

CROWN ME! #8:
“Finishing Touches”
I Kings 7:13-51
(II Chronicles 4:1-5:1)

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**I. WE SEE THE TEMPLE
 OF GOD BEING
 FURNISHED**
I Kings 7:13-50
II Chronicles 4:1-22

Temple Tour
 The steps to peace with God during the time of
 the temple (then) and today (now)

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1. Brazen Altar (Bronze Altar)

THEN

- God required the people to regularly sacrifice a perfect animal (lambs, goats, doves, bulls) for their sins.
- God accepted the blood of the animals and justified his people, restoring their relationship with him ([Lev. 17:11](#)).

1. Brazen Altar (Bronze Altar)

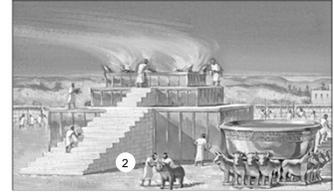
NOW

- Jesus is our perfect sacrifice.
- He led a sinless life and willingly died for our sins to make us right with God for all time.
- No more sacrifices are required (Heb. 10:10).

2. Sacrifice

THEN

- The person bringing the offering put his hand on the head of the animal while it was killed.
- This was symbolic of putting his sins onto the animal, as the animal died in his place.



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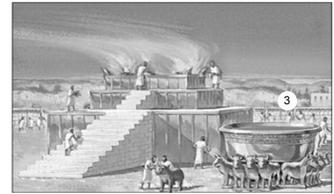
NOW

- Jesus is the Lamb of God, just as bulls or lambs were sacrificed (John 1:29).
- We are told to present our bodies as a living sacrifice acceptable to God, holy, not conformed to the world (Rom. 12:1-2).
- We are to offer God another kind of sacrifice: praising his name, doing good, and sharing with others (Heb. 13:15-16).

3. The Sea (Bronze Basin)

THEN

- Priests washed themselves at the basin, purifying themselves before entering the temple.
- Standing on 12 bronze oxen, the basin was about 15 ft. (4.6 m) across and held more than 10,000 (38,000 liters) gallons of water.



3. The Sea (Bronze Basin)

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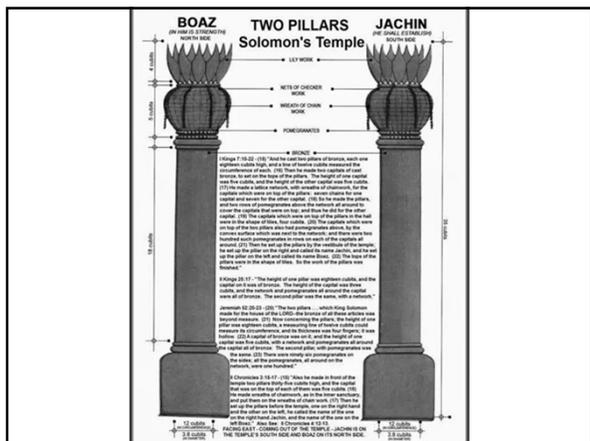
- Believers in Christ are saved and cleansed by the blood of Jesus.
- Even though believers have accepted Jesus' sacrificial death on their behalf, they still need to confess their sins and be cleansed spiritually (1 John 1:7-9).

4. Brass Pillars (Bronze Pillars)

THEN

- The pillars, called *Jachin* on the right and *Boaz* on the left, supported the roof of the portico.
- The pillars were 27 ft. (9 m) high.





4. Brass Pillars (Bronze Pillars)

THEN

- “Jachin” on the right means “He Establishes” and Boaz on the left means “In Him Is Strength”



4. Brass Pillars (Bronze Pillars)

NOW

- God alone is our strength and in Him we are firmly established.
- Moreover, those who are faithful to Jesus through trials will be made “a pillar” in the temple of God.

“Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.”
 —REVELATION 3:12

5. Holy Place

THEN

- Only priests were allowed to enter the Holy Place.
- The priests entered daily.



5. Holy Place

NOW

- Believers, made holy through Jesus’ sacrifice, can go directly to God.

“We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”
 —HEBREWS 10:10

“Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.”—HEBREWS 10:22

6. Lampstands and Showbread

THEN

- In the Holy Place, there were ten gold lampstands and ten tables for bread (showbread).



6. Lampstands and Showbread

NOW

- Jesus Christ is the light of the world and the bread of life.

“While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”—JOHN 9:5

“I am the bread of life.... I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

—JOHN 6:48–51

7. Golden Incense Altar

THEN

- Prayers were offered at the golden Altar of Incense where special, for here a sweet incense required by God was burned.



7. Golden Incense Altar

NOW

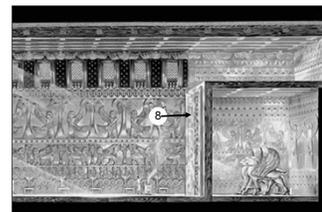
- The prayers of God's people are a sweet incense to God.

