:46-54

52 That thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee.

53 For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD.

54 And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

1 Kings 8:46-54

- The best book on prayer?
- The Word of God!
- Solomon appeals to God's covenant, faithfulness, character, sovereignty, obligation
 - “Thy people” x12 “Thy servant” x9

Royal Visitation - 1 Kings 10

- The Queen of Sheba comes to Jerusalem on account of the fame of Solomon
- He is tested with questions

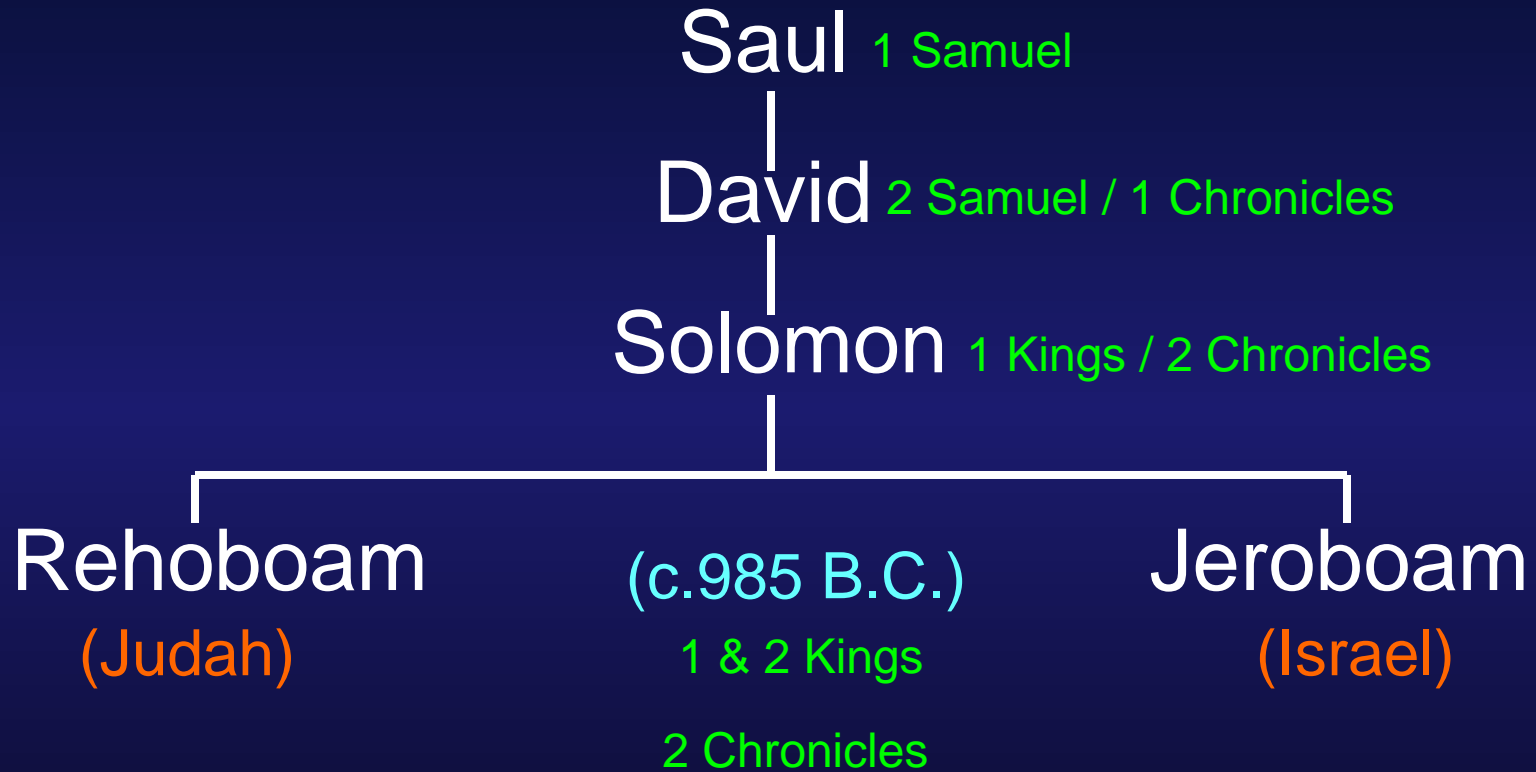
It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard

