

“2nd Appearance” 1 Kings 9:1-28 4/23/17

Today, we'd like to see the title of “2nd Appearance” in the book of 1 Kings 9:1-28

To Online Word's people on the earth, we'd like to suggest 3 Questions.

Q1. In verse 2, “that the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon,” what did the Lord say when He had appeared at Gibeon?

Q2. In verse 8, “And as for this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and will hiss, and say, ‘Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?’” they will hiss and say so. And what would we do if we face such a calamity during our life?

Q3. In verse 28, “And they went to Ophir, and acquired four hundred and twenty talents of gold from there, and brought it to King Solomon,” Ophir is not discovered by archeologists yet. How should we react to the unknown thing in the Bible?

(Background)

Note to use a proper Bible map in Solomon's reign to find a location, in order to understand the word of God in the Bible.

(Text)

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| <p>¹ And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished building <u>the house of the LORD and the king's house</u>, and all Solomon's desire which he wanted to do [he was pleased to do],</p> <p>² that the LORD <u>appeared to Solomon the second time</u>, as <u>He had appeared to him at Gibeon</u>.</p> | <p>(1-9 = the Lord's 2nd appearance to Solomon)</p> <p>1= the house of the Lord and the king's house (the temple and the palace)</p> <p>2= Q1 ... appeared... the 2nd time (God's 2nd appearance to Solomon); He had appeared to him at Gibeon (his request of wisdom to judge people; God's answer to give it with both riches and honor; and with conditional promise to establish his kingdom forever if he walks in His ways ¹ 1 Kings 3:5,9,12-14)</p> |
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¹ 1 Kings 3:5,9,12-14⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said. “Ask! What shall I give you?”⁹ Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?”¹² behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.¹³ And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.¹⁴ So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

³ And the LORD said to him: “I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me; I have consecrated [hallowed] this house which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

⁴ Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, ⁵ then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, ‘You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.’ ⁶ But if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and

3= I have heard your prayer and your supplication (to open His eyes to this temple night and day ²1 Kings 8:27-29; Isaiah 66:1); I have (God's answer his prayer-) consecrated this house... My eyes and My heart... there perpetually (the Lord consecrated the temple and not only His eyes but His heart will be on the temple forever)

4= if you walk before Me (conditional promise again as in the 1st appearance); as your father David walked (David was far from a perfect man, as far as no-sins are concerned, but never involved in apostasy or idolatry rather than his overall commitment to God -- a failure because of the weakness of his flesh. not turning his back from Him, nor turning away from his faith in Him ³Acts 13:22; Rom 6:19; 2 Cor 13:4); in integrity of heart and in uprightness (we as the children of God should do overall commitment to the Lord without apostasy- to worship not God but other gods, or idolatry – to worship other gods as well as often God.)

5= as I promised David.... You shall not fail to have....the throne (⁴2 Sam 7:16)

6= if ... turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes (conditional promise too – but warning – through Moses to Israelites ⁵Deut 28:2, 15); go and serve other gods and worship them (if you do apostasy or idolatry – Solomon does so in the later chapters ⁶1 Kings 11:9-12; Deut 17:17)

² 1 Kings 8:27-29“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built! ²⁸ Yet regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O LORD my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You today: ²⁹ that Your eyes may be open toward this temple night and day, toward the place of which You said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that You may hear the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place; *Isaiah 66:1* Thus says the LORD: “Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?”

³ Acts 13:22 And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’; Rom 6:19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.; 2 Cor 13:4 For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you ⁴ 2 Sam 7:16 And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.”

⁵ Deut 28:2, 15² And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God: ¹⁵“But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

⁶ 1 Kings 11:9-12 So the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, ¹⁰ and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not keep what the LORD had commanded. ¹¹ Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, “Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant. ¹² Nevertheless I will not do it in your days, for the sake of your father David; I will tear it out of the hand of your son. Deut 17:17 Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.

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| <p><u>worship them.</u></p> <p>⁷ <u>then I will cut off Israel</u> from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight. <u>Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples.</u></p> <p>⁸ And <i>as for</i> this house, <i>which</i> is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and <u>will hiss, and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?'</u> ⁹ Then they will answer, '<u>Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have embraced [taken hold upon] other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore the LORD has brought all this calamity [evil] on them.</u>'"</p> <p>¹⁰ Now it happened <u>at the end of twenty years,</u> when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD and the king's house</p> <p>¹¹ (<u>Hiram the king of Tyre</u> had supplied Solomon with <u>cedar and cypress and gold,</u> as much as he desired), <i>that</i> King Solomon then gave Hiram <u>twenty cities in the land of Galilee.</u></p> <p>¹² Then Hiram went from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him, but they did <u>not please him.</u></p> | <p>7= then I will cut off Israel (after Solomon's death, the nation was divided into the two); Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples (Israel will become a common saying among all peoples, <i>Deut 28:37</i> at the time of Zedekia the last king of Judah, the temple of Solomon was destroyed by Babylon ⁸ <i>2 Kings 25:7-9</i>)</p> <p>8=Q2 ... will hiss, and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?' (what if we face a calamity –PRAY! see the facts; if a sin involved; confess/repent; follow Him/His way ⁹ <i>Rev 2:5</i>)</p> <p>(10-14 = Solomon's exchanging items with Hiram)</p> <p>10= at the end of 20 years (midway through Solomon's 40 years reign)</p> <p>11= Hiram the king of Tyre (the beach city of the Great sea/the Mediterranean sea – Phoenicians) ; cedar and cypress and gold (as Hiram gave); 20 cities in the land of Galilee (as Solomon gave in exchange for cedar and cypress and gold)</p> <p>12= they did not please him (the 20 cities did not please Hiram)</p> |
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⁷ *Deut 28:37* And you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations where the LORD will drive you.

