

THE TEMPLE OF SOLOMON

THE FIRST TEMPLE

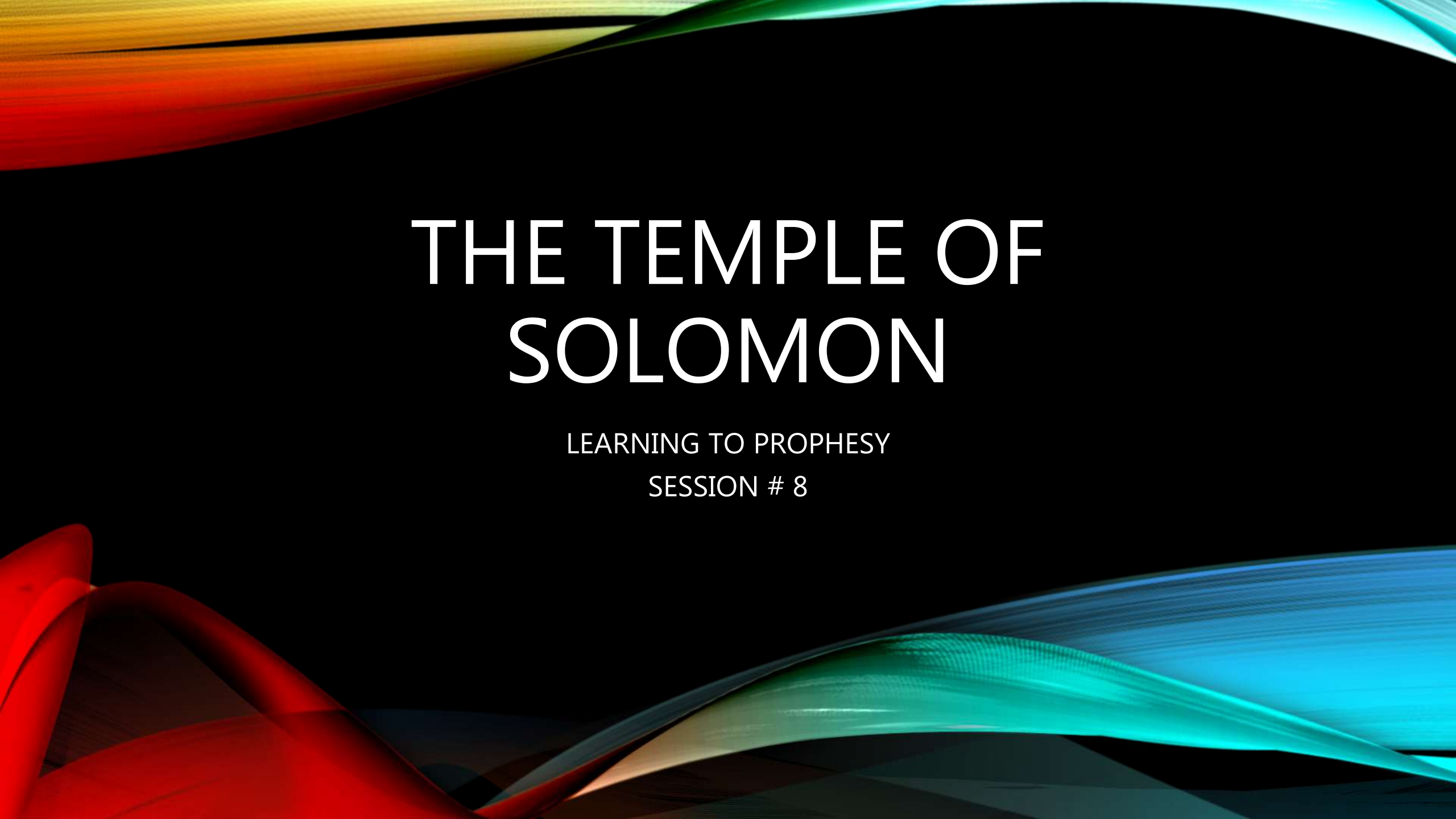
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- Solomon's Temple, also known as The First Temple.
- King David facilitates the construction of the Temple for his son Solomon.
- Solomon builds up the temple.
- The glory of The Lord fills the Temple.
- God's Glory depart from the Temple. (Ezekiel 10)
- The siege of Jerusalem in 587 BC.
- Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the Temple.
- **Goal:** Idolatry will cause His glory to be lifted. So, it is important to see the ways that we may be in danger of idolizing peoples or things or images, etc.

EXODUS 25:9 (NKJV)

• *9 According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.*

- There is a temple in heaven.
- And God has instructed Moses how to build the Tabernacle.
- God emphasises that everything to be done, has to

EXODUS 25:40 (NKJV)

40 And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain.

- God clearly shown to Moses all details of how the Tabernacle and all the furniture and utensils were to be done.
- Moses have looked into the model during those day he spent in the mountain of the Lord.

HEBREWS 8:5 (NKJV)

- *5 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."*



AS DAVID WILL NOT BUILD
THE TEMPLE,
HE PREPARES EVERYTHING
SO SOLOMON CAN BUILD A
MAGNIFICENT ONE.

