

Clarence Park Baptist Church

Question for Week following service 22nd Jan 2023



2 CHRONICLES

Lessons For Today From The Stories Of Yesterday

Week 1

Building the Temple (Chapter 3)

Big Idea of the Message: Second Chronicles begins by highlighting the reign of Solomon, the temple he built, and the wisdom he had.

Application Point: We will be people who find wisdom from God and worship him with what we value most.

Preparation

1. Watch the sermon from the church YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fofJC0Pz74>
2. Begin with a time of prayer – asking God to help you learn something new
3. Read the passages below and reflect on the questions, if meeting with a group share your answers together.

2 Chronicles 3:1-15 NIV UK

Solomon builds the temple

3 Then Solomon began to build the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David. It was on the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite, the place provided by David. **2** He began building on the second day of the second month in the fourth year of his reign.

3 The foundation Solomon laid for building the temple of God was sixty cubits long and twenty cubits wide (using the cubit of the old standard). **4** The portico at the front of the temple was twenty cubits long across the width of the building and twenty cubits high.

He overlaid the inside with pure gold. **5** He panelled the main hall with juniper and covered it with fine gold and decorated it with palm tree and chain designs. **6** He adorned the temple with precious stones. And the gold he used was gold of Parvaim. **7** He overlaid the ceiling beams, door-frames, walls and doors of the temple with gold, and he carved cherubim on the walls.

8 He built the Most Holy Place, its length corresponding to the width of the temple – twenty cubits long and twenty cubits wide. He overlaid the inside with six hundred talents of fine gold. **9** The gold nails weighed fifty shekels. He also overlaid the upper parts with gold.

10 For the Most Holy Place he made a pair of sculptured cherubim and overlaid them with gold. **11** The total wing-span of the cherubim was twenty cubits. One wing of the first cherub was five cubits long and touched the temple wall, while its other wing, also five cubits long, touched the wing of the other cherub. **12** Similarly one wing of the second cherub was five cubits long and touched the other temple wall, and its other wing, also five cubits long, touched the wing of the first cherub. **13** The wings of these cherubim extended twenty cubits. They stood on their feet, facing the main hall.

14 He made the curtain of blue, purple and crimson yarn and fine linen, with cherubim worked into it.

15 For the front of the temple he made two pillars, which together were thirty-five cubits long, each with a capital five cubits high.

Questions for discussion

Reflect on the message of the sermon using the following questions.

Take time at the end to ask what is God teaching you this week to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus?

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What would you do if God gave you the gift of wisdom?
3. The Temple was one of the great projects from Solomon's reign. Why was the temple so important?
4. Why did the author of 2 Chronicles go to great lengths to describe the construction of the temple? Does God care about our work and craftsmanship?
5. What happened after Solomon died and his son became king? What lesson is there for us today from this part of the story?
6. The idea of the Temple came from king David's vision for a place of worship for the nation. What is your vision for the church? And how can you begin to plant or share the seeds of your vision with those around you?
7. What does doing nothing while we wait from the sermon mean for you and what you need to be doing in your christian life today?
8. Are you easily distracted in your daily spiritual journey with Christ? How can you avoid being distracted?
9. How can we pray for you?

Prayer

Take some time to pray for the church, our local community and for you to know more of God in your daily walking with him.