1 Kings 10:6-7

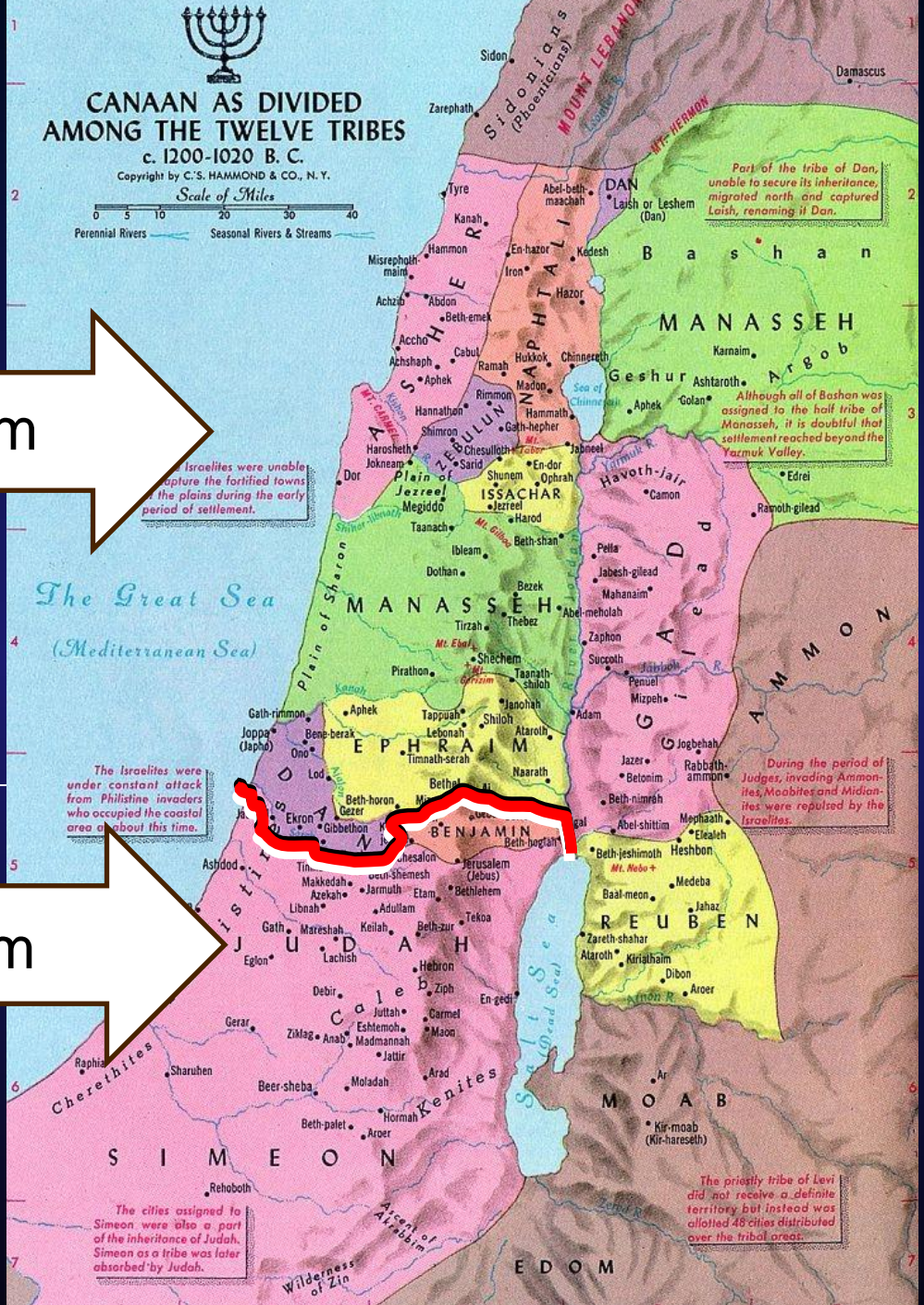
1 Kings 11

- *“But king Solomon loved many strange women...”* v1
- Solomon had 700 wives + 300 concubines
- *“And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD”* v6
- As a result the LORD declares He will ‘rend’ the kingdom from Solomon
- Just Judah will be left for David’s posterity (+ Benjamin)

The History of Israel & Judah




**CANAAN AS DIVIDED
 AMONG THE TWELVE TRIBES**
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 Scale of Miles
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 Perennial Rivers Seasonal Rivers & Streams



The Northern Kingdom

Israel
 (Ten Tribes)
 Jeroboam

The Southern Kingdom

Judah
 (Two Tribes)
 Rehoboam

Jeroboam's Folly

- God grants Jeroboam sovereignty over 10 tribes
- Fearful that the people would return to Rehoboam, Jeroboam sets up centres of worship in Dan and Bethel
 - These become centres of idolatry
- He appoints the 'lowest of the people' as priests
- God sends a prophet to warn Jeroboam

10 Lost Tribes Myth

- The godly 'up north' travel to Rehoboam in the south – 2 Chron 11
- The idol worshipers in the south go up to Jeroboam in the north.
- All 12 tribes are evident in post-exile records
 - Ezra, Nehemiah, et al
- New Testament confirmations
 - Anna (Asher), Paul (Acts 26:7),
 - James writes to the 12 tribes, Rev 7,12,21

The History of the Kings of Israel

(c.985 B.C.)

