

Extravagant Worship Part 1

Extravagant Worship has Extraordinary Results! Solomon was an incredible man; he was considered the wisest man to ever live.

Solomon's Wisdom

*²⁹ God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore. ³⁰ **Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the men of the East, and greater than all the wisdom of Egypt.** ³¹He was wiser than any other man, including Ethan the Ezrahite—wiser than Heman, Calcol and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his fame spread to all the surrounding nations. ³²He spoke **three thousand proverbs and his songs numbered a thousand and five.** ³³He described plant life, from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of walls. He also taught about animals and birds, reptiles and fish. ³⁴**Men of all nations came to listen to Solomon's wisdom, sent by all the kings of the world, who had heard of his wisdom.***

I Kings 4:29-34

- **Greater than all the men of the East and Egypt**
- **3000 proverbs**
- **1005 songs**
- **University professor, teaching all men of other kingdoms.**

Solomon is understood to have written three books of the Bible: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs or Songs of Solomon. The interesting thing we find is how Solomon has this incredible wisdom in proverbs to offer us that is enough to shape, guide, and instruct the simplest to the wisest of all people. One of his most quoted proverbs says it all:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

But something happened to Solomon. Here he is writing the most acclaimed words of truth that has guided Kings, presidents, school teachers and parents alike and then he makes a turn. Something happens to the man of renown to a man drowning in his sorrows:

“So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.”

Ecclesiastes 2:17

Solomon's Worship

I Kings 1-2:

Chapters one and two tell the story of how David passed his kingdom on to his son and it tells of the activities of Solomon

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1. **Solomon's First Extravagant Act of Worship**

“⁴The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.”

I Kings 3:4

- **Was that a little worship, average worship or Extravagant Worship?**
- Gibeon- 1391 Gib`own {ghib-ohn}: "hill city" lies 5 miles from Jerusalem

At this time the tabernacle, or Tent of worship, which before times hosted the ark was at Gibeon. The Ark was located in a tent in Jerusalem and the significance of the tabernacle in Gibeon was the bronze altar for sacrifice. The Ark represented the supernatural presence of God, the Bronze Altar represented the worshipping presence of man!

There are four simple but significant items and structures that you will need to know about to better understand this message. The Tabernacle, the Ark of God/Covenant and the Bronze Altar and the Temple.

Tabernacle:

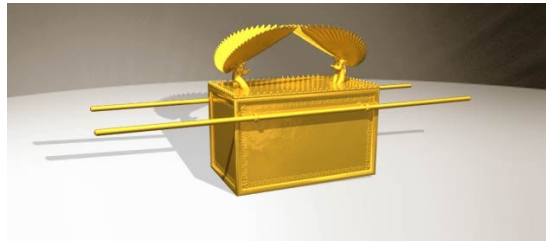
⁷“Make curtains of goat hair for the tent over the tabernacle—eleven altogether. ⁸All eleven curtains are to be the same size—thirty cubits long and four cubits wide. ⁹Join five of the curtains together into one set and the other six into another set. Fold the sixth curtain double at the front of the tent. ¹⁰Make fifty loops along the edge of the end curtain in one set and also along the edge of the end curtain in the other set. ¹¹Then make fifty bronze clasps and put them in the loops to fasten the tent together as a unit. ¹²As for the additional length of the tent curtains, the half curtain that is left over is to hang down at the rear of the tabernacle. ¹³The tent curtains will be a cubit longer on both sides; what is left will hang over the sides of the tabernacle so as to cover it. ¹⁴Make for the tent a covering of ram skins dyed red, and over that a covering of hides of sea cows.”

Exodus 26:7-14; Cf. Exodus 36:8-18



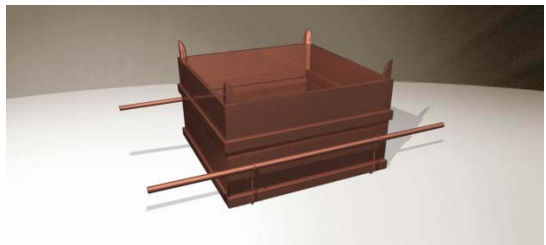
Ark of God/Covenant

The construction of the Ark is commanded by God to Moses while the Jews were still camped at Sinai (Ex. 25:10-22; 37:1-9). The Ark was a box with the dimensions of two-and-a-half cubits in length, by one-and-a-half cubits in height, by one-and-a-half cubits in width (a cubit is about 18 inches). It was constructed of acacia wood, and was plated with pure gold, inside and out. On the bottom of the box, four gold rings were attached, through which two poles, also made of acacia and coated in gold, were put. The family of Kehath, of the tribe of Levi, would carry the ark on their shoulders using these poles.