⁸ *2 Kings 25:7-9* Then they killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, put out the eyes of Zedekiah, bound him with bronze fetters, and took him to Babylon. ⁸ And in the fifth month, on the seventh *day* of the month (which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. ⁹ He burned the house of the LORD and the king's house; all the houses of Jerusalem, that is, all the houses of the great, he burned with fire.

⁹ *Rev 2:5* Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

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| <p>¹³ So he said, “What <i>kind of cities are</i> these which you have given me, my brother?” And he called them the land of <u>Cabul</u>, as they are to this day.</p> <p>¹⁴ Then Hiram sent the king <u>one hundred and twenty talents</u> of gold.</p> <p>¹⁵ And this <i>is</i> the reason for the labor force which King Solomon raised: to build the house of the LORD, his own house, the <u>Millo</u>, the wall of Jerusalem, <u>Hazor</u>, <u>Megiddo</u>, and <u>Gezer</u>. ¹⁶ (Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and taken Gezer and burned it with fire, had killed the <u>Canaanites</u> who dwelt in the city, and had given it as <u>a dowry</u> to his daughter, Solomon’s wife.) ¹⁷ And Solomon built Gezer, <u>Lower Beth Horon</u>, ¹⁸ <u>Baalath</u>, and <u>Tadmor</u> in the wilderness, in the land of <i>Judah</i>, ¹⁹ all the <u>storage cities</u> that Solomon had, <u>cities for his chariots</u> and <u>cities for his cavalry</u>, and whatever Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.</p> <p>²⁰ All the people <i>who were</i> left of the <u>Amorites</u>, <u>Hittites</u>, <u>Perizzites</u>, <u>Hivites</u>, and <u>Jebusites</u>, who were not of the children of Israel— ²¹ that is, their descendants who were left in the land after them, whom the children of Israel had not been able to destroy completely—from these Solomon raised <u>forced labor</u> [levy a tribute of bondservice], as it is to <u>this day</u>. ²² But of the <u>children of Israel</u> Solomon made no <u>forced laborers</u>, because</p> | <p>13= Cabul (it means “displeasing” So Hiram returned them, where Solomon built cities ¹⁰ 2 Chr 8:1-2)</p> <p>14= 120 talents of gold (75 ib or 34 ka/ talent; 100 talents of gold is about 1 million dollars; so more than 1 million dollars.)</p> <p>(15-28 = Solomon’s building cities)</p> <p>15= Millo (mount in Jerusalem, with Zion mount and Moriah mount. ¹¹ 2 Sam 5:9; 2 Chro 32:5); Hazor (N of Chinnereth/ Galilee sea); Megiddo (SW of Chinnereth sea, Armageddon ¹² Rev 16:16); Gezer (W of Jerusalem; see verse 16 “a dowry to his daughter, Solomon’s wife .”)</p> <p>17-18= Lower Beth Horon (E of Gezer); Baalath (W of Gezer); Tadmor (S of salt/dead sea)</p> <p>20 = (Gentiles who resided in Israel)</p> <p>21= forced labor (involuntary servitude, i.e. Gentiles were slaves); to this day (when the author is writhing this ^{1st} Kings 9)</p> <p>22= children of Israel... no forced laborers (Israelites no slaves but rulers)</p> |
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¹⁰ 2 Chr 8:1-2It came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the house of the LORD and his own house, ² that the cities which Hiram had given to Solomon, Solomon built them; and he settled the children of Israel there.

¹¹ 2 Sam 5:9 Then David dwelt in the stronghold, and called it the City of David. And David built all around from the Millo and inward.; 2 Chro 32:5 And he strengthened himself, built up all the wall that was broken, raised *it* up to the towers, and *built* another wall outside; also he repaired the Millo *in* the City of David, and made weapons and shields in abundance.

¹² Rev 16:16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

they were men of war and his servants: his officers, his captains, commanders of his chariots, and his cavalry [horsemen].

²³ Others were chiefs of the officials who were over Solomon's work: five hundred and fifty, who ruled over the people who did the work.

²⁴ But Pharaoh's daughter came up from the City of David to her house which *Solomon* had built for her. Then he built the Millo.

²⁵ Now three times a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which he had built for the LORD, and he burned incense with them *on the altar* that was before the LORD. So he finished the temple.

²⁶ King Solomon also built a fleet of ships at Ezion Geber, which *is* near Elath on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom. ²⁷ Then Hiram sent his servants with the fleet [sent in the navy his servants], seamen who knew the sea, to work with the servants of Solomon. ²⁸ And they went to Ophir, and acquired four hundred and twenty talents of gold from there, and brought *it* to King Solomon.

23= 550, who ruled over the people who did the work (550 rulers over the workers)

25= 3 times a year (Passover 1/14; Pentecost 3/6 – harvest; Tabernacle/Sukkot 7/15 See Leviticus 23)

26= Ezion Geber... Near Elath on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom (the land was located in the South of salt/dead sea, extending to the Red Sea, Sinai Peninsula, there the two cities are discovered)

27= Hiram... seamen who knew the sea (Phoenicians were experts of seamanship)

28= Q3 they went to Ophir (Hiram's servants went to Ophir, not discovered yet, from verse 26 "Red Sea" – it's reasonably construed around Red Sea, but we are not sure of where Ophir was –Just wait on the Lord's making it sure; don't interpret unreasonably or twist it ¹³ 2 Peter 3:16 – the purpose of interpretation to make us understand the word of God in the Bible; ¹⁴ Col 2:16-17)

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¹³ 2 Peter 3:16as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures.

¹⁴ Col 2:16-17 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, ¹⁷ which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.