Jeroboam 22y

Nadab 2y

Baasha 24y

Elah 2y

Zimri 1wk

Tibni

Omri 12y

Elijah

Ahab 22y

Ahaziah 2y

Elisha

Jehoram 12y

Jehu 28y

Jehoahaz 17y

Joash 16y

Jeroboam 64y

Zachariah 6mth

Shallum 1mth

Menahem 10y

Pekahiah 2y

Pekah 20y

Hoshea 9y

(722 B.C.)

Elisha

Hosea / Amos

The History of the Kings Judah

(c.985 B.C.)

Rehoboam 17y

Abijam 3y

Asa 41y

Jehoshaphat 25y

Jehoram 8y

Ahaziah 1y

Q. Athaliah 6y

Jehoash 40y

Amaziah 29y

(Uzziah) Azariah 52y

Isaiah
Hosea
Amos

Micah
Hosea
Isaiah

Jotham 16y

Ahaz 16y

Hezekiah 29y

(722 B.C.) Israel go into captivity

Manasseh 55y

Amon 2y

Zephaniah

Josiah 31y

Jehoahaz 3mts

Jeremiah

(Eliakim) Jehoiakim 11y

Jehoiachin 3mts (606 B.C.)

Zedekiah 11y (587 B.C.)

Elijah

(Last 6 chapters of 1st Kings)

- Ministry to the Northern Kingdom
- NT speaks of him more than any other OT prophet
- Appears twice in NT:
 - Transfiguration Matt 17
 - Two Witnesses Rev 11
- 8 Major Miracles
 - Suspension of rain for 3 ½ years 1 Kings 17
 - Confrontation on Mt. Carmel 1 Kings 18
- Translated into Heaven 2 Kings 2

Confrontation on Mt. Carmel

1 Kings 18

- “And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people answered him not a word.” **1 Kings 18:21**
- Challenged Baal to match altars and sacrifices
- Mocked them openly...
- After dousing him 3 times with water, called fire down and consumed his offering
- ...then slaughtered the 450 prophets of Baal.

Queen Jezebel

- Daughter of Ethbaal, king of Sidonians
- Wife of King Ahab of Israel 1 Kings 16
- Synonymous with crafty, cruel, malicious
- Naboth's vineyard acquired for Ahab through an inquisition, false accusation, and execution 1 Kings 21
- 450 prophets (+ 400 prophets of the "groves")

The 2nd Book of Kings

The image features a scroll of the 2nd Book of Kings, unrolled to reveal Hebrew text. The scroll is positioned horizontally across the center, with a wooden scroll handle visible on the left side. The text is written in a traditional Hebrew script. The background is dark, and the scroll is illuminated, highlighting the text and the texture of the parchment. The title "The 2nd Book of Kings" is overlaid in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline, centered over the scroll.

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Elisha

- Elisha became Elijah's disciple
 - Elijah did 8 specific miracles
 - Raptured
 - Prophesied to return Mal 4:5 / Rev 11
- Elisha requests a 'double portion' 2 Kings 2:9
- Elijah grants this request if he sees him go
- Elisha follows faithfully & receives this anointing...
- ...and does 16 miracles

Naaman Cleansed

- Gentile leper (idiom of sin) 2 Kings 5
- Proud and unwilling to submit to God
- Eventually humbles himself & is 'baptised' (dying to self)
- Raised to new life
- Now in the world but not of it
- His real home is no longer this world
- Daily challenges faced (before unbelieving gentiles) but not giving in to compromise

A Glimpse of Spiritual Warfare

Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp.

2 Kings 6:8

Inside Intelligence Resource

And the man of God (Elisha) sent unto the King of Israel, saying, "Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down."

And the King of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

2 Kings 6:9-10

The Search for the Mole

Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, "Will ye not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?"

2 Kings 6:11

The Secret Resource

And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber."

2 Kings 6:12

The Preparation to Attack

And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, "Behold, he is in Dothan." Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

2 Kings 6:13-14

Threat Assessment: *Physical*

And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, "Alas, my master! how shall we do?"

