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- David dedicated the land he had just purchased (1 Chr 21:22-30)

- His supreme desire was that Israel would worship and adore the Almighty God centrally through a great temple in Jerusalem. He wanted God's eternal greatness to be revered by Israel and every other nation in the world.

It's remarkable that the temple was built on the property David purchased from Ornan, a reminder of David's great sin in numbering the people (1 Chr 21). The temple was built by Solomon, a son of Bathsheba, the woman with whom David had committed adultery. Only God can take a man's two greatest sins and build a temple out of them. "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Rom 5:20).

(7) David instructs Solomon to build the temple (22:2-19)

(A) David gathers materials for the temple (22:2-5)

2 So David gave orders to gather the **strangers** who were in the land of Israel, and he set stonecutters to cut out stones to build the house of God.

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2 David subsequently issued orders to conscript the resident aliens who lived in the land of Israel and appointed stonecutters to prepare stones for building a temple for God.

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.

- God gave David the plans for the temple (1 Chr 28:11-12,19) just as He had given Moses the plans for the tabernacle (Ex 25:40)

- "...strangers" - aliens; non-Israelites. These were artisans from the descendants of the Canaanites (2 Chr 8:7-10) and war captives (2 Chr 2:7) for whom the Mosaic Law provided compassion and protection (Ex 22:21; 23:9; Lev 19:33; Deut 24:14-15)

3 And David prepared large quantities of iron to make the nails for the doors of the gates and for the clamps, and more bronze than could be weighed;

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3 David also provisioned abundant supplies of iron for nails to build the doors for gates and to build clamps. Furthermore, he provided so much bronze it wasn't inventoried,

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;

4 and timbers of cedar beyond number, for the Sidonians and Tyrians brought large quantities of cedar timber to David.

4 and timbers of cedar logs beyond number, for the Sidonians and Tyrians brought large quantities of cedar timber to David.

4 as well as an innumerable amount of cedar logs, since the Sidonians and Tyrians brought vast amounts of cedar to David.

4 Also cedar trees in abundance: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David.

5 David said, "My son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the house that is to be built for the LORD shall be exceedingly magnificent, famous, and glorious throughout the lands. *Therefore* I now will make preparations for it." So David made ample preparations before his death.

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5 David thought, "My son Solomon is young and inexperienced. The temple that will be built for the LORD is to be magnificent, well known, and internationally honored, so I will complete preparations for it." So before his death, David finished providing a great quantity of materials for it.

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.

- When God said that his son, not David, would build God's house, David fully accepted God's decision

— With humility, David did everything he could to prepare Solomon for success

(B) David promised Solomon divine blessings if he built the temple (22:6-15)

6 Then he called for his son Solomon, and commanded him to build a house for the LORD God of Israel.

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6 Later, David called for his son Solomon and directed him to build a temple to the LORD God of Israel.

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7 David said to Solomon, "My son, I had intended to build a house for the name of the LORD my God.

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7 David addressed Solomon: "I have attempted to build a temple to the name of the LORD my God.

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:

8 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 on the earth before Me.

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8 But this message from the LORD came to me, telling me 'You have shed a lot of blood and fought great battles. You won't be building a house for my name, since you have shed so much blood on the earth in my sight.

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 rejected David's plan to build him a temple for three reasons (see note at 2 Sam 7:7; 1 Chr 28:3)

— David not only shed blood in obedience to God (14:10; 19:13), he had also been guilty of excessive violence (Cf. 2 Sam 8:2; 11:4,15)

9 Behold, a son will be born to you, who shall be a man of rest, and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side; for his name will be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days.

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9 But look! A son born to you will live comfortably, because I will give him rest from all his enemies that surround him on every side, since his name will be "Solomon"—I will give peace and quiet for Israel during his lifetime.

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 ruled in peaceful times, after David had subdued Israel's enemies, but his name also relates to the Hebrew term for peace (*shalom*)

— *Shalom* does not just mean the absence of war; it also includes the fulness of Yahweh's blessing that Israel enjoyed because of David's reign

— This prophecy from God was fulfilled in 1 Kings 4:20

10 He shall build a 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 forever.'

10 He shall build a 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 forever.'

10 He will build a temple to my name. He will be a son to me, I myself will be a father to him, and I will secure his royal throne in Israel forever.'

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.