“And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.”—REVELATION 5:8

8. The Veil

THEN

- The veil separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place (or Holy of Holies) where the Ark of the Covenant rested, separating a holy God from sinful people.
- Once a year, only, the high priest entered here on the Day of Atonement.



8. The Veil

NOW

- When Jesus died, the temple veil was torn in two from top to bottom (Matt. 27:50–51).
- Believers in Jesus may enter God's presence through prayer because they have been made acceptable to God by the blood of Jesus, the great High Priest.

9. The Most Holy Place

THEN

- Behind the veil was the Most Holy Place (or Holy of Holies).
- This was God's throne room where He would meet and give His commands between the two cherubim, on the Mercy Seat atop the Ark of the Covenant.



9. The Most Holy Place

NOW

- Because of the atoning work of Jesus Christ, believers can come boldly before God's throne of grace.

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

—HEBREWS 4:16

10. Cherubim

THEN

- Massive olive-wood sculptures of cherubim, winged creatures, represented the guardians of God's divine presence.
- These cherubim were overlaid with gold and they touched each other, wingtip to wingtip and wall to wall.



10. Cherubim

NOW

- When God banished man from the Garden of Eden, He placed cherubim and a flaming sword to guard the way to the tree of life.
- But now, believers can have eternal life in God's presence through faith in Jesus Christ.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

—JOHN 3:16

11. Ark of the Covenant

THEN

- The Ark was a carved wooden box overlaid with gold.
- Inside was the Law of God (Ten Commandments) inscribed on two tablets of stone.
- Its lid, the Mercy Seat, represented the meeting place between God and man.



11. Ark of the Covenant

NOW

- God wants to commune with us today, making it possible to know him through His Son, Jesus.

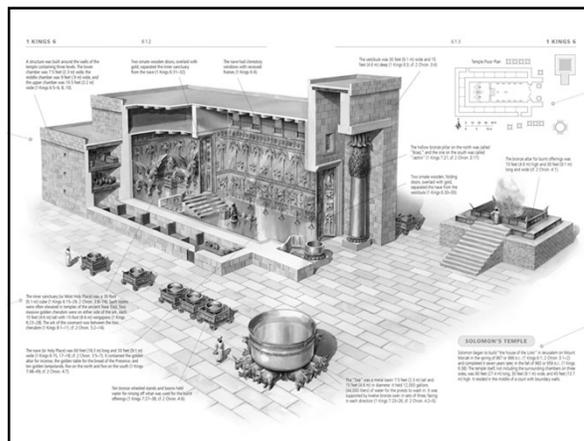
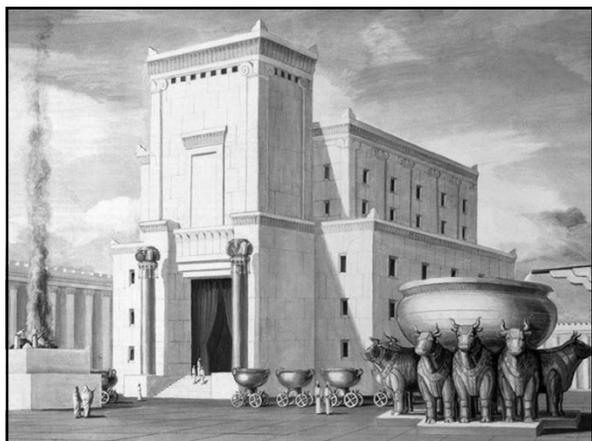
"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"—JOHN 14:6

12. Storerooms (Treasures)

THEN

- Three-stories of rooms contained the treasures of God's temple and gifts dedicated to Him.
- These treasures were plundered several times in the history of the temple, most notably by the Babylonians in 586B.C. and the Romans in 70A.D.





12. Storerooms (Treasuries)

NOW

- We are commanded by Jesus to not lay up treasures for ourselves on earth, but in heaven.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

—MATTHEW 6:19–21

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II. WE SEE THE TEMPLE OF GOD BEING FINISHED

I Kings 7:51

II Chronicles 5:1

“The foundation of the temple of the LORD was laid in the fourth year, in the month of Ziv. In the eleventh year in the month of Bul, the eighth month, the temple was finished in all its details according to its specifications. He had spent seven years building it.”

I Kings 6:37-38

“When all the work King Solomon had done for the temple of the LORD was finished, he brought in the things his father David had dedicated - the silver and gold and the furnishings - and he placed them in the treasuries of the LORD'S temple.”

I Kings 7:51

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II Chronicles 5:1

III. WE SEE THE TEMPLE OF GOD BEING FILLED

I Kings 8:10-11

II Chronicles 5:2-7:22

“When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the LORD. And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled his temple.”

I Kings 8:10-11

“When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. The priests could not enter the temple of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled it. When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory

of the LORD above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, “He is good; his love endures forever.” Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.”

II Chronicles 7:1-4