Brazen/Bronze Altar

The Brazen-altar, which we are now to contemplate, was the biggest of the Tabernacle's seven pieces of furniture. It was placed "before the door" (Exodus 40:6), just inside the Outer Court (40:33), and would thus be the first object to meet the eye of the worshipper as he entered the Tent of the congregation. To it the sinner came with his Divinely-appointed victim. There was a fire continually burning upon it (Leviticus 6:13), and the daily sacrifice was renewed each morning. There it stood: ever smoking, ever blood-stained, ever open



to any guilty Hebrew that might wish to approach it. The sinner, having forfeited his life by sin, another life — an innocent one — must be given in his stead. When the Israelite brought his offering, before killing it he laid his hand on the animal's head, thus becoming identified with it, and thereby the acceptableness of the flawless victim passed to him, while his sin is transferred to it. So, too, this Altar stood in the path of the priests, as they went in to minister within the Holy Place. At this Altar the high priest officiated on the great day of atonement (Leviticus 16).

Two Main Motivators For Worship: Curiosity or Generosity

- **David placed the Ark of God in a tent in Jerusalem but Solomon preferred to worship God at the Bronze Altar in Gibeon**
- **David Worshiped God Out of An Act of Curiosity, he sought the POWER of the God of the Ark**
- **Solomon Worshiped God Out Of An Act of Generosity, he sought the PERSON of God at the Altar**

*“Now David had brought up the **ark of God** from Kiriath Jearim to the place he had prepared for it, because he had **pitched a tent for it in Jerusalem. But the bronze altar** that Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made **was in Gibeon in front of the tabernacle of the LORD**; so Solomon and the assembly inquired of him there. Solomon went up to the bronze altar before the LORD in the Tent of Meeting and **offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.**”*

II Chronicles 1:4-5

The tabernacle could rest on a high place or a plain. Many prophets, judges, and kings which preceded Solomon, and Solomon himself, were recorded as sacrificing on high places, such as Gibeon, Gilgal, Shiloh, Hebron, Kirjath-jearim. Prior to building the Temple in Jerusalem, it was sinful to offer sacrifices in any other place where the tabernacle and ark was not.

When and why did Jews stop offering sacrifices?

The practice of sacrifice stopped in the year 70 C.E., when the Roman army destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem, the place where sacrifices were offered. The practice was briefly resumed during the Jewish War of 132-135 C.E., but was ended permanently after that war was lost. There were also a few communities that continued sacrifices for a while after that time.

Mostly offering sacrifices stopped because it do not have a proper place to offer them. The Torah specifically commands Jews not to offer sacrifices wherever they feel like it; they are only permitted to offer sacrifices in the place that God has chosen for that purpose. (Deut. 12:13-14). It would be a sin to offer sacrifices in any other place. (Jewish Virtual Library, Qorbanot: Sacrifices and Offerings, www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org)

- **“Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar...”**
- **Was that a little worship, average worship or Extravagant Worship?**
- **Solomon's First Extraordinary Experience From Extravagant Worship**

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” -I Kings 3:5

(Vs. 7-8) Solomons response was humble. He told God of how gracious He was with his father. He mentioned how he was but a pup in the role of a king. He identified the people he was leading as “God's” people.

“So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”
I Kings 3:9

(Vs. 10-) This pleased the Lord

“So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, 12 I will do what you have asked.”
I Kings 3:11-12

“I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. 13 Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both riches and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. 14 And if you walk in my ways and obey my statutes and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.”
I Kings 3:13-14

“Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord's covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.”
I Kings 3:15

Solomon's Wisdom- I Kings 4:29-34

- Greater than all the men of the East and Egypt
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- 1005 songs
- University professor, teaching all men of other kingdoms.

