



# SUMMIT

Week 3: 1 Kings 5-7

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# THE PROMISE OF GOD'S TEMPLE

You know that David my father could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until the Lord put them under the soles of His feet.

— 1 KINGS 5:2-3

My son, I had it in my heart to build a house to the name of the Lord my God. But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have waged great wars. You shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed so much blood before me on the earth. Behold, a son shall be born to you who shall be a man of rest. I will give him rest from all his surrounding enemies. For his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days. He shall build a house for my name. He shall be my son, and I will be his father, and I will establish his royal throne in Israel forever.

— 1 CHRONICLES 22:7-10

But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side. There is neither adversary nor misfortune. And so I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to David my father, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.'

— 1 KINGS 5:4-5

# Take-Aways

- God keeps His promises. What He intends to do and says He will do, He does.

A house for the name of the Lord?

I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” ...And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.

— 2 SAMUEL 7:6-7, 9



And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking  
in the garden in the cool of the day...the presence  
of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

— GENESIS 3:8

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- God's intention has always been, and continues to be, to dwell with His people.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

— JOHN 14:16-17

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?

— 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He  
will dwell with them, and they will be his people,  
and God himself will be with them as their God.

— REVELATION 21:3

# THE PURPOSE OF GOD'S TEMPLE

A house for the name of the Lord

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A dwelling place for God that would communicate  
His reputation to the world

temple is widely referred to as the "first temple." Construction began in the spring of 967 B.C.E. (1 Kings 6:1; 2 Chronicles 3:1-2), and was completed in the fall of 960 B.C.E. (1 Kings 6:38). The temple was located north of the City of David on Mount Moriah, in the same place where Abraham sacrificed Isaac. King David purchased the land for the temple at the end of his reign (1 Chronicles 21). The temple was an impressive structure, especially compared to other ancient buildings, but it was not colossal or overbuilt. It measured 103 feet long, 10.5 meters (34.4 feet) wide, and 10.5 meters (34.4 feet) high. The quality of its construction was exceptional, using the highest-quality stone, metals and precious materials, and largely off-site, by expert craftsmen.

