

1 Chronicles 29:1-30 **David's Contribution toward Temple Construction**

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1 Furthermore King David said to all the assembly: "My son Solomon, whom alone Elohiym (God) has chosen, is young and inexperienced; and the work is great, because the temple is not for man but for Yahweh Elohiym (the Lord God).

David's Offerings for Building the Temple

2 Now for Beit Elohay (the house of my God) I have prepared with all my might: gold for things to be made of gold, silver for things of silver, bronze for things of bronze, iron for things of iron, wood for things of wood, onyx stones, stones to be set, glistening stones of various colors, all kinds of precious stones, and marble slabs in abundance.

3 Moreover, because I have set my affection on Beit Elohay (the house of my God), I have given to Beit Elohay (the house of my God), over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver:

4 three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses;

5 the gold for things of gold and the silver for things of silver, and for all kinds of work to be done by the hands of craftsmen. Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to Yahweh (the Lord)?"

Freewill Offerings by the Officers of Israel

6 Then the leaders of the fathers' houses, leaders of the tribes of Israel, the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the officers over the king's work, offered willingly.

7 They gave for the work of Beit Elohiym (the house of God) five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

8 And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord), into the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite.

9 Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to Yahweh (the Lord); and King David also rejoiced greatly.

David's Praise to God

10 Therefore David blessed Yahweh (the Lord) before all the assembly; and David said:

"Blessed are You, Yahweh Elohey Yisrael (Lord God of Israel), our Father, forever and ever.

11 Yours, O Yahweh (Lord), is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Yahweh (Lord), And You are exalted as head over all.

12 Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all.

13 "Now therefore, Eloheynu (our God), We thank You And praise Your glorious name.

14 But who am I, and who are my people, That we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, And of Your own we have given You.

15 For we are aliens and pilgrims before You, As were all our fathers; Our days on earth are as a shadow, And without hope.

16 "O Yahweh Eloheynu (Lord our God), all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and is all Your own.

17 I know also, Elohay (my God), that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things; and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You.

18 O Yahweh Elohey (Lord God) of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and fix their heart toward You.

19 And give my son Solomon a loyal heart to keep Your commandments and Your testimonies and Your statutes, to do all these things, and to build the temple for which I have made provision."

Responsive worship of the people

20 Then David said to all the assembly, "Now bless Yahweh Eloheykm (the Lord your God)." So all the assembly blessed Yahweh Elohey (the Lord God of) their fathers, and bowed their heads and prostrated themselves before Yahweh (the Lord) and the king.

21 And they made sacrifices to the Lord and offered burnt offerings to the Lord on the next day: a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.

Solomon Anointed King a second time and exalted by Yahweh (1 Kings 1:38-40; 2:12)

22 So they ate and drank before Yahweh (the Lord) with great gladness on that day. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him before Yahweh (the Lord) to be the leader, and Zadok to be priest.

23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of Yahweh (the Lord) as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.

24 All the leaders and the mighty men, and also all the sons of King David, submitted themselves to King Solomon.

25 So Yahweh (the Lord) exalted Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed on him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

The Close of David's Reign

26 Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

27 And the period that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem.

28 So he died in a good old age, full of days and riches and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his place.

29 Now the acts of King David, first and last, indeed they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,

30 with all his reign and his might, and the events that happened to him, to Israel, and to all the kingdoms of the lands.

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Facts Revealed:

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✧ Furthermore King David said to all the assembly: "My son Solomon, whom alone Elohiym (God) has chosen, is young and inexperienced; and the work is great, because the temple is not for man but for Yahweh Elohiym (the Lord God). [1 Chronicles 29:1]

✧ David made it clear to all that the Temple is not intended to glorify men, but to exalt Yahweh Elohiym and represent His Name.

David's Offerings for Building the Temple [1 Chronicles 29:2-5]

- ✧ Beside all that David had prepared for the Temple he also added from his own treasuries additional gold and silver.
- ✧ David also called for craftsmen to consecrate themselves to Yahweh.

Freewill Offerings by the Officers of Israel [1 Chronicles 29:5-9]

- ✧ Then the leaders of the fathers' houses, leaders of the tribes of Israel, the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the officers over the king's work, offered willingly. [1 Chronicles 29:6-9]
- ✧ The Leaders of Israel willingly donated much gold, silver, bronze, iron. And precious stones for the work of Beit Elohiym.
- ✧ Then the people rejoiced, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to Yahweh (the Lord); and King David also rejoiced greatly.

David's Praise to God [1 Chronicles 29:10-19]

- ✧ Therefore David blessed Yahweh (the Lord) before all the assembly; and David said: "Blessed are You, Yahweh Elohey Yisrael (Lord God of Israel), our Father, forever and ever. [1 Chronicles 29:10]
- ✧ David's prayer of rejoicing and blessing before the assembly of Israel recognized the eternal blessedness, greatness, and supremacy of Yahweh over all creation in heaven and on earth. [1 Chronicles 29:10-11]
- ✧ The Kingdom belongs to Yahweh who is head over all, and all that mankind has and is comes from His hand for which we thank and praise His glorious Name. [1 Chronicles 29:11-13]
- ✧ All our ability to offer willingly comes from Yahweh and we can only offer from what belongs to Him and what He has provided. [1 Chronicles 29:13-14]
- ✧ We and our fathers are aliens and pilgrims before Yahweh and our days are but a shadow without hope. [1 Chronicles 29:15]
- ✧ The house we have abundantly prepared to build is for the holy name of Yahweh, and came from His own hand. [1 Chronicles 29:16]
- ✧ David acknowledged that Yahweh Elohey tests the heart and has pleasure in righteousness, and that the offering of David and the people was given in the uprightness of their hearts for which David rejoices. [1 Chronicles 29:17]
- ✧ David's request is for Yahweh to instill and fix forever in the loyal hearts of the people and Solomon the desire to seek do His commandments, testimonies and statutes and to build the Temple for which they have made provision. [1 Chronicles 29:18-19]

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[[1 Chronicles 29:26-30](#)]

✧ David had far reaching influence on Israel and all the kingdoms of the lands around Israel.