2 Kings 6:15

Threat Assessment: *Spiritual*

*And he answered, "Fear not:
for they that be with us are more than
they that be with them."*

2 Kings 6:16

The Defenses Revealed

And Elisha prayed, and said, "Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see."

And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

The Fall of Israel

²² For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them;
²³ Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

2 Kings 17:22-23

The Fall of Israel

- 722 B.C. Israel is conquered by Assyria
- The people are taken away captive
- The king of Assyria fills the land with migrants
- The land becomes overrun with lions
- A 'priest' is sent back to teach the customs to the new inhabitants (Samaritans)
- They form a hybrid religion
- Subsequently rejected by the 'Jews'

Birth of the Samaritans

24 And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Avva, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

2 Kings 17:24

Lion Invasion

²⁵ And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew some of them.

²⁶ Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land.

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The Great Hall of the Temple of Karnak, Egypt. This relief shows a chariot battle. The chariot is pulled by horses and contains two archers. A lion is shown attacking the chariot.





Room 10

Royal Lion Hunts

Lion-hunting, in Assyria, was the sport of kings. The sculptures in this room, carved about 645-635 BC, mostly show the sporting exploits of the last great Assyrian king, Ashurbanipal. The hunt scenes, full of tension and realism, rank among the finest achievements of Assyrian art.



The Great Hall
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The Final Kings of Judah

Josiah

Died in battle against Pharaoh Necho

Jehoahaz

Reigned 3 months

Taken to Egypt by Pharaoh Necho

Jehoiakim

Reigned 11 years

3rd yr (606 B.C.)

Nebuchadnezzar

1st Siege

Jehoiachin

(Jeconiah)

Blood Curse: Jer 22:30

Reigned 3 months

Taken to Babylon

Zedekiah

Appointed by Nebuchadnezzar

Reigned 11 years

Finally taken captive in final siege

587 B.C.

Numerical Difficulties?

Exhibit 'B'

⁸ Jehoiachin was **eighteen years old** when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name was Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

2 Kings 24:8

Numerical Difficulties?

Exhibit 'C'

9 Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD.

2 Chronicles 36:9

Numerical Difficulties?

“Jehoiachin, was eighteen years old when he ascended the throne (the eight years of the Chronicles are a slip of the pen)”

– Keil & Delitzsch

Numerical Difficulties?

[Jehoiachin was eighteen years old] He is called Jeconiah, 1 Chron 3:16, and Coniah, Jer 22:24. In 2 Chron 36:9, he is said to be only eight years of age, but this must be a mistake; for we find that, having reigned only three months, he was carried captive to Babylon, and there he had wives; and it is very improbable that a child between eight and nine years of age could have wives; and of such a tender age, it can scarcely be said that, as a king, he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord. The place in Chronicles must be corrupted"

- Adam Clarke

Numerical Difficulties?

Eighteen years old when he began to reign. At the age of eight his father took him into partnership in the government (2 Chron 36:9). He began to reign alone at eighteen.

- Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown

Proposed resolution:

- Co-Regency?

Numerical Difficulties?

- What we do know:
- Jehoiachin was 18 yrs old when he became king of Judah
- He reigned 3mts 10days
- Then king Nebuchadnezzar came & took him captive to Babylon
- He was the first king of Judah to come to the throne as a vassal king

Numerical Difficulties?

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2 Chronicles 36:9

Heb: בן ben (bane) Lit: 'a son'

"Of literal and figurative relationship, including grandson, subject, nation, etc.,"

"Jehoiachin was 8 yrs a 'son'..."

"Jehoiachin was 8 yrs 'subject' ..."

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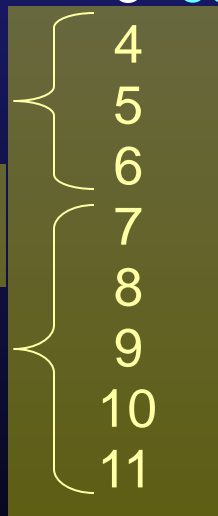
2 Chron 36:5 Reigning 11 years

2 607

Daniel 1:1 Nebuchadnezzar conquered in 3rd year

→ 3 606

2 Kings 24:1 Served for 3 years



“Jehoiachin was 8 yrs ‘subject’ ...”

2 Kings 24:1 Rebelled for 5 years

Jehoiachin

→ 3mts 11d.



2 Kings 7:3-9

A Message For The King's Household

And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die? If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

2 Kings 7:3-4

And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there. For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

2 Kings 7:5-6

Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.

And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.

2 Kings 7:7-8

Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

2 Kings 7:9

Preach The Word

¹ I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

² Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

2 Tim 4:1-4

Preach The Word

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2 Tim 4:1-4

The time has come...



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