

1 Chronicles 22:2-19

"22 Then David said, 'Here shall be the house of the LORD God and here the altar of burnt offering for Israel.'2 David commanded to gather together the resident aliens who were in the land of Israel, and he set stonecutters to prepare dressed stones for building the house of God.

³ David also provided great quantities of iron for nails for the doors of the gates and for clamps, as well as bronze in quantities beyond weighing, 4 and cedar timbers without number, for the Sidonians and Tyrians brought great quantities of cedar to David. 5 For David said, 'Solomon my son is young and inexperienced,

and the house that is to be built for the LORD must be exceedingly magnificent, of fame and glory throughout all lands. I will therefore make preparation for it.' So David provided materials in great quantity before his death. ⁶ Then he called for Solomon his son and charged him to build a house for the LORD, the God of Israel. ⁷ David said to Solomon,

'My son, I had it in my heart to build a house to the name of the LORD my God. 8 But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have waged great wars. You shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed so much blood before me on the earth.

⁹ Behold, a son shall be born to you who shall be a man of rest. I will give him rest from all his surrounding enemies. For his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days. 10 He shall build a house for my name. He shall be my son, and I will be his father,

and I will establish his royal throne in Israel forever.' 11'Now, my son, the LORD be with you, so that you may succeed in building the house of the LORD your God, as he has spoken concerning you. 12 Only, may the LORD grant you discretion and understanding, that when he gives you

charge over Israel you may keep the law of the LORD your God. 13 Then you will prosper if you are careful to observe the statutes and the rules that the LORD commanded Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Fear not; do not be dismayed. 14 With great pains I have provided for the house of the

LORD 100,000 talents of gold, a million talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond weighing, for there is so much of it; timber and stone, too, I have provided. To these you must add. 15 You have an abundance of workmen: stonecutters, masons, carpenters, and all kinds of craftsmen without number,

skilled in working ¹⁶ gold, silver, bronze, and iron. Arise and work! The LORD be with you!' 17 David also commanded all the leaders of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying, ¹⁸ 'Is not the LORD your God with you? And has he not given you peace on every side? For he has delivered the inhabitants of the land into my hand,

and the land is subdued before the LORD and his people. 19 Now set your mind and heart to seek the LORD your God. Arise and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, so that the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the holy vessels of God may be brought into a house built for the name of the LORD."

Preparing The House

1) The Nature of Worship

2) The Participation in Worship

3) The Inclusion in Worship

4) The Motive for Worship.

1) The Nature of Worship: The Devotion to Excellence

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2) The Participation in Worship: The Contribution of Worshippers

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"you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

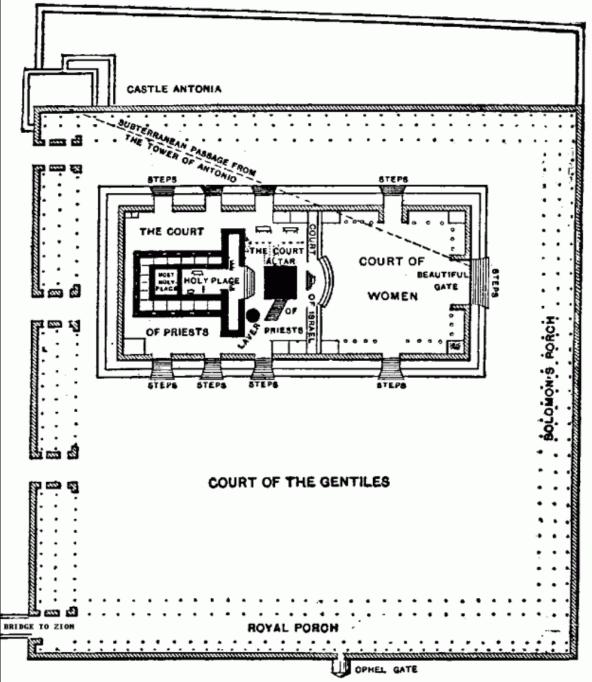
1 Peter 2:5

3) The Inclusion in Worship: The Invitation to Guests

"David commanded to gather together the resident aliens who were in the land of Israel, and he set stonecutters to prepare dressed stones for building the house of God." vs 2

"When an alien lives with you in your land, do not ill-treat him.34 The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 19:33, 34



PLAN OF TEMPLE

"Is it not written: "'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'?
But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"
Mark 11:17



Mayor: Baltimore is a 'welcoming city' for immigrants and refugees

4) The Motive for Worship:

The Goodness of God

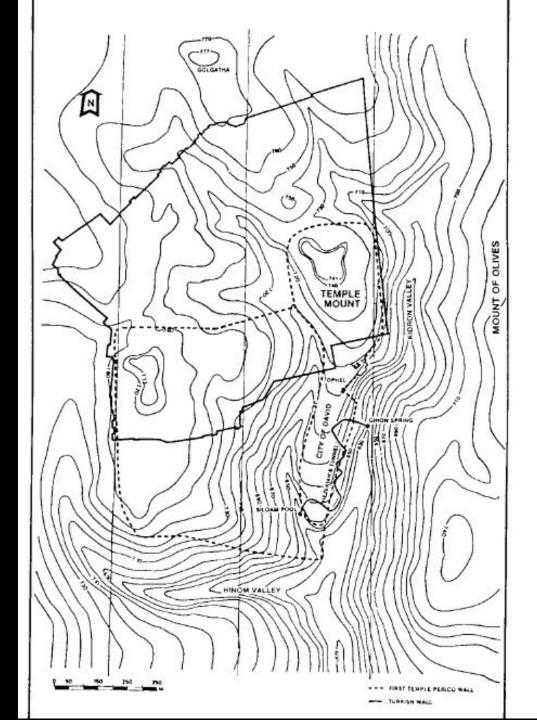
"Is not the LORD your God with you? And has he not given you peace on every side? For he has delivered the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land is subdued before the LORD and his people. Now set your mind and heart to seek the LORD your God. Arise and build the sanctuary of the LORD God,

