

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 God told him of the place and then He accepted David's sacrifice there)

(In these chapters, David is amassing a supply of materials to build the temple of God. He is also setting up his kingdom in order. That would make it easier to pass the kingdom down to his son, Solomon)

² And 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 by Israel. They became servants of Israel)

(The stones were cut and shaped at the quarry, and then transported to the building site afterwards. God didn't want any iron tools or other building tools at the site where the temple was to be built)

³ And 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 of the iron was only used in the outer courts and gates. There was none inside the temple)

⁴ Also 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 building with the cedar trees. They were also expert craftsmen and carpenters)

⁵ And 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)

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

⁷ And 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)

(The blood of Uriah was on David's hands. That is what was displeasing to God)

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) (He was a man of rest = a man of peace)

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. He fell way short in his older years. He married heathen wives and worshipped their idol gods. His blasphemy caused God to cut Solomon's reign short. It also caused Israel to be divided just after his death. Israel remains divided unto this day)

(Jesus <God in the flesh> lived a perfect life in the flesh. HE will reign forever) see Luke-1:30-33

(Jesus would come into the world through the progeny of David's son Nathan, not through Solomon)

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 the reason that 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 on 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 from the time of Moses to 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 each 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 with all of your enemies – peace through strength works well)

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 there; so that people

can worship Him in Jerusalem. David also named Solomon as king and heir to the throne before all the 12 tribes at this time)

(Seek ye the Lord and you will find Him) see Deuteronomy-4:29, Jeremiah-29:13, Isaiah-55:6-7, Acts-17:27

NOTE: (This is good advice for everyone who wants God's blessings and love. Thank God for His blessings. Thank God that we live in a free Christian nation. Most people have forgotten that advice. They get tangled up in the evil ways of the world)