



# FILLING THE “TEMPLE”

I Kings 8



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3 Then all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. 4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD and the tent of meeting and all the holy utensils, which were in the tent, and the priests and the Levites brought them up. 5 And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who were assembled to him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen they could not be counted or numbered. 6 Then the priests brought the ark of the



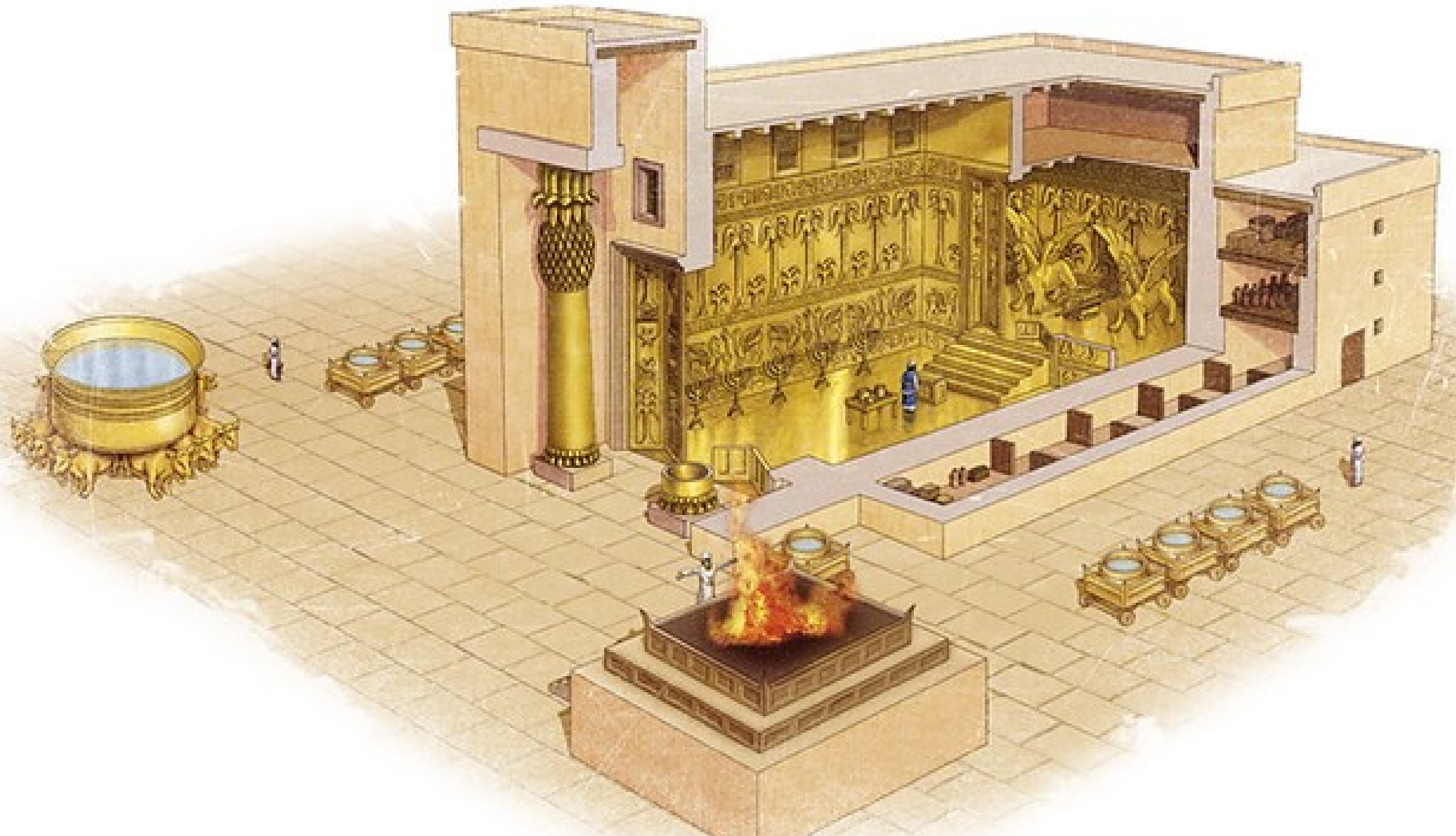
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covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the most holy place, under the wings of the cherubim. 7 For the cherubim spread *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim made a covering over the ark and its poles from above. 8 But the poles were so long that the ends of the poles could be seen from the holy place before the inner sanctuary, but they could not be seen outside; they are there to this day. 9 There was nothing in the ark except



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the two tablets of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the sons of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. 10 And it came about when the priests came from the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, 11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.



# AN EMPTY BUILDING!

- All the work – just stuff...
  - Table, Lamp, Altars...
  - Nothing more needed to be done...
- Time for the ARK!
  - Sacrificing... what David did...
  - Nothing but tablets (9) - LAW



# WHEN THEY LEFT...

- The priests finish setting things
- Still just a building...
- A cloud – Sinai! Smoke, thunder
- Promise of His Presence
- Shekinah...







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23 He said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, **there is no God like You in heaven above or on earth beneath,** keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Your servants who walk before You with all their heart, 24 who have kept with Your servant, my father David, that which You have promised him; indeed, You have spoken with Your mouth and **have fulfilled it with Your hand as it is this day.**



# NO GOD LIKE YOU!

- Solomon prays... 23,24
- Keeps covenant/promise; shows lovingkindness; Full fills – HAND!
- All about Him... His work
- Will you really dwell here? (27)





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28 "Yet have regard to the prayer of Your servant and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Your servant prays before You today;  
29 that Your eyes may be open toward this house night and day, toward the place of which You have said, 'My name shall be there,' to listen to the prayer which Your servant shall pray toward this place. 30 "Listen to the supplication of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place; hear in heaven Your dwelling place; hear and forgive.

# **IT'S NOT ABOUT "TURF"!**

- **Solomon asks God to hear... 28**
- **Conversation and intimacy!**
- **God doesn't need real estate...**
- **He wants temples filled!**
- **And His temple is in us!**
- **Ministry of intercession...**



# FOR ALL PEOPLE...

- When the Foreigner comes (41)
- God is not about one branch of a genetic tree, He is Father to all!
- He will hear of your great NAME!
- Hear, Do for him? WHAT? (43)
- That all the People's may know THY NAME (43)



# SO WE FOLLOW...

- Ask GOD to make your place a place of PRAYER:
  - HIS Glory, because of what is inside
  - 1Co 3:16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?



