

## 2 Chronicles 5

King James Version (KJV)

(The dedication of the temple of God, built by Solomon)

(Circa: 910 BC <This corrects the 110 year error in reckoning by the "year of the king" which introduced a lot of error>. 300 years later, the 10 northern tribes were defeated by the Assyrians and taken captive. 200 years after that, Judah was defeated by Babylon and taken captive. The tribes all fell to worshipping heathen idols and abandoned God. They also married into the heathen tribes and abandoned their heritage. When they lost God's blessings they lost His protection)

**5** Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished: and Solomon brought in all the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God. (The temple treasury)

<sup>2</sup>Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. (They were moving the Ark from Mt Zion <The tent that David put up> to the temple that Solomon built on Mt Moriah. These two were very close by each other. The Mount of Olives is also very close by. These are all peaks on the same mountain chain by Jerusalem)

<sup>3</sup>Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which was in the seventh month. (The feast of Succoth or the feast of Tabernacles; the civil year <the courses of the priests> began the next day after the 7 day feast of Succoth <the fall equinox, our Sept 21>)

<sup>4</sup>And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark. (As they were instructed in Numbers-4)

<sup>5</sup>And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, these did the priests and the Levites bring up. (They are consolidating the objects of the Mosaic tabernacles <tents> at Gibeon, and of Mt Zion, into the new, permanent Temple on Mt. Moriah)

<sup>6</sup>Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude. (These were sacrifices for all the people that attended the feast)

<sup>7</sup>And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, to the oracle of the house, into the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims: (only the priests could enter the Holy of Holies. There were two at this time – Abiathar had been with David, when he was on the run from Saul)

<sup>8</sup>For the cherubims spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

<sup>9</sup>And they drew out the staves of the ark, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without. And there it is unto this day. (The day this book was written)

(In Revelation-11:19, John saw the Ark of the Covenant in heaven. It was there taken when Judah fell to the Babylonians)

<sup>10</sup>There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put therein at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt. (Horeb is at Mt. Sinai; see Hebrews-9:4 for all the items in the Ark)

<sup>11</sup>And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place: (for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course: (They all took part in this feast. This was at the feast of tabernacles <Succoth> – at harvest time)

<sup>12</sup>Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:) (Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun – the directors of the musicians – also called prophets in earlier chapters)

<sup>13</sup>It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD; (a cloud of the Glory of Yahoveh -

in the Septuagint) (This also happened when Moses dedicated the tabernacle in the desert 500 years earlier)

<sup>14</sup> So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God. (God accepted the temple) (shekinah glory = God dwells there)