

LESSON 15 - SOLOMON'S GLORIOUS KINGDOM

I Kings I - II & 2 Chronicles I - 9

THEME: *To give a preview of the 1000 years Millennial Kingdom.*

As a child did you ever play king and queen? It was fun to put a crown on your head and pretend that other people will do everything you tell them to do. Did you know that all believers are going to reign with Christ one day in a position higher than any king or queen in the world today?

After David became king over Israel he desired to build a house for God as a dwelling place, but God spoke to David through the prophet and said, "You will not build a house to My name because you have shed much blood in wars...behold, a son will be born to you...he will 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 forever." 1 Chronicles 22:6-10. Before his death, King David instructed Solomon and had him anointed king to rule in his place. 1 Kings 1:39.

Solomon began his reign as king over all Israel. He went to Gibeon, the chief place of worship, and offered sacrifices of a thousand burnt offerings. Then God appeared in a dream to Solomon and asked what Solomon would request if he could request anything he wanted from God. Solomon requested that God grant him wisdom, and God also added many riches. 2 Chronicles 1:7-12. Solomon then returned to Jerusalem and gave thanks. Later he was asked to settle a dispute between two women. We read of this story in 1 Kings 3:16-28. He organized the kingdom. He had 40,000 stalls for horses and chariots, and 12,000 horsemen. His income was many millions per year. His throne was made of ivory overlaid with gold, and all his drinking cups were made of gold. He also spoke 3000 proverbs and wrote 1005 songs. He was greater than all the kings of the earth in wisdom and riches.

In 2 Chronicles 5:1 to 7:3 we read that Solomon built the Temple for God and dedicated it. The Ark of the Covenant, a large box with holy items inside, was brought into the most holy place. There was singing of the choir of Levites and blowing of the trumpets. The crowds shouted: "For the Lord is good, for His mercy endures forever!" The glory of the Lord filled the Temple. Solomon kneeled down before the people and prayed the dedicatory prayer. He saw in the future that days of trouble would come when Israel would be taken away to foreign lands, and he prayed that God would hear them and help them in that day. After this the fire from Heaven came down

and consumed the sacrifices. The Priests could not enter because the glory of the Lord filled the Temple.

Many kings of the earth came to Solomon to hear his wisdom and to see his riches. 2 Chronicles 9:23. The Queen of Sheba came, unbelieving, to prove Solomon. 2 Chronicles 9:3-8.

Do you remember what we said about a *type* in the Bible? It is someone or something, pictured beforetime. Solomon's kingdom was a type of the great KINGDOM OF HEAVEN upon earth. You remember God promised a kingdom to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and David, a kingdom which would last forever. On our chart it is represented by KINGDOM MOUNTAIN, most probably located on the site where Solomon's Temple was built.

Solomon pictures our Lord Jesus Christ when He will reign as King of kings, and all the nations of the earth will come up to worship and honour Him. Are you wondering where we will be then? We must look at GRACE AIRPORT where all who receive Christ as Saviour become passengers on SALVATION LINER. Before He comes to reign on the earth, we will be called up to meet the Lord in the air, to be joined with Him forever, because we are *The Body of Christ*. When He comes to reign as King of kings, the KINGDOM saints will reign with Him. We as His children today are joint-heirs with Him and we will share His glory and His riches in *heavenly* places. While we are waiting for Him to call, He wants us to be *Ambassadors* for Him, begging others to receive Him as their own personal Saviour.

We have seen the glory which came to Solomon because he obeyed God. Next lesson we will see the tragedy which came when Solomon disobeyed. As we close Lesson 15 in our study of *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*, perhaps you do not yet have this wonderful hope of reigning with Christ. It is not difficult to become His child. Receive Him as your Saviour, believing that He died and rose again for you, taking upon Himself your sin. Then you will be ready as a child of God and joint-heir with Christ.

MEMORY VERSE: "And if children, then heirs: heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together." Romans 8:17.

LESSON 15 - WORK SHEET

Look up the Scriptures and fill in the correct word to complete the following statements.

1. God refused to let David build the Temple because he had _____
_____ 1 Chronicles 22:8.
2. God said that David's son _____ would build it. 1 Chronicles 22:9.
3. God said that the throne of the kingdom of Solomon would be established over Israel _____ 1 Chronicles 22:10.
4. Solomon requested that God would give him _____
2 Chronicles 1:10.
5. God showed that He was pleased with the offerings and the prayer of Solomon by sending _____ 2 Chronicles 7:1.
6. God told Solomon: "If you turn away and forsake My commandments, and go _____ then I will _____."
2 Chronicles 7:19-20.
7. Solomon's kingdom was a type / picture of the great time to come when Christ will reign for 1000 years (Millennium), and the earth will be full _____
_____ Isaiah 11:9.
8. The members of the Body of Christ will _____
_____ when He reigns as King of kings. 2 Timothy 2:12.
9. While we are waiting to be caught up to be forever with the Lord, God wants us to be _____ for Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:20.
10. Write from memory Romans 8:17 _____

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