

Israel: Drive through History Pt 2

2 Chronicles 6:1-42

- The Ark of the Covenant has been brought into the Temple of God, and during the praise and worship portion of the ceremony The Glory of the Lord filled the place in the appearance of a Cloud. The same Cloud that led Israel during the day in the wilderness, which appeared at the door of the Tabernacle and above the Mercy seat inside the veil. It was the same Cloud of Glory present at the transfiguration where the Father said “**this is My Son in Whom I Am well pleased listen to Him**”, the same Cloud that received Jesus into heaven at His ascension, and the same cloud that will be with Jesus when He returns to earth at His second coming, that Cloud is here.

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- **V1-2** Solomon recognizes that this is God’s presence engulfing the Temple, and his heart is stirred declaring this place as God’s house. **V3-9** Solomon also blessed the people by letting them know that all this is the fulfillment of God’s promise that He spoke to his father David, but not the fulfillment of David’s plan, or Solomon’s, it’s the Lord, as God is a “**Promise Keeper**” even mentioning how the Lord had taken Israel out of Egypt and through the wilderness it was all a part of His plan. This is why we should be knowledgeable of His promises, so our expectations that we have of the Lord comes from what we know from His Word.
- **V10-14** Solomon acknowledges that all this is in recognition of the greatness of God, Who graciously placed him on the throne of Israel just as He did his father David before him. Now Solomon kneels in humility before the entire nation, this is significant because Kings don’t kneel for anyone or anything they kneel to him, but Solomon wanted the people to know that there is a God that is greater than this earthly throne and so he openly displays his submission to Him.
- When leader defy God it emboldens the people to do the same, the reason our country is so chaotic, confused, bruised and battered, is that our leaders our for the most part godless. This is a country that is being led by a people who has forsaken the Word of God, and therefore ignored the path of righteousness, and have made for themselves a world where they rule and won’t kneel or bow to anyone or anything that doesn’t line up with their way of thinking.
- **V15-17** Solomon with stretched out arms and bowed knees recognized **The Lord as the Maker and Keeper of promises**”, again showing that we in prayer should know what God has promised, so we can take His promises to heart in faith, boldly and reverently calling upon Him to fulfill them. **V18-21** these four verses contain the sum and substance of the entire prayer, all that follows is an expansion of the simple thought expressed by the verbs “**hear and forgive**”.

- **V22-23** says if anyone sins and comes to the Temple to swear his innocence “**You judge him**” we don’t need to judge each other that’s for God because only He sees all. **V24-25** when national difficulty occurs because of sin and the people humble themselves in prayer Solomon asks the Lord to hear them and forgive, we saw this during the days of Joshua when Achan stole something he wasn’t supposed to have causing Israel to be defeated by the people of Ai > **Josh 7**. Then Joshua fell down in prayer asking the Lord for direction, in which He tells him someone had sinned causing them to be defeated, and until its repented of don’t expect victory.
- Once Achan and the people did business with the Lord and repentance and judgment occurred God forgave and the people triumphed over their enemies, but not before the sin was dealt with. **V26-31** when **drought, plague** and **famine** happens don’t look for natural solutions first examine yourselves, we are currently going through climate changes and the scientists and government is looking for all kinds of solutions and none of them include the Lord, the whole world is under siege, trees, oceans, weather, because of man’s sin, and his refusal to repent.
- **V32-33** although the Temple was in Jerusalem it was always intended to be a house of prayer for all who would come to the Lord in genuine, sincere worship > **Is 56:6-7**. **V34-35** when we go out to battle against the enemy, we need not rely on ourselves or others but to pray to the Lord for deliverance and victory. **V36-39** even if because of sin God’s people are defeated and taken captive let it not be forever but when they come to their senses and seek your Face you hear and deliver them remembering that they are still Your people and have Your promises.
- **V40-42** finally Solomon asks the Lord to make Himself at home amongst them, Solomon has **Num 10:35-36** in mind knowing that the Ark, and the Tabernacle was constantly being moved around during their wilderness travels and yet God’s presence was never lost. Now because the Temple is now the house of God, he asks that this will be God’s resting place, where they could always go to Him, and expect that He will answer their prayers and show them His glory. Today that is not our prayer because the Lord dwells within us, so He is always with us, therefore He will never leave us or forsake us, because He lives within us, for our hearts is His home.