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

Genesis22:2

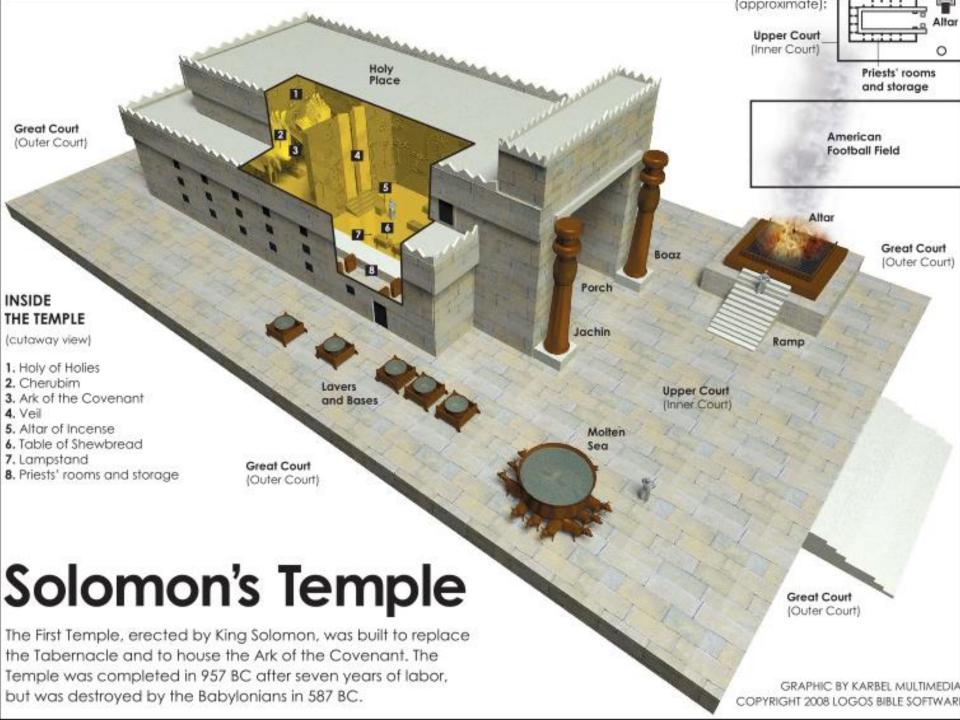
Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to David his father, at the place that David had appointed, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

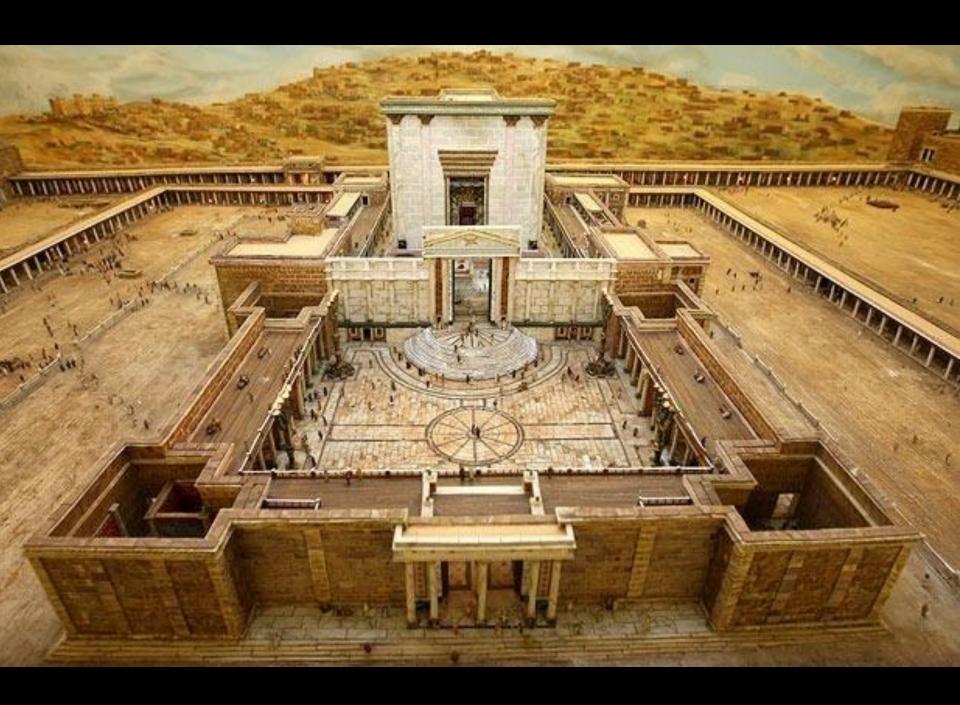
2 Chron 3:1



Topographic Map of Jerusalem







Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts

