

1 Kings 9

Conditional Promise

I. God's Second Appearance to Solomon

- Blessing/Cursing based on Obedience/Disobedience

1 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished building the house of the Lord and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he wanted to do, 2 that the **Lord appeared to Solomon the second time**, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon.

1 Kings 3:5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

- Lord appears again...

3 And the Lord said to him: "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. 4 Now **if you walk** before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, 5 **then I will establish** the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.'

- **If/Then Promises:** Positive

1. **If** you follow Me: Walk with Me/Fear Me/Have integrity
2. **Then** I will establish you/your sons thrones [Lift up/Make powerful]

'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.'

6 **But if you** or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, 7 **then I will cut off** Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight. Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 8 And as for this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and will hiss, and say, 'Why has the Lord done thus to this land and to this house?'

- **If/Then Promise:** Negative

1. But **if** your sons turn from Me/ Serve other gods
2. **Then:**

- a) I will cast Israel out of the Promised Land
- b) Israel will be used as a curse word from other nations
- c) Temple destroyed:

Heathen will see God's people broken/desolate. **"Why has the Lord done this"**

9 Then they will answer, 'Because they forsook the Lord their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore the Lord has brought all this calamity on them.'"

- **A.** Didn't dance with the One who brung' em

Why? Because they turned away from the God who delivered them
After all He did. Delivered them from bondage and yet...

Sought satisfaction in other things...Began to make bad choices...Hardened their hearts

- God sovereignly [omniscient] knew they would forsake Him and it broke His heart
- People would choose to forsake Him: Foreknowledge and Free-will interplay

SUMMARY: God's Second Appearance to Solomon

II. Solomon and Hiram Exchange Gifts

10 Now it happened at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the Lord and the king's house **11** (Hiram the king of Tyre had supplied Solomon with cedar and cypress and gold, as much as he desired), that King Solomon then gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. **12** Then Hiram went from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him, but they did not please him. **13** So he said, **"What kind of cities are these** which you have given me, my brother?" And he called them the land of **Cabul**, as they are to this day.

- **Hiram King of Tyre:** Pagan established earlier/player
 - 1. Helped David/Solomon with building materials
 - 2. Loved David/Solomon
- **Solomon's deal:** Trade Hiram land in Israel for Gold
- **Hiram not impressed:** Cabul Lit. Good for nothing

14 Then Hiram sent the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold.

- **Still pays Solomon 161 Million in gold**

Solomon moving toward Idolatry as warned of above

1 Kings 10:14 The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold

- Pitching tent toward Sodom: Lot

- Making moves, paving way, preparing to abandon his God Ch. 11

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III. Solomon's Additional Achievements

15 And this is the reason for the **labor force** which King Solomon raised: to build the house of the Lord, his own house, the Millo [landfill], the wall of Jerusalem, Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer. 16 (Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and taken Gezer and burned it with fire, had killed the Canaanites who dwelt in the city, and had given it as a dowry to his daughter, Solomon's wife.) 17 And Solomon built Gezer, Lower Beth Horon, 18 Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land of Judah, 19 all the storage cities that Solomon had, cities for his chariots and cities for his cavalry, and whatever Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. 20 All the people who were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who were not of the children of Israel— 21 that is, their descendants who were left in the land after them, whom the children of Israel had not been able to destroy completely—from these Solomon raised forced labor, as it is to this day. 22 **But of the children of Israel Solomon made no forced laborers**, because they were men of war and his servants: his officers, his captains, commanders of his chariots, and his cavalry.

- **Solomon's Labor Force? Canaanites for Forces Labor**
 1. Solomon begins to forsake the Kingdom of God for the Kingdom of self
 2. Queen of Sheba will add pour foundation in Ch. 10
 3. No foreigners. Later his own people...
- Solomon's son Rehoboam insinuates his father's later **harshness to his people**

1 Kings 12:11 ... whereas my father put a heavy yoke on you, I will add to your yoke; my father **chastised you with whips**, but I will chastise you with scourges!"

Wealth is beginning to get the best of him. Dr. Jekyll tuning into Mr. Hide

- God's Word begins to fall on the now thorny heart of Solomon...

Mark 4:18 Now these are the [seeds] sown among thorns; *they are* the ones who hear the word, ¹⁹ and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

- **Deceitfulness of riches leads to further sin...**

1 Timothy 6:10 ...the love of money is a root of **all kinds of evil**, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

- **Root of all kinds of evil**

1. Women
2. Idolatry
3. Spit Kingdom
4. Exile

23 Others were chiefs of the officials who were over Solomon's work: five hundred and fifty, who ruled over the people who did the work. 24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up from the City of David to her house which Solomon had built for her. Then he built the Millo. 25 Now three times a year Solomon offered **burnt offerings** and **peace offerings** on the altar which he had built for the Lord, and he **burned incense** with them on the altar that was before the Lord. So he finished the temple.

- **Burnt Offerings:** *To ascend/go up in smoke stairway/steps.* Completely consumed
- **Peace Offerings:** Propitiation. To placate/pacify. Here God's wrath. Voluntary
- **Incense Offerings:** Prayers of the saints rising to the Lord. Sweet smelling.

26 **King Solomon also built a fleet** of ships at Ezion Geber, which is near Elath on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom. 27 Then Hiram sent his servants with the fleet, seamen who knew the sea, to work with the servants of Solomon. 28 And they went to Ophir, and **acquired four hundred and twenty talents of gold from there, and brought it to King Solomon.**

- **Solomon built a fleet of ships:**
 1. Hiram sent his sailors
 2. Sailors worked with Solomon's guys
 3. Purpose : *All went after the gold*

...and brought it to King Solomon.

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