

## 2 Chronicles 7:12-22 **Yahweh responded to Solomon's Prayer of Dedication**

### God's Second Appearance to Solomon (1 Kings 9:1-9)

12 Then Yahweh (the Lord) appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice.

13 When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people,

14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place.

16 For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

17 As for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments,

18 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man as ruler in Israel.'

19 "But if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods, and worship them,

20 then I will uproot them from My land which I have given them; and this house which I have sanctified for My name I will cast out of My sight, and will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

21 "And as for this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and say, 'Why has Yahweh (the Lord) done thus to this land and this house?'

22 Then they will answer, 'Because they forsook Yahweh Elohey (the Lord God) of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore He has brought all this calamity on them.'"

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#### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Solomon in his prayer of dedication was focused on the Temple he had built.
- ✧ Solomon asked Yahweh to hear the prayers prayed in or toward the Temple in Israel or from distant lands. [2 Chronicles 6:1-42]
- ✧ Yahweh's first appearance to Solomon was at the high place of Gibeon. [2 Chronicles 1:2-3, 7]

#### God's Second Appearance to Solomon (1 Kings 9:1-9) [2 Chronicles 7:12-22]

- ✧ Then Yahweh (the Lord) appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. [2 Chronicles 7:12]
- ✧ Yahweh heard Solomon's prayer and has chosen the Temple as a house of sacrifice.

- ✧ Yahweh isn't interested in the posture of a person when praying nor does He care which way they are facing.
- ✧ When Yahweh punishes His people for their sins, what He desires is this:  
**If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.** [2 Chronicles 7:14]
- ✧ Yahweh is looking at the heart of the people and desires humble repentance with prayer seeking His face. True repentance and turning back to Yahweh will result in forgiveness of sin and healing of the land.
- ✧ Yahweh promised to be watchful and attentive to prayers made in the Temple which He has chosen for His Name to be there forever and His heart will be there perpetually.
- ✧ As for you, **if you walk before Me as your father David walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man as ruler in Israel.'** [2 Chronicles 7:17-18]
- ✧ **"But if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods, and worship them, then I will uproot them from My land which I have given them; and this house (Temple) which I have sanctified for My name I will cast out of My sight, and will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples.** [2 Chronicles 7:19-20]
- ✧ And as for **this house (Temple)**, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and say, 'Why has Yahweh (the Lord) done thus to this land and this house?' [2 Chronicles 7:21]
- ✧ The answer will be:  
**'Because they forsook Yahweh Elohey (the Lord God) of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore He has brought all this calamity on them.'**"