

1 Chronicles 22

King James Version (KJV)

22 Then David said, This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of the burnt offering for Israel. (This verse belongs at the end of the previous chapter. The copyists separated the chapters at the wrong place) (David knew that God chose Mt Moriah as the new place for sacrifice, because He told David of the place, and accepted his sacrifice)

(David is amassing a supply of materials to build the temple of God, and set up his kingdom to set order. This would make it easier to pass the kingdom down to his son, Solomon)

²And David commanded to gather together the strangers that were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God. (Strangers = foreigners – defeated and subjugated to Israel) (The stones were cut and shaped at the quarry, and then transported to the building site afterwards)

³And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brass in abundance without weight; (All iron was only in the outer courts and gates. There was none inside the temple)

⁴Also cedar trees in abundance: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David. (Zidonians = Phoenicians. They were expert in harvesting, transporting and using the cedar trees. They were also expert craftsmen and carpenters)

⁵And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the LORD must be exceeding magnifical, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death. (magnifical = large and luxurious)

⁶Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the LORD God of Israel. (Solomon- means peaceful – comes from the same root word as shalom)

⁷And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God: (Chapter-17)

⁸ But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight. (God was not angry at David for defending Israel, but HE wanted a man of peace to build HIS house)

⁹ Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days. (Solomon was one of a very few people that God named)

¹⁰ He shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever. (God speaks of Jesus, here, not Solomon. Solomon was only a type for Jesus Christ. Solomon would only reign for 40 years; Jesus will reign forever. Jesus would come through the progeny of David's son Nathan, not Solomon) see Luke-1:30-33

¹¹ Now, my son, the LORD be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee.

¹² Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God. (That was why God gave Solomon great wisdom and riches. Unfortunately, Solomon fell short in his later years. He married heathen women and brought in idolatry to Israel on a very large scale. As the king goes, so do the people. From that time on, Israel kept falling back into Idolatry. God took the throne away from Solomon's son Rehoboam because of what he did)

¹³ Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed. (Solomon fell short of the "if" condition in his later years)

¹⁴ Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto. (Collecting gold and silver for the treasury of the tabernacle of God goes all the way back to Moses, when they left Egypt. They had been adding to the treasury for the hundreds of years between Moses and David)

¹⁵ Moreover there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work. (cunning = skillful – in the old English; that word has a totally different meaning today)

¹⁶ Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, there is no number. Arise therefore, and be doing, and the LORD be with thee. (There was too much of it to count)

¹⁷ David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying, (princes of Israel- these are the leaders of the 12 tribes of Israel)

¹⁸ Is not the LORD your God with you? and hath he not given you rest on every side? for he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand; and the land is subdued before the LORD, and before his people. (God gave you peace from all your enemies)

¹⁹ Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD. (Therefore, build the temple of God in Jerusalem and bring the Ark so that people can worship in Jerusalem. David also named Solomon as king and heir to the throne before all the 12 tribes)