

Sunday School Live Lesson

May 11, 2025

Solomon Dedicates the Temple

2 Chronicles 7:1-7, 11+

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Question for Us Today

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What sacrifices do we make for the Lord?

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Objectives

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To understand what King Solomon accomplished in this lesson text.

To determine how we may apply today's lessons to our lives.

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1. Bibliography

**2. Points of Information: Chronicles;
Solomon**

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3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

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5. Remember This

Points of Information – Chronicles

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Points of Information – Chronicles

Originally, 1 and 2 Chronicles were one Book.

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Although some scholars believe that Ezra was the author of The Books of Chronicles, most prefer to cite an anonymous author whom they call “The Chronicler.”

Points of Information – Solomon

Solomon was the tenth son of King David (2 Samuel 5:14). Solomon was the third King of Israel. He reigned for forty years. 1 Kings 11:42; 2 Chronicles 9:30.

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Solomon was the primary author of almost all of the Book of Proverbs, all of Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon (also known as the Song of Songs). Additionally, he wrote a couple of Psalms (72 and 127). Solomon was believed to be the prolific author of some 3,000 proverbs and more than 1,000 songs. 1Kings 4:32.

Points of Information – Solomon

Solomon has been widely known as the wisest man of all time. This began when God graciously offered to give Solomon whatever he wanted. Instead of requesting wealth (or long life or the death of his enemies), Solomon asked the Lord for wisdom. God was pleased with this and provided Solomon with wisdom plus wealth. 1 Kings 3:5-13.

Points of Information – Solomon

King David wanted to build a proper House (Temple) for the Lord. But, he was told not to by the prophet Nathan. This task was left for his son Solomon to carry out. 2 Samuel 7:1-13; 1 Chronicles 17:1-12; Acts 7:47.

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Solomon died and was buried with his father, King David. Solomon's son, Rehoboam, succeeded him. 1 Kings 11:43; 2 Chronicles 9:31.

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The Books of Chronicles were written after the Israelites were released from Babylonian captivity by the Persian ruler, Cyrus.

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In the sixth Chapter of 2 Chronicles, King Solomon told the story of how his father – King David – wanted to build the temple for the Lord, yet he was told not to. That task was given by God to Solomon.

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Solomon followed the telling of the story with a fervent prayer of dedication.

Now we move forward to review the dedication of the temple.

2 Chronicles 7:1 (NIV)

When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from Heaven and consumed the burnt offering and sacrifices, and the Glory of the LORD filled the temple.

2 Chronicles 7:2

The priests could not enter the temple of the LORD because the Glory of the LORD filled it.

2 Chronicles 7:3

When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the Glory of the LORD above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshipped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying,

“He is good; His love endures forever.”

2 Chronicles 7:4

Then the king and all the people
offered sacrifices before the LORD.

2 Chronicles 7:5

And King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand head of cattle and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep and goats. So the king and all the people dedicated the temple of God.

2 Chronicles 7:6

The priests took their positions, as did the Levites with the LORD's musical instruments, which King David had made for praising the LORD and which were used when he gave thanks, saying, "His love endures forever." Opposite the Levites, the priests blew their trumpets, and all the Israelites were standing.

2 Chronicles 7:7

Solomon consecrated the middle part of the courtyard in front of the temple of the LORD, and there he offered burnt offerings and the fat of the fellowship offerings, because the bronze altar he had made could not hold the burnt offerings, the grain offerings and the fat portions.

2 Chronicles 7:11

When Solomon had finished the temple of the LORD and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the LORD and in his own palace,

2 Chronicles: More...

2 Chronicles 6:24

“When your people Israel have been defeated by an enemy because they have sinned against You and when they turn back and give praise to Your Name, praying and making supplication before you in this temple,

2 Chronicles 6:25

“then hear from Heaven and forgive the sin of Your people Israel and bring them back to the land You gave to them and their ancestors.

2 Chronicles 7:12

The LORD appeared to him at night and said: “I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for Myself as a temple for sacrifices.

2 Chronicles 7:14

“If My people, who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My Face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and I will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

Remember this:

Let us dedicate ourselves – the true temples of today – to serving the Lord.

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