

A serious look at the the letter from James

One essential element for being relevant to God in the 21st century is to be a thankful people who celebrate what God is doing and how He uses people to honor Him and one another.



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1 In the four hundred and eightieth year after the people of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, which is the second month, he began to build the house of the LORD. **2** The house that King Solomon built for the LORD was sixty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and thirty cubits high. **3** The vestibule in front of the nave of the house was twenty cubits long, equal to the width of the house, and ten cubits deep in front of the house.

4 And he made for the house windows with recessed frames.

7 When the house was built, it was with stone prepared at the quarry, so that neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron was heard in the house while it was being built.

11 Now the word of the LORD came to Solomon,

- 12 "Concerning this house that you are building, if you will walk in my statutes and obey my rules and keep all my
- commandments and walk in them, then I will establish my word with you, which I spoke to David your father.
- 13 And I will dwell among the children of Israel and will not forsake my people Israel."
- **14** So Solomon built the house and finished it.
- **15** He lined the walls of the house on the inside with boards of cedar. From the floor of the house to the walls of the ceiling, he covered them on the inside with wood, and he covered the floor of the house with boards of cypress.
- **16** He built twenty cubits of the rear of the house with boards of cedar from the floor to the walls, and he built this within as an inner sanctuary, as the Most Holy Place.

17 The house, that is, the nave in front of the inner sanctuary, was forty cubits long.

18 The cedar within the house was carved in the form of gourds and open flowers. All was cedar; no stone was seen.

19 The inner sanctuary he prepared in the innermost part of the house, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

20 The inner sanctuary was twenty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and twenty cubits high, and he overlaid it with pure gold. He also over laiden altar of cedar.

21 And Solomon overlaid the inside of the house with pure gold, and he drew chains of gold across, in front of the inner sanctuary, and overlaid it with gold.

22 And he overlaid the whole house with gold, until all the house was finished. Also the whole altar that belonged to the inner sanctuary he overlaid with gold.

23 In the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olivewood, each ten cubits high.

24 Five cubits was the length of one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the length of the other wing of the cherub; it was ten cubits from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other.

25 The other cherub also measured ten cubits; both cherubim had the same measure and the same form.

26 The height of one cherub was ten cubits, and so was that of the other cherub.

He put the cherubim in the innermost part of the house. And the wings of the cherubim were spread out so that a wing of one touched the one wall, and a wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; their other wings touched each other in the middle of the house.

And he overlaid the cherubim with gold.

29 Around all the walls of the house he carved engraved figures of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, in the inner and outer rooms.

The floor of the house he overlaid with gold in the inner and outer rooms.

31 For the entrance to the inner sanctuary he made doors of olivewood; the lintel and the doorposts were five-sided. **32** He covered the two doors of olivewood with carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers. He overlaid them with gold and spread gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees. **33** So also he made for the entrance to the nave doorposts of olivewood, in the form of a square, 34 and two doors of cypress wood. The two leaves of the one

door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding.

35 On them he carved cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, and he overlaid them with gold evenly applied on the carved work.

Chapter 7

13 And King Solomon sent and brought Hiram from Tyre.

14 He was the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in bronze. And he was full of wisdom, understanding, and skill for making any work in bronze. He came to King Solomon and did all his work.

15 He cast two pillars of bronze. Eighteen cubits was the height of one pillar, and a line of twelve cubits measured its circumference. It was hollow, and its thickness was four fingers. The second pillar was the same.

16 He also made two capitals of cast bronze to set on the tops of the pillars. The height of the one capital was five cubits, and the height of the other capital was five cubits.

17 There were lattices of checker work with wreaths of chain work for the capitals on the tops of the pillars, a lattice for the one capital and a lattice for the other capital.

18 Likewise he made pomegranates in two rows around the one latticework to cover the capital that was on the top of the pillar, and he did the same with the other capital.

19 Now the capitals that were on the tops of the pillars in the vestibule were of lily-work, four cubits.

20 The capitals were on the two pillars and also above the rounded projection which was beside the latticework. There were two hundred pomegranates in two rows all around, and so with the other capital.

21 He set up the pillars at the vestibule of the temple. He set up the pillar on the south and called its name Jachin, and he set up the pillar on the north and called its name Boaz.

22 And on the tops of the pillars was lily-work. Thus the work of the pillars was finished.

23 Then he made the sea of cast metal. It was round, ten cubits from brim to brim, and five cubits high, and a line of thirty cubits measured its circumference.

24 Under its brim were gourds, for ten cubits, compassing the sea all around. The gourds were in two rows, cast with it when it was cast.

25 It stood on twelve oxen, three facing north, three facing west, three facing south, and three facing east. The sea was set on them, and all their rear parts were inward.

26 Its thickness was a handbreadth, and its brim was made like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily. It held two thousand baths.

Chapter 8

22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven,

23 and said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart,

24 who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day.

25 Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.'

26 Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father.

27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth?

Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! **25** Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.'

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- **41** "Likewise, when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a far country for your name's sake
- **42** (for they shall hear of your great name and your mighty hand, and of your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this house,
- **43** hear in heaven your dwelling place and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to you, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house that I have built is called by your name.

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Solomon's Benediction

54 Now as Solomon finished offering all this prayer and plea to the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven.
55 And he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

56 "Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. Not one word has failed of all His good promise, which He spoke by Moses his servant.

57 The LORD our God be with us, as You you were with our fathers. May You not leave us or forsake us,

58 that You may incline our hearts toward You, to walk in all Your ways and to keep Your commandments, Your statutes, and Your rules, which You commanded all those who came before us.
59 Let these words of ours, with which we have pleaded before You, that we might be near to You day and night, and may You maintain our cause and the cause of all Your people, as each day requires,

60 that all the peoples of the earth may know that You are God; and there is no other.

61 Let our hearts therefore be wholly true to You the LORD our God, walking in Your statutes and keeping Your commandments, as at this day."