

Covid Keys & Cures in 2 Chronicles

Please read 2 Chronicles Chapter 3

Solomon proceeds to build the 'house of the Lord.' What would have been your design? What features would you have included? I want to contemplate TWO features:

First, the two pillars – each 35 cubits (45 feet) in height. You would pass between them during entry. Curiously, each were named! Etymologists generally agree that these names signified, 'he shall establish,' (Jachin) & 'in it is strength' (Boaz). To the enlightened (regenerated) Israelite, this OT structure represented the presence of God among His covenant people. Within its chambers, according to Ps 48 the righteous would discern God's great work of redemption in history

Walk about Zion and go all around her. Count her towers; mark well her bulwarks; consider her palaces; that you may tell it to the generation following. For this is God, our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even to death (Ps 48:12-14).

The Temple and all its furnishings & ceremonies were designed to show forth the nature & progression in time of God's great plan of redemption. The discerning eye would comprehend that, in the fulness of time, the Lamb of God would come to take away the sins of the world and thereby overthrow all earthly power and authority in the establishment of His kingdom. Isaiah would celebrate this prospect:

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this (Is 9:6-7).

Second, within the Most Holy Place – the central feature – were two cherubim (angelic sculptures) whose four wings spanned the enclosure. Beneath their wings was the Ark of the Covenant containing the two stone tablets of Law (ten commandments) written by the finger of God. A true comprehension of these laws & commandments – AS THEY APPLY TO THE WHOLE OF LIFE – is central to authentic Christian piety. This was what the psalmist contemplated in Ps 1:

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in this law meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper (Ps 1:1-3).

Alas, few Christians leaders today make it their goal to apply Biblical ethics to the whole of life. By and large they are content to let others live by their own stipulated (humanistic) standards and are unwilling (or incapable) of marshalling an objective apologetic that grounds reason, logic and ethics in Scripture. Cornelius Van Til expounded just such a challenge to his theological contemporaries. Alas, few had the stomach for his challenge. Just as there is ONE true & living God, there is in fact just ONE truth, ONE true worldview & ONE (exclusive) way of rendering service & obedience to Him. Its name? Christianity!

- ***Were the OT saints aware of God's ordained purpose 'to roll out Christianity throughout the world?' (See Isaiah 2:2-5)***

- *What was the designated purpose of the establishment of God's kingdom within Israel/Palestine? (see Deuteronomy 4:5-8)*