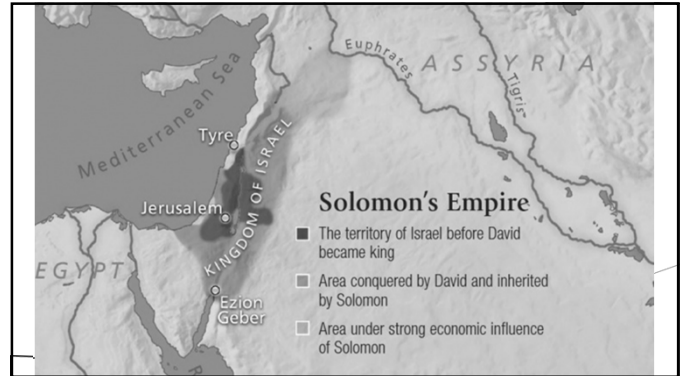




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Now Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for Hiram had always been a friend of David. ² Then Solomon sent *word* to Hiram, saying, ³ "You know that David my father was unable to build a house for the name of the LORD his God because of the wars which surrounded him, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet. ⁴ But now the LORD my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. ⁵ Behold, I intend to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spoke to David my father, saying, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, he will build the house for my name.'

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⁶ Now therefore, command that they cut for me cedars from Lebanon, and my servants will be with your servants; and I will give you wages for your servants according to all that you say, for you know that there is no one among us who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians."

⁷ When Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced greatly and said, "Blessed be the LORD today, who has given to David a wise son over this great people." ⁸ So Hiram sent *word* to Solomon, saying, "I have heard *the message* which you have sent me; I will do what you desire concerning the cedar and cypress timber.

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⁹ My servants will bring *them* down from Lebanon to the sea; and I will make them into rafts *to go* by sea to the place where you direct me, and I will have them broken up there, and you shall carry *them* away. Then you shall accomplish my desire by giving food to my household." ¹⁰ So Hiram gave Solomon as much as he desired of the cedar and cypress timber. ¹¹ Solomon then gave Hiram 20,000 kors of wheat as food for his household, and twenty kors of beaten oil; thus Solomon would give Hiram year by year. ¹² The LORD gave wisdom to Solomon, just as He promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a covenant.

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¹³ Now King Solomon levied forced laborers from all Israel; and the forced laborers numbered 30,000 men. ¹⁴ He sent them to Lebanon, 10,000 a month in relays; they were in Lebanon a month *and* two months at home. And Adoniram *was* over the forced laborers. ¹⁵ Now Solomon had 70,000 transporters, and 80,000 hewers *of* stone in the mountains, ¹⁶ besides Solomon's 3,300 chief deputies who *were* over the project *and* who ruled over the people who were doing the work. ¹⁷ Then the king commanded, and they quarried great stones, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house with cut stones. ¹⁸ So Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and the Gebalites cut them, and prepared the timbers and the stones to build the house.

(1 Kings 5:1-18)

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Temple Preparations

1. Confirms God's Promise

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⁵ But you shall seek *the LORD* at the place which the LORD your God will choose from all your tribes, to establish His name there for His dwelling, and there you shall come...
¹⁰ When you cross the Jordan and live in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies around *you* so that you live in security,
¹¹ then it shall come about that the place in which the LORD your God will choose for His name to dwell, there you shall bring all that I command you... (Deut. 12:5,10)

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Temple Preparations

1. Confirms God's Promise

- the Lord's promise to David is what drove Solomon's temple project (2 Sam. 7:13)
- *kingdom promises motivate kingdom work*

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Temple Preparations

2. Displays Solomon's Wisdom

- God's gift of wisdom to Solomon included all facets of building the temple
- Hiram anticipates the worship of Yahweh by the nations for His wise King

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Temple Connections

Q: How does the temple connect to the Bible's story of the establishment of God's kingdom in and through Jesus Christ?

Key connecting word – "rest" (5:4)

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Temple Connections

➤ "Rest" and the Temple

1. God's rest after creation signifies both the goal of creation and His kingly rule
 - human beings made in God's image are summons to participate in this rest

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Temple Connections

➤ “Rest” and the Temple

2. Eden was a garden-sanctuary where God's rest is experienced and enjoyed
 - Adam served as a king-priest in the sanctuary
 - Garden of Eden was the first archetypal temple

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Temple Connections

➤ “Rest” and the Temple

3. The temple was a symbolic restoration of the rest enjoyed in Eden
 - it represents the restoration of God's people into His presence by His prescribed means

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Temple Connections

➤ “Rest” and the Temple

*As the fulfillment of the temple's symbolism,
Jesus Christ brings final, salvation-rest*

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