

# ONE STORY | ONE SAVIOR - UNIT 2 | LESSON 9

## OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY – The Promise Preserved Through Failed Leadership

### God is a PROMISE Protecting God

God 1) **PROVIDES** “shadow | type” rulers who 2) fail to **RESCUE** His people 3) **DEFEAT** His enemies and 4) **KEEP** them in the Land 5) so that His people would be with Him for their **JOY**. 6) God, however, shall **FULFILL** all of His promises in **JESUS**.

## The Temple and Garden Theme

**“Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD”**




**“The House, the House of the LORD, was filled with a Cloud” | “The Glory of the LORD Filled the HOUSE”**

## 2 Chronicles 3:1; 5:13, 14; 7:1-3

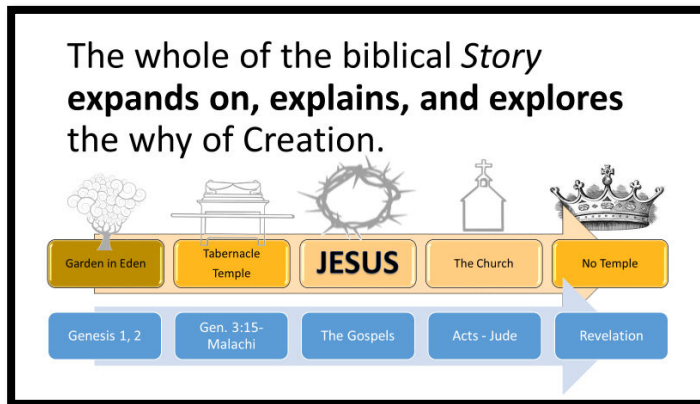
3:1 **Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD** in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah

5:13 **“The house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud,**<sup>14</sup> so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

7:1 As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and **the glory of the LORD filled the temple.**<sup>2</sup> And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD's house.<sup>3</sup> When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and **the glory of the LORD on the temple,** they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, “For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”

	<p>THE HEAD – Can you see how the TEMPLE reaches all the way back to the GARDEN in Eden and forward to JESUS?</p>
	<p>THE HEART – Today, the local church is this place where we go to enjoy God. Do you go to Church?</p>
	<p>THE HAND – How can you makes plans each week to go to church with your parents?</p>

# EMPHASIS



One of the dominant themes running from the Garden in Genesis to the Garden in Revelation is the GARDEN. This Garden is the place of encounter between God and His people. This encounter is for their JOY. The tracking of this GARDEN has very specific “touch points.” **A MAJOR moment is when King Solomon builds the TEMPLE.**

The Historical Touch Point is Moses building the TABERNACLE as part of the Mosaic Code [LAW; VASSAL TREATY]. This mobile TENT will become a permanent structure with the building of the TEMPLE.

Of all that could be said of King Solomon, the most notable trait of King Solomon is **WISDOM**. And yet, the most monumental event in his life was the building of the **TEMPLE**.

As this relates to the account itself, we will consider 2 Chronicles 3-7. This, however, will only provide the platform as to why the building of the TEMPLE is his most notable achievement.

## LITERARY CONTEXT

### I. 2 Chronicles 3:1-5:1 Solomon builds the TEMPLE

3:1 Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD<sup>[a]</sup> had appeared to David his father, at the place that David had appointed, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. <sup>2</sup>He began to build in the second month of the fourth year of his reign.

### II. Between chapters 3 through 7, the author of 2 Chronicles uses the word “made” in 30 verses.

3:8, 10, 14, 15, 15

4:1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 19

### III. This “building” ends in 5:1.

5 **Thus all the work that Solomon did for the house of the LORD was finished.** And Solomon brought in the things that David his father had dedicated, and stored the silver, the gold, and all the vessels in the treasuries of the house of God.

### IV. 2 Chronicles 5:13-7:22 has intentional repetition for emphasis.

God's Glory Fills the TEMPLE 2 Chronicles 5:13, 14	God's Glory fills the TEMPLE 2 Chronicles 7:1-3
Solomon and the People Worship 2 Chronicles 6:1-42	Solomon and the People Worship 2 Chronicles 7:4-22

- V. The *crème de la crème* [the best thing] happens in 5:2-14 when the ark is placed inside of the newly built TEMPLE. When this happens, “The house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud,<sup>14</sup> so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Just a reminder, Solomon is the third and last king of the United Kingdom. After Solomon, the kingdom will be divided with 10 tribes in the North and 2 tribes in the South [Judah and Benjamin]. It is important to remember how the SEED PROMISE is in the tribe of JUDAH.

The TEMPLE is the place where God's people encounter Him for their joy. The TEMPLE is the GARDEN in EDEN.

## BIBLICAL CONTEXT

Our Lesson actually focuses on this point. Here, we will pick up the STRUCTURE for the lesson.

## STRUCTURE

First, note the Literary Context for 2 Chronicles 3:1-5:1.

Second, Notice the two slides that show the idea of a Garden where God meets with His people for their joy and His glory as a primary and dominate theme. It is the flour holding the chocolate chips in place! King Solomon is pivotal in this story.

## JESUS IN THE TEXT

All of it culminates in JESUS who is the ultimate TEMPLE where His people meet God for their joy and His glory. SEE FURTHER the small booklet GOD WITH US. It is available in the church's TORN VEIL.

- “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, **God with us**). (Matt. 1:23)
- “And the Word became flesh, and **dwelt among us**, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14)

Jesus is the ultimate TEMPLE where His people encounter the Father for their Joy!

- John 14:4 "And you know the way where I am going." 5 Thomas \*said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?" 6 Jesus \*said to him, "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.**" 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." 8 Philip \*said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." 9 Jesus \*said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father;** how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. 11 "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.
- Matt. 11:25 At that time Jesus said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. 26 "Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight. 27 "All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

The only way to the Father is through the Son. Jesus is THE TEMPLE.

## APPLICATION

- Solomon built a TEMPLE that pictures JESUS.
- The TEMPLE is where His people encounter the Living God.
- Jesus is where His people encounter the Living God.
- Do you believe in JESUS?
- Have you met Jesus?
- Right now, the place where we gather to meet Jesus is His local church.
- Always plan to attend church every weekend.

## VISUALS

## MEMORY VERSE

2 Chronicles 3:1

**Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD** in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah

## RESOURCES

<https://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/14308-temple-in-rabbinical-literature>

See Further Unit 1 Lesson 09 – The Tabernacle for a further explanation of the typology of the Tabernacle and Temple as they point to Jesus.