

Israel Comes to Jerusalem for the Temple Dedication (Tishri [October] 960 BC)

1 Kings 8:1–2	2 Chronicles 5:2–3
<p>1 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' <i>households</i> of the sons of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the city of David, which is Zion.</p> <p>2 All the men of Israel assembled themselves to King Solomon at the feast, in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.</p>	<p>2 Then Solomon assembled to Jerusalem the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' <i>households</i> of the sons of Israel, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.</p> <p>3 All the men of Israel assembled themselves to the king at the feast, that is <i>in</i> the seventh month.</p>

The LORD Has Chosen Zion (Tishri [October] 960 BC)

Psalm 132

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 Remember, O LORD, on David's behalf,
All his affliction;
- 2 How he swore to the LORD
And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
- 3 "Surely I will not enter my house,
Nor lie on my bed;
- 4 I will not give sleep to my eyes
Or slumber to my eyelids,
- 5 Until I find a place for the LORD,
A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- 6 Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah,
We found it in the field of Jaar.
- 7 Let us go into His dwelling place;
Let us worship at His footstool.
- 8 Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place,
You and the ark of Your strength.
- 9 Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness,
And let Your godly ones sing for joy.
- 10 For the sake of David Your servant,
Do not turn away the face of Your anointed.
- 11 The LORD has sworn to David
A truth from which He will not turn back:
"Of the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne.
- 12 "If your sons will keep My covenant
And My testimony which I will teach them,
Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forever."
- 13 For the LORD has chosen Zion;
He has desired it for His habitation.
- 14 "This is My resting place forever;
Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
- 15 "I will abundantly bless her provision;
I will satisfy her needy with bread.
- 16 "Her priests also I will clothe with salvation,

And her godly ones will sing aloud for joy.

- 17 “There I will cause the horn of David to spring forth;
I have prepared a lamp for Mine anointed.
18 “His enemies I will clothe with shame,
But upon himself his crown shall shine.”

The Ark Is Moved Into the Temple (Tishri [October] 960 BC)

1 Kings 8:3–9

- 3 Then all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.
4 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 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 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.

2 Chronicles 5:4–10

- 4 Then all the elders of Israel came, and the Levites took up the ark.
5 They brought up the ark and the tent of meeting and all the holy utensils which *were* in the tent; the Levitical priests brought them up.
6 And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled with him before the ark, were sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered.
7 Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the holy of holies, under the wings of the cherubim.
8 For the cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering over the ark and its poles.
9 The poles were so long that the ends of the poles of the ark could be seen in front of the inner sanctuary, but they could not be seen outside; and they are there to this day.
10 There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets which Moses put *there* at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the sons of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

His Steadfast Love Endures Forever (Tishri [October] 960 BC)

Psalm 136

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
2 Give thanks to the God of gods,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
4 To Him who alone does great wonders,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
5 To Him who made the heavens with skill,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
6 To Him who spread out the earth above the waters,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
7 To Him who made *the* great lights,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting:
8 The sun to rule by day,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
9 The moon and stars to rule by night,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
10 To Him who smote the Egyptians in their firstborn,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
11 And brought Israel out from their midst,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
12 With a strong hand and an outstretched arm,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
13 To Him who divided the Red Sea asunder,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
14 And made Israel pass through the midst of it,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
15 But He overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
16 To Him who led His people through the wilderness,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
17 To Him who smote great kings,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
18 And slew mighty kings,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting:
19 Sihon, king of the Amorites,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
20 And Og, king of Bashan,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
21 And gave their land as a heritage,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
22 Even a heritage to Israel His servant,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
23 Who remembered us in our low estate,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting,
24 And has rescued us from our adversaries,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
25 Who gives food to all flesh,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
26 Give thanks to the God of heaven,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

God's Glory Fills the Temple (Tishri [October] 960 BC)

1 Kings 8:10–11

2 Chronicles 5:11–14

10 It happened that when the priests came from the holy place,

11 When the priests came forth from the holy place

<p>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.</p>	<p>(for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without regard to divisions), 12 and all the Levitical singers, Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and kinsmen, clothed in fine linen, with cymbals, harps and lyres, standing east of the altar, and with them one hundred and twenty priests blowing trumpets 13 in unison when the trumpeters and the singers were to make themselves heard with one voice to praise and to glorify the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice accompanied by trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and when they praised the LORD <i>saying</i>, “<i>He</i> indeed is good for His lovingkindness is everlasting,” then the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, 14 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.</p>
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