

Sunday Morning Message Series
Preparing for the Next Generation

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Text – 2 Chronicles 28

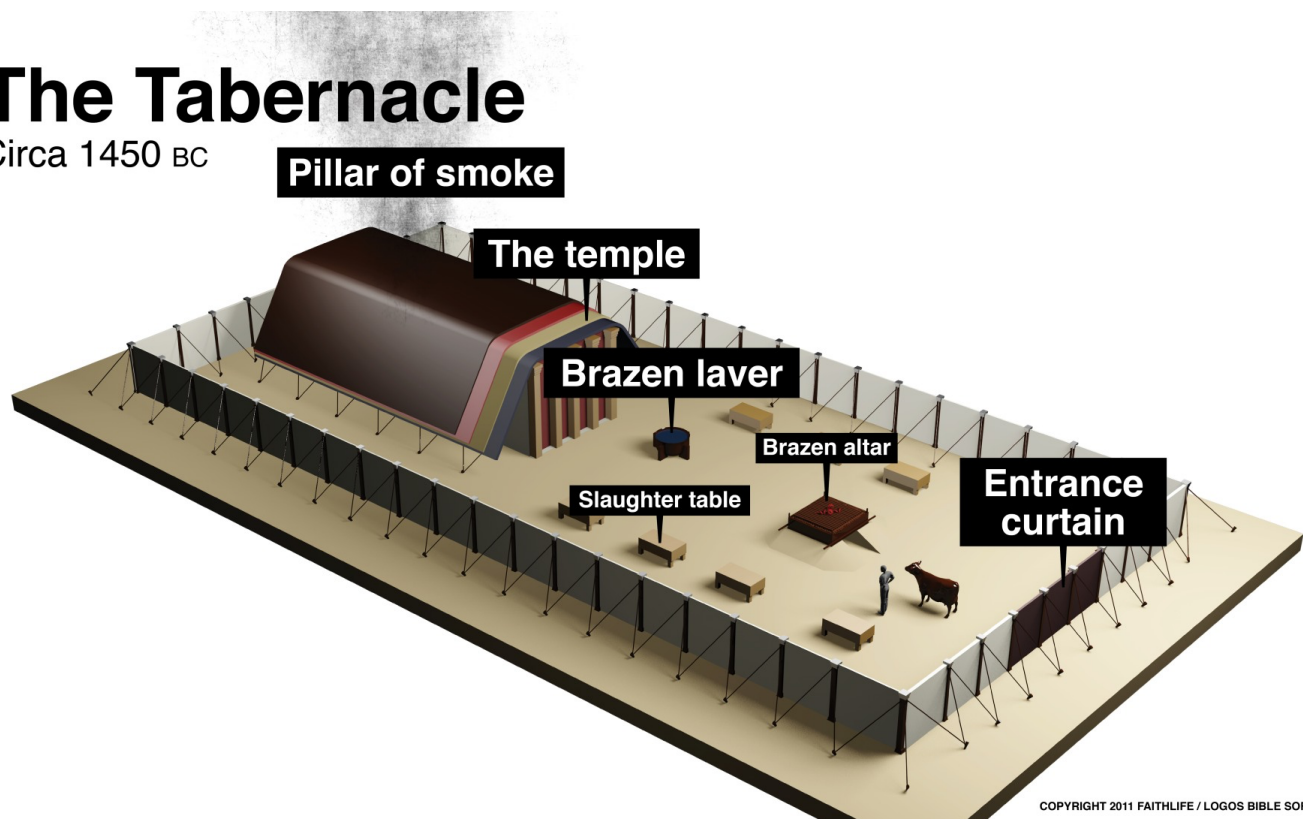
Congregational Reading – 2 Chronicles 28:1 - 6

Introduction

Toward the end of David's reign as King of Israel, all he wanted to do was build the Temple in Jerusalem, a permanent structure for the people of God to worship in. Prior to the Temple, the people met with God in a temporary tent, known as the Tabernacle. When Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt, God instructed him to build the Tabernacle so that the Israelites would have a place for worship, a place where they could bring their sacrifices and their offerings; a place where God would meet with them.

