

# 2 Chronicles 7&8

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## **II Chronicles 7:1-22**

(1) When Solomon finished praying, fire descended from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the House. (2) The priests could not enter the House of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD filled the House of the LORD. (3) All the Israelites witnessed the descent of the fire and the glory of the LORD on the House; they knelt with their faces to the ground and prostrated themselves, praising the LORD, “For He is good, for His steadfast love is eternal.” (4) Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD. (5) King Solomon offered as sacrifices 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep; thus the king and all the people dedicated the House of God. (6) The priests stood at their watches; the Levites with the instruments for the LORD’s music that King David had made to praise the LORD, “For His steadfast love is eternal,” by means of the psalms of David that they knew. The priests opposite them blew trumpets while all Israel were standing. (7) Solomon consecrated the center of the court in front of the House of the LORD, because he presented there the burnt offerings and the fat parts of the offerings of well-being, since the bronze altar that Solomon had made was not able to hold the burnt offerings, the meal offerings, and the fat parts. (8) At that time Solomon kept the Feast for seven days—all Israel with him—a great assemblage from Lebo-hamath to the Wadi of Egypt. (9) On the eighth day they held a solemn gathering; they observed the dedication of the altar seven days, and the Feast seven days. (10) On the twenty-third day of the seventh month he dismissed the people to their homes, rejoicing and in good spirits over the goodness that the LORD had shown to David and Solomon and His people Israel. (11) Thus Solomon finished building the House of the LORD and the royal palace; Solomon succeeded in everything he had set his heart on accomplishing with regard to the House of the LORD and his palace. (12) The LORD appeared to Solomon at night and said to him, “I have heard your prayer and have chosen this site as My House of sacrifice. (13) If I shut up the heavens and there is no rain; if I command the locusts to ravage the land; or if I let loose pestilence against My people, (14) when My people, who bear My name, humble themselves, pray, and seek My favor and turn from their evil ways, I will hear in My heavenly abode and forgive their sins and heal their land. (15) Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayers from this place. (16) And now I have chosen and consecrated this House that My name be there forever. My eyes and My heart shall always be there. (17) As for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked before Me, doing all that I have commanded you, keeping My laws and rules, (18) then I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, in accordance with the Covenant I made with your father David, saying, ‘You shall never lack a descendant ruling over Israel.’ (19) But if you turn away from Me and forsake My laws and commandments that I set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them, (20) then I will uproot them from My land that I gave them,

and this House that I consecrated to My name I shall cast out of my sight, and make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples. (21) And as for this House, once so exalted, everyone passing by it shall be appalled and say, ‘Why did the LORD do thus to this land and to this House?’ (22) And the reply will be, ‘It is because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers who freed them from the land of Egypt, and adopted other gods and worshiped them and served them; therefore He brought all this calamity upon them.’”

## II Chronicles 8:1-18

(1) At the end of twenty years, during which Solomon constructed the House of the LORD and his palace— (2) Solomon also rebuilt the cities that Hiram had given to him, and settled Israelites in them— (3) Solomon marched against Hamath-zobah and overpowered it. (4) He built Tadmor in the desert and all the garrison towns that he built in Hamath. (5) He built Upper Beth-horon and Lower Beth-horon as fortified cities with walls, gates, and bars, (6) as well as Baalath and all of Solomon’s garrison towns, chariot towns, and cavalry towns—everything that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem and in the Lebanon, and throughout the territory that he ruled. (7) All the people that were left of the Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, none of whom were of Israelite stock— (8) those of their descendants who were left after them in the land, whom the Israelites had not annihilated—these Solomon subjected to forced labor, as is still the case. (9) But the Israelites, none of whom Solomon enslaved for his works, served as soldiers and as his chief officers, and as commanders of his chariotry and cavalry. (10) These were King Solomon’s prefects—250 foremen over the people. (11) Solomon brought up Pharaoh’s daughter from the City of David to the palace that he had built for her, for he said, “No wife of mine shall dwell in a palace of King David of Israel, for [the area] is sacred since the Ark of the LORD has entered it.” (12) At that time, Solomon offered burnt offerings on the altar that he had built in front of the porch. (13) What was due for each day he sacrificed according to the commandment of Moses for the sabbaths, the new moons, and the thrice-yearly festivals—the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Booths. (14) Following the prescription of his father David, he set up the divisions of the priests for their duties, and the Levites for their watches, to praise and to serve alongside the priests, according to each day’s requirement, and the gatekeepers in their watches, gate by gate, for such was the commandment of David, the man of God. (15) They did not depart from the commandment of the king relating to the priests and the Levites in all these matters and also relating to the treasuries. (16) And all of Solomon’s work was well executed from the day the House of the LORD was founded until the House of the LORD was completed to perfection. (17) At that time Solomon went to Ezion-geber and to Elath on the seacoast of the land of Edom. (18) Hiram sent him, under the charge of servants, a fleet with a crew of expert seamen; they went with Solomon’s men to Ophir, and obtained gold there in the amount of 450 talents, which they brought to King Solomon.

