

1 Kings 9

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9 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, (This is about year 23-24 of Solomon's 40 year reign)

²That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon. (At Gibeon when he first became king) see chapter-3:5 (This time was at Jerusalem)

³And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. (supplication = to entreat for favor)

⁴And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments: See chapter 11 (Solomon didn't; he married heathen women and worshipped their gods) (David sinned, but he never fell away from God into idolatry, like other kings did)

⁵Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel. (The country fell apart because of the idolatry of Solomon. The throne of David was later established forever through Jesus Christ)

⁶But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them: Exodus-20:3 , Exodus-34:14

⁷Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people: Exodus-19:5 (The land belongs to God. It is His to give to whoever He wishes) (a proverb and a byword – a joke, a laughing stock) (Rehoboam, Solomon's son, will lose the 10 northern tribes)

NOTE: (Look at the US today. We are a laughing stock of the world. We bomb other nations so we can steal their resources. Christians are ridiculed by atheists and muslims in Christian countries. Materialism has replaced the worship of God. Most people are slaves to debt)

⁸And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house? (All this came to pass in the later years of Israel)

⁹And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil. (evil= calamity – they brought it upon themselves by deserting God. Even the heathen nations knew it)

¹⁰And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house, (The two houses – the house for Pharaoh's daughter and the house of the Forest of Lebanon)

¹¹(Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

¹²And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not. (They were occupied by Canaanites – heathen, dirty, unkempt cities. Solomon was already beginning to go off the rails)

¹³And he said, What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul unto this day. (Cabul = pawned, or good for nothing)

2Chronicles-8:2 (Hiram gave the cities back to Solomon. Solomon moved Israelites back in. They repaired the cities and lived there)

¹⁴And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold. (120)

¹⁵And this is the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer. (The levy is the

forced labor of men. They would work on all of these building projects; Aka – slavery to the king)

(Solomon's endless levy <forced labor> led people to resent him. They were later happy to split from Judah, when Rehoboam became king)

¹⁶ For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife.

¹⁷ And Solomon built Gezer, and Bethhoron the nether, (He fortified Gezer and Bethhoron – better translation) (the nether = the lower)

¹⁸ And Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land, (Tadmor was on the caravan route from the Med to the Persian Gulf. It was a city of commerce)

¹⁹ And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

²⁰ And all the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which were not of the children of Israel, (Canaanite tribes – many had mixed with the fallen angels. God told Joshua to destroy them all for that. Israel didn't obey; so they were still around, perverting the people of Israel)

²¹ Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto this day. (God commanded their destruction, but Israel did not obey. These people would later be the downfall of Israel. Their traditions and idols would become false deities in Israel over the years)

²² But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bondmen: but they were men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen. Leviticus-25 (It was illegal to make Israelites slaves. Not actual slaves – still they were forced to work for Solomon or serve him in another way at no pay)

(God warned Israel that this would happen through Samuel, but the people of Israel wouldn't listen. They wanted a man king; they got one) 1Samuel-8:11

²³ These were the chief of the officers that were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work. (250 Israelites, 300 foreigners) 2Chronicles-8:18

²⁴ But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo. (She moved from the lower city up into her house in the upper city) (Re-built Millo)

²⁵ And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house. (3 times – Passover, Feast of Weeks<Pentecost>, and the feast of Tabernacles<Succoth>) (He later also sacrificed in the “high places” which was illegal in God’s eyes. Eventually, Solomon became a worshipper of heathen idols)

²⁶ And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Eziongeber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom. (Edom was one of the conquered states of Israel, along with Ammon and Moab)

²⁷ And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon. (Tyre & Israel were business partners at this time. Living in Tyre were merchants<Kenites>; along with the Phoenicians, who travelled the high seas. They were expert ship builders and navigators)

²⁸ And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon. (Gold from Ophir was considered to be the finest. Ophir’s location is not known today)