1 CHRONICLES 17:4 (NKJV)

- King David realized that he was living in a palace, and the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord was just in a tent.
 - Convicted of this, he wants to build a Temple to the Lord.
 - Nathan his prophet and advisor, said do what is in your heart for God is with you.
 - Nathan spoke out of his heart, out of what he has seen.
 - However God speaks to Nathan and send him with a different message for King David.
- *4 "Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: "You shall not build Me a house to dwell in."*

1 CHRONICLES 22:8 (NKJV)

- *8 but the word of the Lord came to me, saying 'You have shed much blood and have made great wars; you shall not build a house for My name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in My sight.*
- **The reason was given.**
- King David has shed so much blood.
- God was pleased with David as He knew that his heart was after Him.
- However the plan of the Lord was different.

2 SAMUEL 24:24 (NKJV)

- *24 Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.*


- **David buys the site for the future temple.**
- This is the place where David saw the angel standing before heaven and earth after God order him to stop destroying people with the plague.
- David has sinned by ordering to take a census of the men able to go to battle.
- The prophet Nathan instructed him to built in that place an altar to the Lord

1 CHRONICLES 28:19 (NKJV)

- **David saw the Lord God**
- Who clearly manifested to him how the Temple was to be built.
- *The courts*
- *The chambers for the treasuries*
- *The chambers for the treasuries of the dedicated things;*
- *19 "All this," said David, "the LORD made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the [a]works of these plans."*

1 CHRONICLES 29:3 (NKJV)

- *³ Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver:*
- **David's generosity.**
- David was fully dedicated to the Lord.
- So he dedicated his treasures as well for the construction of the temple.



SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE

2 CHRONICLES 3:1 (NKJV)

- **Solomon Builds the Temple**

- In the place that his father built up an altar to the Lord, now he builds a temple.
- This has become a place on encounter with God

- *3 Now Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where ^[a]the LORD had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan^[b] the Jebusite.*

1 KINGS 8:10-11 (NKJV)

- *10 And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, 11 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.*
- **The Glory of God fills the temple.**
- Since the Ark was taken captive by the philistines, the Glory of God was not present in the Ark.
- The Glory of God returned to the Ark in the Tabernacle of King David.
- Now, the glory of God filled the Temple, built by King Solomon, King David's son.

SOLOMON'S PRAYER OF DEDICATION

- **1 Kings 8:29-30 (NKJV)**

- *29 that Your eyes may be open toward this [a]temple night and day, toward the place of which You said, 'My name shall be there,' that You may hear the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place. 30 And may You hear the supplication of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Hear in heaven Your dwelling place; and when You hear, forgive.*

HOPE FOR THE GENTILES

- **1 Kings 8:41-43 New International Version (NIV)**

- *41 "As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name—⁴² for they will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm—when they come and pray toward this temple, ⁴³ then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. 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.*



THE FIRST TEMPLE DESTROYED

GOD LEAVES THE TEMPLE

- In the days of Ezekiel, the Northern Kingdom had fallen into apostasy and was judged by Assyria,
- The sin of the Southern Kingdom, where Jerusalem and the Temple were located, was so severe as to drive God from His sanctuary.
- **God no longer met with Israel in the Temple because it was no longer His House.**
- Shrines for foreign gods, sacred pillars, Asherah, Baals and the like were enthroned in the Temple, desecrating what one day was a Temple dedicated to the Lord God Almighty

THE GLORY OF THE LORD DEPARTED

- **Ezekiel 10:4 (NKJV)**

- ⁴ Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, *and paused* over the threshold of the ^[a]temple; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory.

- **Ezekiel 11:23(NKJV)**

- ²³ And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood on the mountain, which *is* on the east side of the city.

- The Glory of the Lord departed from the Temple by stages.
- First to the threshold of the temple (10:4)
- Then Over the Cherubim (10:18)
- Then to the state gate (10:19)
- Finally to the Mount of Olives (11:23)

FULFILMENT OF PROPHECIES

- Following this vision, the Temple was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar II, and the Jews that remained were exiled to Babylon.
- In here, an important historic principle was established concerning the Temple:
 - when God leaves His House, it becomes subject to destruction.
 - When God is "at Home" in the Temple, no force in the universe can destroy it.
- As a result of the final destruction of Jerusalem and Solomon's Temple by Nebuchadnezzar, some of the Temple articles were taken to Babylon

2 CHRONICLES 36:7 (NKJV)

- ⁷ Nebuchadnezzar also carried off *some* of the articles from the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.
- The treasures of the Temple, and the treasures of the dedications to the Lord, were taken as plunder.
- As in many other cases, even as with the Ark, those utensils where as war trophies set up I front of their false gods.
- This was a fulfilment of prophecies uttered in warning, but there was no change in the hearts neither of Israel nor Judah.

JEREMIAH 20:5 (NKJV)

- *5 Moreover I will deliver all the wealth of this city, all its produce, and all its precious things; all the treasures of the kings of Judah I will give into the hand of their enemies, who will plunder them, seize them, and carry them to Babylon.*
- The destruction of Solomon's Temple fell on the 9th day of the Jewish month of Av, a date which became famous in Jewish history and is known as Tish B' av (9th of Av).¹

MATTHEW 23:37-38 (NKJV)

- Jesus Laments over Jerusalem
- *³⁷ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! ³⁸ See! Your house is left to you desolate;*

- According to the Hebrew Bible,
- **Solomon's Temple**, also known as the **First Temple**, was Temple (Hebrew: *בֵּית־הַמִּקְדָּשׁ*: *Beit HaMikdash*) in ancient Jerusalem before its destruction by by Nebuchadnezzar II after the Siege of Jerusalem of 587 BCE
- Subsequently it was replaced with the Second Temple in the 6th century BCE.



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