

MT. HEBRON INHERITANCE III

KING DAVID & SOLOMON BIRTHS THE WEALTHIEST KINGDOM IN BIBLICAL HISTORY

After being crowned king in Mt Hebron, David birthed the wealthiest kingdom ever recorded within the bible. The blessing of Mt Hebron continued through Solomon's reign until his fall.

KING DAVID DEDICATES THE SPOILS OF THE BATTLE

2 Samuel 8:11-12

11 ... **King David did dedicate unto the LORD**, with the silver and gold that **he had dedicated of all nations which he subdued**;

12 Of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

1 Chronicles 26:26-27

26 Which Shelomith and his brethren were over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated.

27 **Out of the spoils won in battles did they dedicate to maintain the house of the LORD.**

DAVID FEEDS A CITY

2 Samuel 6:18-19

18 And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

19 And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to everyone a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine. So all the people departed everyone to his house.

OFFERINGS OF DAVID AND HIS MIGHTY MEN

1 Chronicles 29:1-4

1 Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God.

2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colors, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

3 **Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God**, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

4 Even **three thousand talents of gold**, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal:

❖ **David's Offering - 3000 Talents (225,000 lbs. X \$ 22,400 a lbs.) \$ 5 B**

1 Chronicles 29:5-9

5 The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?

6 Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly,

7 And gave for **the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents** and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

8 And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the Lord, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite.

9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

❖ **Men's Offering - 5000 Talents (375,000 lbs. X \$ 22,400 a lbs.) \$ 8.4 B**

1 Chronicles 22:14

Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the Lord an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto.

❖ **David's Lifetime Offering - 100,000 Talents 7.5 Million lbs. - \$168 Billion**

REPORT FROM THE ILLINOIS SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS IN 1925

According to a report of the Illinois Society of Architects in 1925, the cost of Solomon's temple according to existing values would have been about **\$ 87 Billion**. The cost of the temple, its internal decorations, and the paraphemaia was one of the wonders of the olden times. According to Vallapardus, the talents of gold, silver, and brass used in the construction were valued at the enormous sum of \$ 34.4 Billion. The worth of the jewels is generally placed at a figure usually as high. The vessels of gold according to Josephus, were valued at 140,000 talents, which, when reduced to everyday coinage according to Chapel's reduction tables, would equal the sum of \$1.8 Billion. The vessels of silver, according to the same authority, were still more valuable, being reckoned at \$ 3.2 Billion The priests' vestments and robes of the singer were worth \$ 10 Million. The trumpets alone were worth \$ 1 Million.

To the above add the expense of building materials, labor, and the like, and some amazing figures present themselves. There were k10,000 men hewing cedars, 70,000 bearers of burden, 80,000 hewers of stone, 3,850 overseers, all of whom were employed for 7 years. The cost of daily food for this army of workmen for the 7 years and 6 months it took to complete the temple has been estimated at \$344 Million and the materials, other than gold, silver, jewels, etc. above \$12 Billion. All of these estimates added together give us a figure in **excess of \$ 87 Billion as worth of the temple and furnishings according to modern prices - in 1925.** Prices having doubled or more since then, we can estimate the **present-day value would be more than \$174 Billion.**

THE WEALTH OF SOLOMON

1 Kings 10:1-7, 10, 14-25

1 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.

2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not anything hid from the king, which he told her not.

4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,

5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; **there was no more spirit in her.**

6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.

7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: **thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.**

10 And **she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold,** and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

14 Now **the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold,**

15 Beside that he had of the merchantmen, and of the traffick of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country.

16 And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of gold went to one target.

17 And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

18 **Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.**

19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round behind: and there were stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays.

20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom.

21 And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; **none were of silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.**

22 For **the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish** with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing **gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.**

23 So **king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.**

24 And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

25 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

SOLOMON OVERLAID THE HOUSE WITH GOLD

2 Chronicles 3:6-8

6 And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold was gold of Parvaim.

7 **He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubims on the walls.**

8 And he made **the most holy house**, the length whereof was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and **he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred talents.** (600 Talents)

THE WEALTH OF SOLOMON PLUNDERED OVER 300 YRS

1. In the fifth year of Rehoboam, 917 B.C. Shishak, king of Egypt, without any struggle whatever, coming up to Jerusalem, "took away the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made. I Kings 14:26, II Chronicles 12:9.
2. Shortly thereafter, Asa (911-871 B.C.) bribed Ben-Hadad the king of Syria, by taking "all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the king's house and delivered them into the hand of the servants of the Syrian king." I Kings 15:18
3. Again during the reign of Jehoram (850-843 B.C.), in an episode about which we know very little, the Arabians and the Philistines "carried away all the substance found in the king's house and his sons also and his wives." II Chronicles 21:16-17
4. For the fourth time within a 150 yrs after the death of Solomon, the temple treasures were used for bribing a threatening enemy, by Jehoash (837-800 B.C.), who "took all the hallowed thing that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, his Father, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and of the king's house, and sent it to Hazael, king of Syria: and he went away from Jerusalem." II Kings 12:18
5. The fifth occasion involved the King of Israel, Joash (801-786 B.C.). Coming up to Jerusalem, he broke down the western wall for a length of 600 feet, and then "took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of Jehovah, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages also, and returned to Samaria." II Kings 14:13, II Chronicles 25:23
6. While Ahaz was king, there came up to Jerusalem a mighty king of Assyria, Tiglath-pileser III (745-737 B.C.), to whom Ahaz took "a portion out of the house of Jehovah and out of the house of the king and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of Assyria. II Chronicles 28
7. In 605 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, forced into submission Judah's king Jehoiakim. After three years, the king of Judah foolishly revolted and this brought Nebuchadnezzar back to the city for its final destruction. Zedekia II Kings 25:13-16

❖ Ezra brought millions of dollars back after 70 years of captivity.