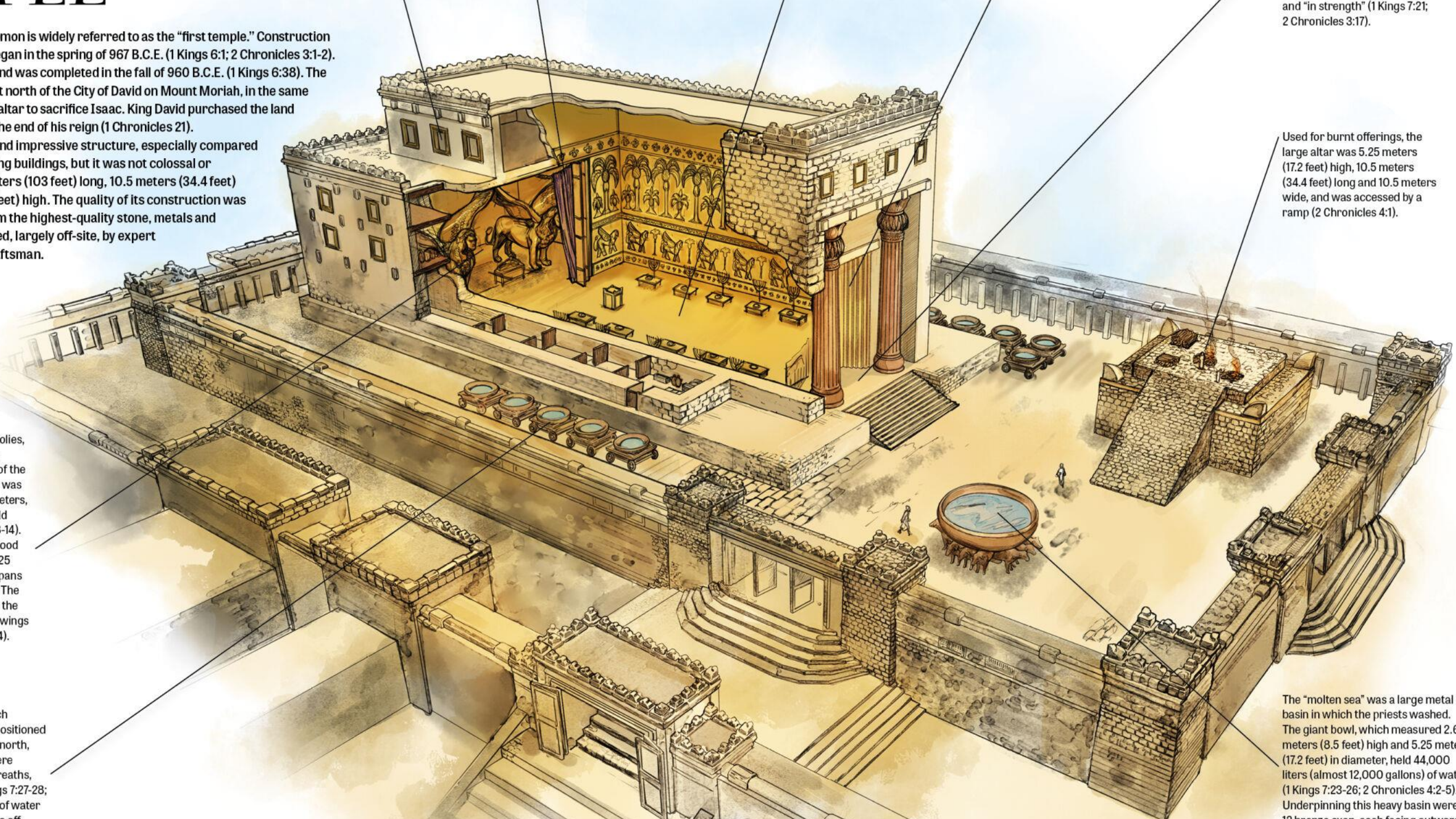
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and "in strength" (1 Kings 7:21; 2 Chronicles 3:17).

Used for burnt offerings, the large altar was 5.25 meters (17.2 feet) high, 10.5 meters (34.4 feet) long and 10.5 meters wide, and was accessed by a ramp (2 Chronicles 4:1).

The "molten sea" was a large metal basin in which the priests washed. The giant bowl, which measured 2.6 meters (8.5 feet) high and 5.25 meters (17.2 feet) in diameter, held 44,000 liters (almost 12,000 gallons) of water (1 Kings 7:23-26; 2 Chronicles 4:2-5). Underpinning this heavy basin were 12 bronze oxen, each facing outwards.











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- God's dwelling place is intended to reflect and exalt Him

"We should adorn these temples with conduct that glorifies our God in the sight of onlookers."

— Dr. Thomas Constable

Is your life marked by behavior that demonstrates  
God's great worth and reflects His goodness to a  
watching world?

Concerning this house that you're building if you walk in my statutes and obey my rules and keep all my commandments and walk in them, then I will establish my word with you, which I spoke to David your father. And I will dwell among the children of Israel and will not forsake my people Israel.

— 1 KINGS 6:12-13

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"Jesus kept all the 'if' commands of the law that open up all the 'then' promises of the gospel for everyone who believes in Him."

— Philip Ryken

# Take-Aways

- God keeps His promises. What He intends to do and says He will do, He does. **Do you cling to them?**
- God's intention has always been, and continues to be, to dwell with His people. **Do you enjoy His presence?**
- God's dwelling place is intended to reflect and exalt Him. **Does your life reflect and exalt Jesus?**
- God will not forsake those with whom He dwells. **How does this bring you meaningful comfort?**

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