2 Chronicles 2- Solomon Prepares to Build the Temple

- 153,000 aliens in the country (Vs. 17-18)
 - 70,000 carriers
 - 80,000 stonecutters
 - 3,600 foremen

2 Chronicles 3- Solomon Builds the Temple

Solomon's Temple

- **Building Site:** Solomon began to build the temple **where the LORD had appeared to his father David at the threshing floor of Ornan/Araunah**
 - In the **fourth year of his reign** he began building on the **second day of the second month**
- **Foundation:** Sixty cubits long and twenty cubits wide: about **90 feet** (about 27 meters) **long and 30 feet (about 9 meters) wide**



- **Structure:**
 - He overlaid the inside with pure gold.
 - He paneled the main hall with pine and covered it with fine gold and decorated it with palm tree and chain designs.
 - He adorned the temple with precious stones.
 - He overlaid the ceiling beams, door frames, walls and doors of the temple with gold, and he carved cherubim on the walls.
 - **Most Holy Place**, twenty cubits long and twenty cubits wide.
 - The gold nails weighed fifty shekels. That is, about 1 1/4 pounds
 - In the Most Holy Place he made a pair of sculptured cherubim and overlaid them with gold. Wingspan of the cherubim was twenty cubits. One wing of the first cherub was five cubits, or that is about 7 1/2 feet long and touched the temple wall, while its other wing, also five cubits long, touched the wing of the other cherub.
 - He made the curtain of blue, purple and crimson yarn and fine linen, with cherubim worked into it.
- **Two Pillars:** In the front of the temple he made two pillars, which together were thirty-five cubits about **52 feet high**, each with a capital on top measuring five cubits. He made interwoven chains and put them on top of the pillars. He also made a hundred pomegranates and attached them to the chains.
 - He erected the pillars in the **front of the temple**, one to the south and one to the north.
 - He named the one to the south **Jakin**, *Jakin probably means "He establishes"*
 - He named the one to the north **Boaz**, *Boaz probably means "In Him is strength."*

2 Chronicles 4- Solomon Establishes The Temple's Furnishings

- **Bronze Altar** twenty cubits long, twenty cubits wide and ten cubits high, about **30 feet** (about 9 meters) long and wide, and about **15 feet** (about 4.5 meters) high.
- He made the **Sea of cast metal**, circular in shape, measuring ten cubits, **15 feet**, from rim to rim and five cubits, about **7 1/2 feet high**. Thirty cubits or **45 feet around it**.
 - Below the rim, figures of bulls encircled it—ten to a cubit. The bulls were cast in two rows in one piece with the Sea.
 - The Sea stood on twelve bulls, three facing north, west, south and east.
 - It held three thousand baths, that's about 17,500 gallons.
 - The Garden City Municipal Swimming Pool is more than one half of a city block in size, contains 2.8 million gallons of water
 - It is about the same amount of a 15 foot above ground swimming pool
- **Ten Gold Lampstands**- five on the south side and five on the north.
- **Ten tables**- five on the south side and five on the north.
- A hundred **gold sprinkling bowls**.

Extravagant Worship has Extraordinary Results!

2. **Solomon's Second Extravagant Act of Worship**

2 Chronicles 5

- **Solomon had finished the temple of the LORD**, he brought in the things his father David had dedicated—the silver and gold and all the furnishings—and he placed them in the treasuries of God's temple.

The Ark Brought to the Temple

- (Vs.2) **Solomon summons the elders** of Israel to Jerusalem, to **bring up the ark** of the LORD's covenant from Zion, the City of David.

*“⁴When all the elders of Israel had arrived, the Levites took up the ark, ⁵and **they brought up the ark and the Tent of Meeting and all the sacred furnishings in it. The priests, who were Levites, carried them up...**”*

II Chronicles 5:4-5

*“⁶...and King Solomon and the entire assembly of Israel that had gathered about him were before the ark, **sacrificing so many sheep and cattle that they could not be recorded or counted.**”*

II Chronicles 5:6

- **Was that a little worship, average worship or Extravagant Worship?**

“The priests then brought the ark of the LORD's covenant to its place in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the Most Holy Place, and put it beneath the wings of the cherubim. ⁸ The cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark and covered the ark and its carrying poles. ⁹ These poles were so long that their ends, extending from the ark, could be seen from in front of the inner sanctuary, but not from outside the Holy Place; and they are still there today. ¹⁰ There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets that Moses had placed in it at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the Israelites after they came out of Egypt.”

