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# **SUNDAY SCHOOL** **Section Review**

**COSTLY SACRIFICES**

**Special Offerings and the Sanctuary**

■ **4/6: 1 Chronicles 21:14-30:**

**David's Sacrifice**

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# **COSTLY SACRIFICES**

## **Special Offerings and the Sanctuary**

# **Solomon Dedicates the Temple**

## **2 Chronicles 7:1-7, 11**

# Background

- King David, after examining his palace longed to build a permanent temple for God instead of the tabernacle. God then makes a Davidic Covenant which ensures a descendant forever (2 Samuel 7)

# Background

- **1 Chronicles 17** gives more insight in that God tells David he will not be the one to build the temple, but his son Solomon would build it (**1 Chronicles 17:11-12**)

# Background

- **1 Chronicles 22:8, 28:3** gives the definitive answer in that David is a man of war with too much bloodshed on his hands
- David for the rest of 1 Chronicles makes preparations for his son

# Background

- As Solomon began to ascend, he asked God for the wisdom to lead his people (2 Chronicles 1:8-10)
- God not only granted his request, but he made him one of the wealthiest men in history (v. 12)

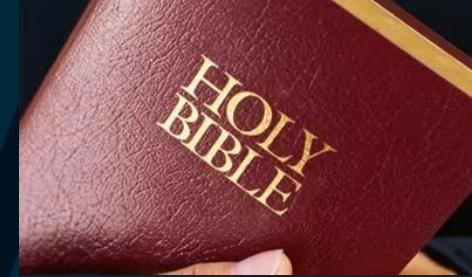
# Background

- Over 150K people worked on the temple – 70K laborers, 80K quarrymen, 3600 foremen(2 Chronicles 2:1,17)
- It took 4 years to lay the foundation and 11 years to complete (1 Kings 6:38)

# Background

- After the temple is built, there's a 2-week dedication, starting with prayers from Solomon that have the people looking towards the temple should they face any adversity (2 Chronicles 6)

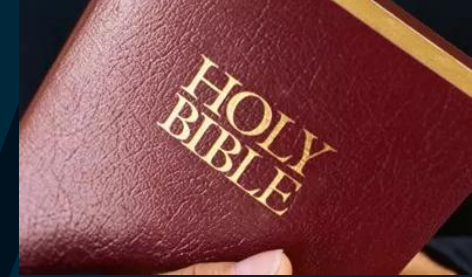




## Lesson Text

### 2 Chronicles 7:1 (NKJV)

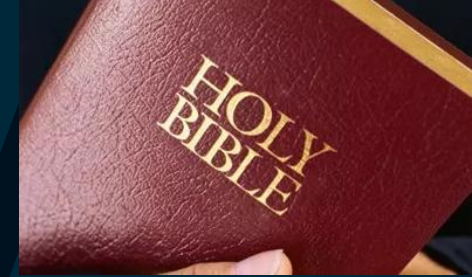
<sup>1</sup> When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the [a]temple.



## Lesson Text

### 2 Chronicles 7:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house.



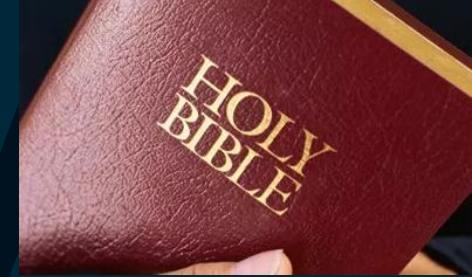
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### 2 Chronicles 7:3a (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the Lord, saying:

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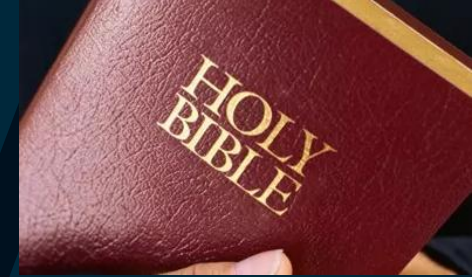
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## Lesson Text

# 2 Chronicles 7:3b (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> “For He is good,  
For His mercy endures forever.”