The Tabernacle

Circa 1450 BC



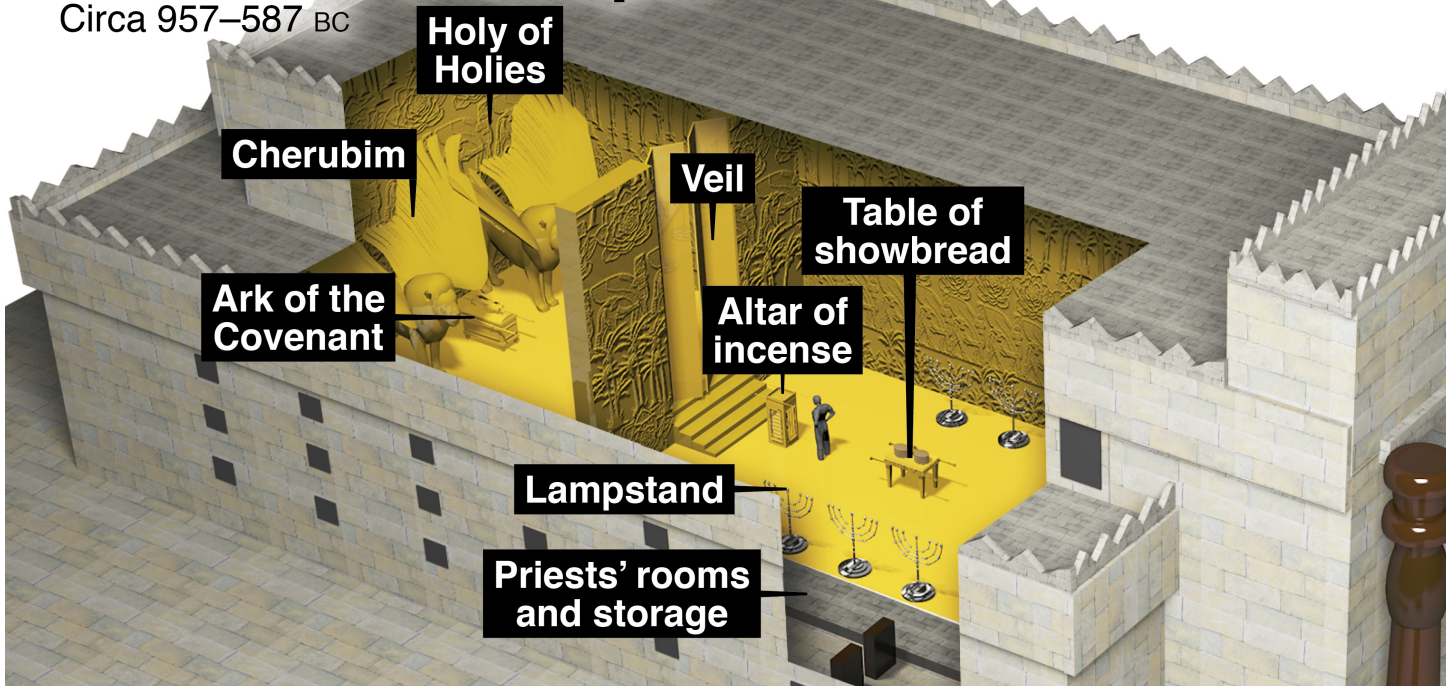
David wanted more than anything to build a permanent structure for the worship; a central place of worship for the people, in their new capitol city, Jerusalem. However, God had other plans (See 1 Chronicles 17:1 – 15).

It was God's plan for Solomon to build the Temple, but that didn't stop David from doing all that God would allow him to do in order to prepare everything he could for what would actually be accomplished by the next generation.

Illustrate – Moses didn't get to live in the Promised Land, but he did prepare the people to go in.

Solomon's Temple

Circa 957–587 BC



I. David Prepared the Builder of the Temple (vs. 7 – 10)

David was not allowed by God to actually build the building, but he did allow him to build the builder. David poured his life into his son, Solomon, and prepared him, not only to lead the people of Israel as their king, but also to build the Temple.

Note – The most important thing that we can do for the next generation is not to build buildings, but to build people.

We need to be the right example for the next generation.

We need to train them to do what God wants them to do.

We need to encourage them as they do the work of the Lord (2 Chronicles 28:19 – 20)

II. David Planned for the Building of the Temple (vs. 11 – 14)

Prior to our text here in chapter 28, David had already brought the ark to Jerusalem. The ark of the covenant had been inside of the Tabernacle in Shiloh, but was captured by the Philistines in a battle. Eventually, the Philistines returned it and it ended up in Kirjathjearim for twenty years, first resting in the home of Aminadab, and then in the home of Obededom. David brought it to Jerusalem. (See 1 Chronicle 15:1 – 3; 11 – 15;

He organized the priests and the Levites (1 Chronicles 16:1 – 6).

III. David Provided the Materials for the Building of the Temple (vs. 15 – 19; 2 Chronicles 29:1 - 9)

David provided all of the materials that would be needed in order to build the Temple. He made

sure the next generation had what they needed to do what God wanted them to do.

Note – The younger generation often has the energy and the zeal to do the work of the Lord, but they often lack the finances to do all that God wants them to do. On the other hand, the older folks no longer have the energy to do much of the heavy lifting, but often they do have the financial resources to finance it. It is said of Solomon that he was the richest man in the world, but where did that wealth come from? It came from David.

IV. David Prayed for Builder of the Temple (2 Chronicles 29:10 – 19)

He prayed for the building.

He prayed for the builder (v. 19)

Conclusion – The Temple Ought To Be Called David's Temple

Do all that you can do yourself for the Lord.

Do all that you can to help prepare for the next generation.

Train them.

Encourage them.

Provide for them.

Pray for them.