II Chronicles 5:7-10

*“¹¹The **priests then withdrew from the Holy Place**. All the priests who were there had consecrated themselves, regardless of their divisions. ¹²All the Levites who were **musicians**—Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun and their sons and relatives—**stood on the east side of the altar, dressed in fine linen and playing cymbals, harps and lyres. They were accompanied by 120 priests sounding trumpets.**”*

II Chronicles 5:11-12

*“¹³ The **trumpeters and singers** joined in **unison**, as with one voice, to give **praise and thanks** to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, **cymbals and other instruments**, they raised their voices in praise to the LORD and **sang: “He is good; his love endures forever.”**”*

II Chronicles 5:13a

- **Solomon's Second Extraordinary Experience From Extravagant Worship**

*"Then the temple of the LORD was **filled with a cloud**, ¹⁴and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God."*

II Chronicles 5:13a-14

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3. Solomon's Third Extravagant Act of Worship

2 Chronicles 6

1. PRAISE! 2 Chronicles 6:3-11

*"Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who with his hands has fulfilled what he **promised** with his mouth to my father David. For he said, ⁵'Since the day I brought my people out of Egypt, I have not chosen a city in any tribe of Israel to have a temple built for my Name to be there, nor have I chosen anyone to be the leader over my people Israel. ⁶But now I have chosen Jerusalem for my Name to be there, and I have chosen David to rule my people Israel.'*

II Chronicles 6:4-6

"My father David had it in his heart to build a temple for the Name of the LORD, the God of Israel. ⁸But the LORD said to my father David, 'Because it was in your heart to build a temple for my Name, you did well to have this in your heart. ⁹Nevertheless, you are not the one to build the temple, but your son, who is your own flesh and blood—he is the one who will build the temple for my Name.'"

II Chronicles 6:7-9

"The LORD has kept the promise he made. I have succeeded David my father and now I sit on the throne of Israel, just as the LORD promised, and I have built the temple for the Name of the LORD, the God of Israel. ¹¹There I have placed the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD that he made with the people of Israel."

II Chronicles 6:10-11

2. MAGNIFICATION! 2 Chronicles 6:12-17

*¹²Then Solomon **stood before the altar** of the LORD in front of the whole assembly of Israel and **spread out his hands**. ¹³Now he had made a bronze platform, five cubits long, five cubits wide and three cubits high, and had placed it in the center of the outer court. He stood on the platform and then **knelt down before the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven**."*

II Chronicles 6:12-13

¹⁴He said: "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven or on earth—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. ¹⁵You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it—as it is today.

¹⁶Now LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, 'You shall never fail to have a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons are careful in all they do to walk before me according to my law, as you have done.' ¹⁷And now, O LORD, God of Israel, let your word that you promised your servant David come true."- II Chronicles 6:14-17

Solomon's Profound Question:

¹⁸ *"But will God really dwell on earth with men?..."*
II Chronicles 6:18a

It's the question that really profounds men. Will God really show up? Will He really care to spend time with you and I? Will God come to this earth and hang out?

Solomon's Profound Statement:

"...The heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!"
II Chronicles 6:18b

Really, does God need our church? Do we need to build a building and call it "The House of God?" All of the heavens cannot contain God, why do we think we need to build God a house? The Truth is, **GOD DOESN'T NEED A HOUSE, WE DO!** How we build it and how we take care of it is an expression of what we think of God and it is an expression of our Worship. Our Church should be a house of worship and a house of prayer. Our house of worship is where Curiosity and Generosity join in harmony.

¹⁹*Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, O LORD my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence.*
²⁰*May your eyes be open toward this temple day and night, this place of which you said you would put your Name there. May you hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place.* ²¹ *Hear the supplications of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place; and when you hear, forgive."*
II Chronicles 6:19-21

- (Vs. 22-23) **When a man wrongs his neighbor**

The Temple Is A Reminder To Confess God's Name And God Will Hear

- (Vs. 24-25) When your people **Israel have been defeated** because they have sinned, when they turn back and **confess your name, praying and making supplication before you in this temple**, 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 fathers.

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- (Vs.26-27) **When the heavens are shut up** and there is **no rain because your people have sinned** and when they pray toward this place and **confess your name** and **turn from their sin** because you have afflicted them, then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel. Teach them the right way to live, and send rain on the land you gave your people for an inheritance.

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- (Vs. 28-31) **When famine or plague comes to the land**, or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers, or when enemies besiege them in any of their cities,

whatever disaster or disease may come, 29 and **when a prayer or plea is made** by any of your people Israel—each one aware of his afflictions and pains, and spreading out his hands toward this temple- 30 then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Forgive, and deal with each man according to all he does, since you know his heart (for you alone know the hearts of men), 31 so that they will fear you and walk in your ways all the time they live in the land you gave our fathers.

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- (Vs. 32-33) **The foreigner** who does not belong to Israel but has come from a distant land because of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm—**when he comes and prays toward this temple**, then hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and **do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you**, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.

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- (Vs. 34-35) **When your people go to war** against their enemies, wherever you send them, and when they **pray to you toward this city** you have chosen and the temple I have built for your Name, then hear from heaven their prayer and their plea, and uphold their cause.