- David's heart had always been set on building a temple for the Lord (see 2 Sam 7)

— Throughout his life, David had gathered treasures to be used for the temple, and these he now turned over to his son Solomon

11 Now, my son, the LORD be with you that you may be successful, and build the house of the LORD your God just as He has spoken concerning you.

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11 So now, my son, may the LORD be with you, so that you are successful in constructing the Temple of the LORD your God, just as he has spoken about you.

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.

- David's charge to Solomon resembles the Lord's exhortation to Joshua (Joshua 1:6-9).

David could do all the preparations for the temple, but could not build it, just as Moses could not lead Israel into the Promised Land.

12 Only the LORD give you discretion and understanding, and put you in charge of Israel, so that you may keep the Law of the LORD your God.

12 Only the LORD give you discretion and understanding, and give you charge over Israel, so that you may keep the law of the LORD your God.

12 "Only may the LORD give you discretion and understanding as he places you in charge over Israel, so you can keep the Law of the LORD your God.

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.

13 Then you will prosper, if you are careful to follow the statutes and the ordinances which the LORD commanded Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and courageous, do not fear nor be dismayed.

13 Then you will prosper, if you are careful to observe the statutes and the ordinances which the LORD commanded Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and courageous, do not fear nor be dismayed.

13 Then you will be successful, if you keep on observing the statutes and ordinances that the LORD commanded Moses concerning Israel. Be strong, be courageous, and never give in to fear or dismay.

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.

- David mentions a qualification on God's promise: obedience to God's will
- Solomon would only prosper as he submitted obediently to God's authority

(C) David told Solomon that he should not delay in building the temple (22:14-16)

14 Now behold, with great pains I have prepared for the house of the LORD a hundred thousand talents of gold and a million talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond measure, for they are in great quantity; I have also prepared timber and stone, and you may add to that.

14 Now behold, with great pains I have prepared for the house of the LORD 100,000 talents of gold and 1,000,000 talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond weight, for they are in great quantity; also timber and stone I have prepared, and you may add to them.

14 At great effort I have provided for the Temple of the LORD 100,000 gold talents, 1,000,000 silver talents, as well as bronze and iron beyond calculation, since there is so much of it. I've also provided timber and stone, but you'll need to obtain more.

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.

- 3,750 tons of gold + 37,500 tons of silver ≈ \$80 billion today?!

15 Moreover there are many workmen with you, stonecutters, masons of stone, and carpenters; and all of *them* are skillful in every kind of work.

15 Moreover, there are many workmen with you, stonecutters and masons of stone and carpenters, and all men who are skillful in every kind of work.

15 You already have plenty of workers, including stonecutters, masons, carpenters, and an innumerable group of artisans who are skilled at working in

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.

16 Of the gold, silver, bronze, and iron there is no limit. Arise and work, and may the LORD be with you."

16 Of the gold, the silver and the bronze and the iron there is no limit. Arise and work, and may the LORD be with you."

16 gold, silver, bronze, and iron. So begin the work, and may the LORD be with you."

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.

(D) David charged Israel's leaders to cooperate with Solomon (22:17-19)

17 David also commanded all the leaders of Israel to help his son Solomon, *saying,*

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17 David also issued these orders to all of the leaders of Israel to assist his son Solomon:

17 David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, *saying,*

18 "Is the LORD your God not with you? And has He not given you rest on every side? For He has handed over to me the inhabitants of the land, and the land is subdued before the LORD and before His people.

18 "Is not the LORD your God with you? And has He not given you rest on every side? For He has given the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land is subdued before the LORD and before His people.

18 "Isn't the LORD your God with you? Hasn't he surrounded you with comfort? He has delivered the inhabitants of the land into my control, and the land lies subdued both in the LORD's presence and before his people.

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.

- Knowing that Solomon was young and inexperienced, and that he could not undertake this colossal project alone, David wisely enlisted the loyalty and help of his leaders to transfer their allegiance to Solomon, who would carry out the divine will and last wishes of his father

- Solomon was anointed king privately, in the presence of the leaders, so that the throne would be secure; and then the new king was publicly presented to the people (1 Chr 28)

19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; then arise, and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, so that you may bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the holy vessels of God into the house that is to be built for the name of the LORD."

19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise, therefore, and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, so that you may bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the holy vessels of God into the house that is to be built for the name of the LORD."

19 So set your minds and hearts to seek the LORD your God, to get up, and to build the sanctuary of the LORD God, so the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD and the holy vessels of God may be stored in a temple built for the name of the LORD."

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.

