

2 Chronicles 7

King James Version (KJV)

7 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.

Hebrews-12:29 -> (Our God is a consuming fire)

²And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house. (God was pleased with the people) (shekinah glory = Yah dwells there)

³And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever. (Words from David's Psalm in 1Chronicles-16:34)

⁴Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD. (Solomon declared a 7 day feast that preceded the 7 day feast of Succoth, or Tabernacles. Passover and then the Feast of Weeks were the other two feasts declared by God)

Hosea-6:6 (After the crucifixion of Jesus, we sacrifice our love to God; not animals)

⁵And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. (These are Thank and Peace offerings from the king and the people. The people prepared the animals and partook in the sacrificial meal. There were millions of people in Israel at that time so it took a lot of sacrifices to produce that many sacrificial meals)

⁶And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of musick of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.

⁷Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brasen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat

offerings, and the fat. (Solomon provided the animals and had the priests make the offerings. He never did that himself, as some future kings would dare to do. It would have been a grave offence against God for a king to make an offering. Only a priest could do that)

⁸Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt. (All of Israel, from the north to the south) (This is the second 7 days. The Feast of Succoth)

⁹And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. (14 days total –7 for the dedication of the Temple, 7 for Succoth; this is the day after that – a regular Sabbath) Leviticus-23:36

¹⁰And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

¹¹Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected. 1Kings-7:1

¹²And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. (This is the second occurrence of God appearing to Solomon – 13 years after the dedication of the temple)

¹³If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; (Because they transgressed against the LORD) see chapter-6

¹⁴If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

(Why would God repeat these words after 13 years? By now, possibly the people and Solomon were getting off track. They would eventually completely abandon God and turn to idolatry)

¹⁵ Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. (God accepted the temple & Solomon's prayer in Chapter-6)

¹⁶ For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. (If Israel stayed true to God – They didn't. They adopted idolatry of false gods – the temple was destroyed and the people were scattered all over the world)

(Jesus will return to this site as Messiah at the end of this age. HE will rule as King of kings forever)

¹⁷ And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments; (IF – there is a condition on God's promise to Solomon)

¹⁸ Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel.

¹⁹ But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; (Solomon failed in his later years. He turned to idolatry with his heathen wives; so Jesus came through the lineage of Nathan, not Solomon) Exodus-34:14, 1Chronicles-28:9

²⁰ Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations. (This is exactly what happened – they became a laughing stock to other nations. God was so displeased with Solomon and the people that He broke up Israel into two houses. after Solomon died. The land belongs to God, not to us. We are only here temporarily)

²¹ And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house? (Because Israel caused it to happen by abandoning God, for idol worship and perversion)

²² And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid

hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them. (evil = calamity – better translation)

(This chapter is not found in Samuel or in Kings, proving that Chronicles is an independent look at the events of Samuel and Kings)