The Temple Is A Reminder To Confess God's Name And God Will Hear

- (Vs.36-39) **When they sin against God**—for there is no one who does not sin—and you become angry with them and give them over to the enemy, who takes them captive to a land far away or near; 37 and if they have a change of heart in the land where they are held captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captivity and say, 'We have sinned, we have done wrong and acted wickedly'; 38 and **if they turn back to you with all their heart and soul in the land of their captivity** where they were taken, and **pray toward the land** you gave their fathers, toward the city you have chosen and **toward the temple** I have built for your Name; 39 then from heaven, your dwelling place, hear their prayer and their pleas, and uphold their cause. And forgive your people, who have sinned against you.

The Temple Is A Reminder To Confess God's Name And God Will Hear

- **Was that a little worship, average worship or Extravagant Worship?**

*⁴⁰Now, my God, may your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. 41 "Now arise, O LORD God, and come to your resting place, you and the ark of your might. May your priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, may your saints rejoice in your goodness. 42 O LORD God, do not reject your anointed one. Remember the great love promised to David your servant."
2 Chronicles 6:40-42*

Solomon was basically saying, "God, show up! Show up! Do reject us, receive us! We trust in your love.

Does God need our church? Not as much as man does! It should point to God!

- **Solomon's Third Extraordinary Experience From Extravagant Worship**

2 Chronicles 7

¹When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. ²The priests could not enter the temple of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled it. ³When 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 worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, "He is good; his love endures forever."

2 Chronicles 7:1-3

Extravagant Worship has Extraordinary Results!

- 4. **Solomon's Fourth Extravagant Act of Worship**

⁴Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD. ⁵And 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 7:4-5

- **Was that a little worship, average worship or Extravagant Worship?**

Rowdy Worship!

⁶The 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 7:5-6

⁷...the bronze altar he had made could not hold the burnt offerings, the grain offerings and the fat portions. ⁸So Solomon observed the festival at that time for seven days, and all Israel with him...⁹On the eighth day they held an assembly, for they had celebrated the dedication of the altar for seven days and the festival for seven days more. ¹⁰On the twenty-third day of the seventh month he sent the people to their homes, joyful and glad in heart for the good things the LORD had done for David and Solomon and for his people Israel."

2 Chronicles 7:7-10

- **Solomon's Fourth Extraordinary Experience From Extravagant Worship**

¹¹When 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, ¹²the 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 7:11-12

- (Vs.18) **I will establish your royal throne**, as I covenanted with David your father when I said, 'You shall never fail to have a man to rule over Israel.'

- (Vs. 19-20) **But if you turn away** and forsake the decrees and commands I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, then I will uproot Israel from my land, which I have given them, and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name. I will make it a byword and an object of ridicule among all peoples.

The Power of The Temple

“²¹And though this temple is now so imposing, all who pass by will be appalled and say, 'Why has the LORD done such a thing to this land and to this temple?'”
2 Chronicles 7:21

22 People will answer, 'Because they have forsaken the LORD, the God of their fathers, who brought them out of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, worshipping and serving them—that is why he brought all this disaster on them.' ”
2 Chronicles 7:22

2 Chronicles 8

“¹At the end of twenty years, during which Solomon built the temple of the LORD and his own palace...”
2 Chronicles 8:1

It took Solomon 16 years to build the Temple and his palace.

Solomon rebuilt villages, cities, captured other cities, conscripted slaves,(Vs. 2-10)

Transition To Ecclesiastes

*“¹¹Solomon brought **Pharaoh's daughter** up from the City of David to the palace he had built for her, for he said, "My wife must not live in the palace of David king of Israel, because the places the ark of the LORD has entered are holy.”*
2 Chronicles 8:11

“¹²On the altar of the LORD that he had built in front of the portico, Solomon sacrificed burnt offerings to the LORD, ¹³according to the daily requirement for offerings commanded by Moses for Sabbaths, New Moons and the three annual feasts—the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Tabernacles. ¹⁴In keeping with the ordinance of his father David...”
2 Chronicles 8:12-14a

Do you see it? Solomon stops being an extravagant Worshiper, he only does what is required. From this point on you never see Solomon ever giving more than he is required. And you know what? You never see God really showing up. I believe he begins his journey into Ecclesiastes. **Extravagant Worship has Extraordinary Results!**

Are you an Extravagant Worshiper?

What is Extravagant Worship to you?

1. The next thing that pushes your limits!
2. The next thing that stretches your faith!