

Israel: Drive through History Pt 2

2 Chronicles 5:1-14

V1-14

- **V1** concerning the Temple Solomon was **determined to do it** > Chapter 2, **began to do it** > Chapter 3, and **finished doing it** > Chapter 5. It took seven years for him to finish but finally it's done, this is an example for us that when God builds whether it's us personally or the church corporately, it takes time. Maybe you look at yourself and think you're not growing, but the Lord is working, chipping away, shaping us, like a roll of film that needs time to fully develop.
- I've noticed that the older I get the less inclined I am to judge people or ministries right away, because I know that God is not in a hurry, that things take time, and often it's only as the years go by is when the results are truly seen > **Matt 13:24-30**- sometimes the wheat will grow amongst the tares, and we need to be careful lest we harm that which is good among the bad.
- **V2-5** most of the furnishings for the temple were made from the plans that David gave to Solomon, but several things like the Ark of the Covenant and the Ten Commandments were brought from the Tabernacle. This was the official installation of where public worship for Israel would take place, this is why all the elders, heads of tribes, priests, and Levites were present, Solomon wanted the whole nation to know that from here on out this is how we are expected to conduct corporate worship in Jerusalem, so he wanted the entire nation to witness the event.
- **V6-9** in bringing the Ark up from the Tabernacle Solomon had learned from the mistakes of his father David, when in his haste to please the Lord he used the enemies tactics of using a cart which he got from the Philistines, to bring the Ark into Jerusalem and it ended in disaster, costing Uzzah his life. Here Solomon uses what God said to when transporting the Ark > **Poles** carried by Levites to bring the Ark out of the Tabernacle and into the inner sanctuary of the Temple, and because of this simple act of obedience we see celebration and not annihilation.
- **V10-12** interestingly we see only the **two tablets** being placed in the Ark of the Covenant, but earlier in Israel's history, other items were placed with the Ten Commandments > one was the **golden pot** that had the manna **Ex 16:33**, and **Aaron's rod** that budded in **Num 17**, we are not told why or what happened to the golden pot of manna or Aaron's rod, but they are not placed in the Ark when Solomon has it set in the most Holy place.
- Also were told that these things were to be a reminder to Israel of their deliverance from Egypt, even after **500 years** God wanted them to know how far He had taken them > from out of Egypt and into the wilderness, out of the wilderness and into tents, and now from the tents they'll worship in a temple, a place of security and magnificence. **V13-14** once the singers started praising the Lord the glory of the Lord (The Shekinah glory) was seen in a cloud filling the temple

- It was so intense that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud, God pours out His glory when His people praise Him, which is why we praise Him not only at church, but in our homes and in our hearts. For us to truly understand **V13-14** we need to remember where and when we've seen this cloud.

1. This is the cloud that stood by Israel in the wilderness- **Ex 13:20-21**
2. This is the cloud that stood at the door of the Tabernacle- **Ex 33:9-10**
3. This is the cloud that met with Moses threatening to kill the congregation- **Num 16:41-45**
4. This is the cloud which God appeared above the Mercy seat inside the veil- **Lev 16:2**
5. This is the cloud of Ezekiel's vision filling the Temple with the brightness of His glory- **Ezek 10:4**
6. This is the cloud of glory present at the transfiguration of Jesus- **Lk 9:34**
7. This is the cloud of glory that received Jesus into heaven at His ascension- **Acts 1:9**
8. This is the cloud that will display the glory of Jesus when He returns in triumph to earth- **Lk 21:27, Rev 1:7.**