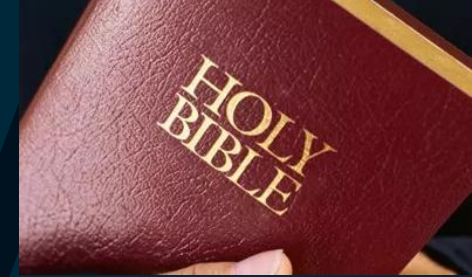


# Lesson Text

## 2 Chronicles 7:4-5 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the Lord.

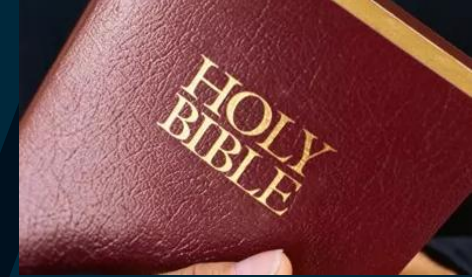
<sup>5</sup> King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.



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### 2 Chronicles 7:6a (NKJV)

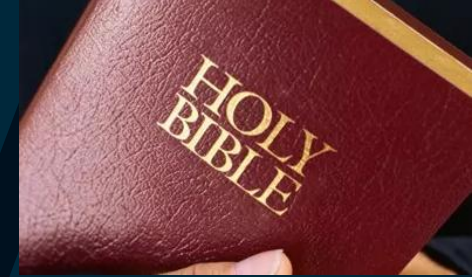
<sup>6</sup> And the priests attended to their services; the Levites also with instruments of the music of the Lord, which King David had made to praise the Lord, saying,



## Lesson Text

### 2 Chronicles 7:6b (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> “For His mercy endures forever,”  
whenever David offered praise by  
their <sup>[b]</sup>ministry. The priests  
sounded trumpets opposite them,  
while all Israel stood.

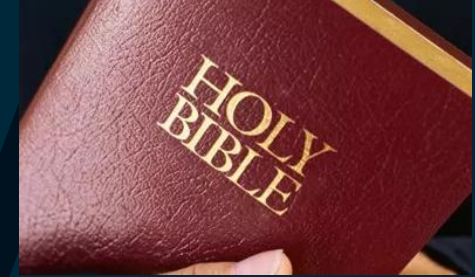


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### 2 Chronicles 7:7a (NKJV)

7 Furthermore Solomon consecrated the middle of the court that was in front of the house of the Lord; for there he offered burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings,

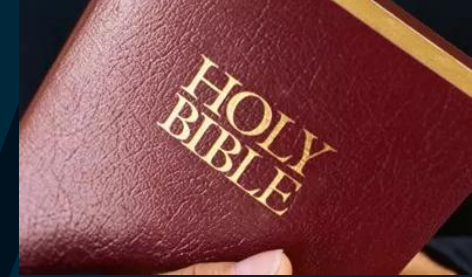




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### 2 Chronicles 7:7b (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> because the bronze altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat.



## Lesson Text

### 2 Chronicles 7:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> Thus Solomon finished the house of the Lord and the king's house; and Solomon successfully accomplished all that came into his heart to make in the house of the Lord and in his own house.

# Commentary: A Great Cost

- While the number of animals seems like a lot, we must remember that the population of nearly 4-million persons – 1.3 million of which were fighting men over age 20 (2 Samuel 24:9)

# Commentary: A Great Cost

- Although this was an agrarian society, livestock is precious, take much time and resources to produce.
- The people's willingness to sacrifice precious resources in the temple's dedication reminds us of what people were willing to do for God

# Commentary: NT Perspective

- Solomon's temple was the grandest of the 3 temples built in terms of size and resources
- Unfortunately, it was destroyed when the Southern Kingdom of Judah captured by the Babylonians – 586BC

# Commentary: NT Perspective

- The sacrifices at any temple ended with the destruction of the 3<sup>rd</sup> temple in 70AD
- Our bodies are now the temple of God and our sacrifice is our service and devotion to God

# Commentary: NT Perspective

- While the sacrifice of the animals were numerous, they only provided for the people of Israel
- Christ's sacrifice is even greater as it was for the whole world and into perpetuity.

# Commentary: NT Perspective

- Salvation is free for us, but it does not mean that a price was not paid.
- We should worship with the same thanksgiving these people showed at the dedication.



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## Scripture References



# Hebrews 10:1-18

# One Sacrifice for All

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# *Church School Creed*

Our Church School must grow & grow  
And we must help to make it so  
Every member a Christian  
Every Christian a worker  
Every worker trained  
A worker that will not be ashamed  
This we ask in Jesus' name

-AMEN

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# *Church School Benediction*

We have come

We have studied

We have learned

So until our next coming together

To study God's word

May His rich blessings reside with you

And may His Grace be eternally yours

-AMEN