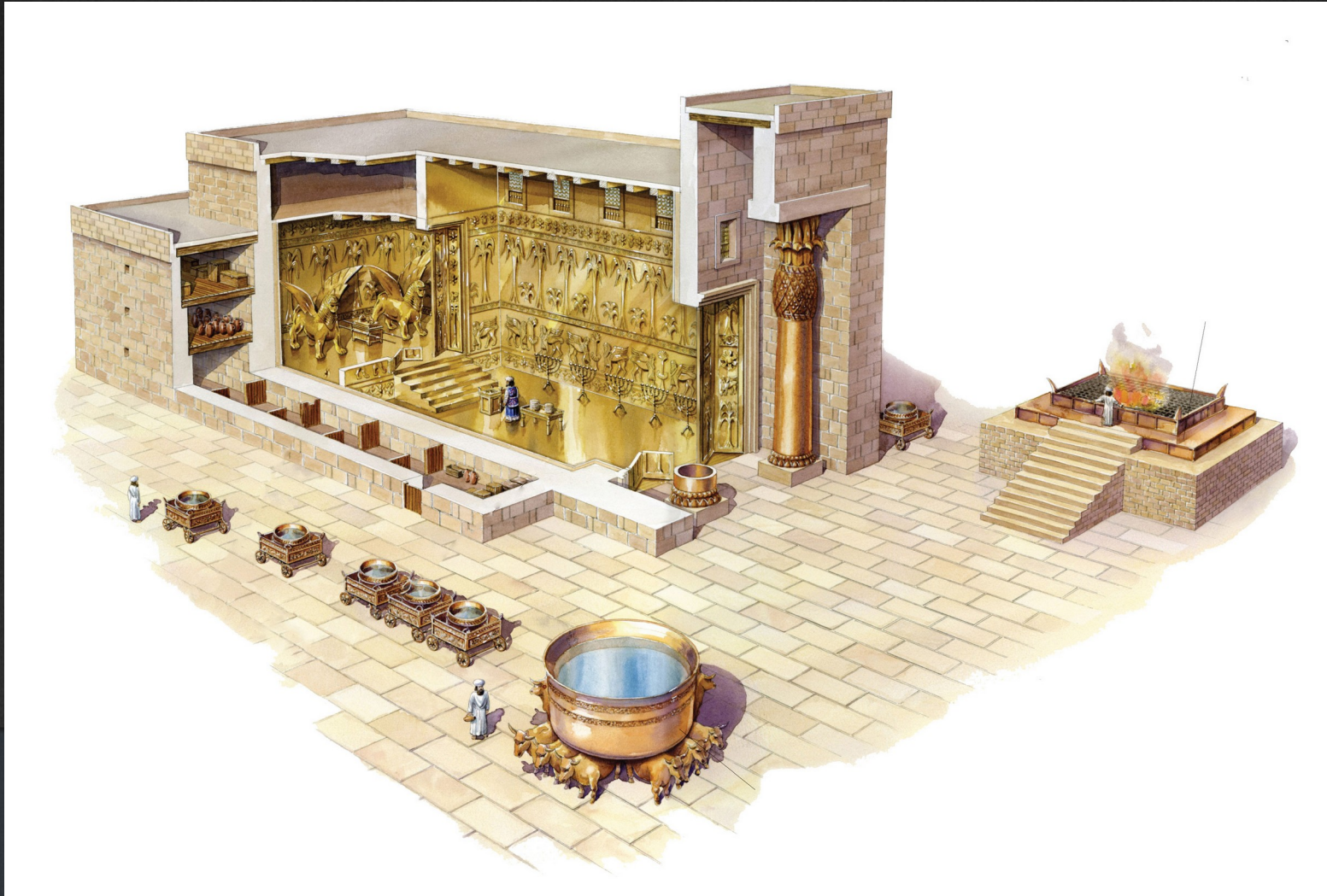


June 20–26

2 Samuel 5–7; 11–12; 1 Kings 3; 8; 11

“Thy Kingdom Shall Be Established For Ever”



David Unites Israelite

2Sam 1:17,23-25

From this passage who do you think was a bigger supporter of David - Saul or Jonathan?

James L. Ferrell

“What is striking about David’s response here is that there is almost no difference in his expressed feelings for Saul and for Jonathan. He is devastated by both of their deaths. One would expect him to feel that way about Jonathan, but Saul? How could David’s feelings for one who tried to destroy him be so similar to the feelings he had for one who loved him as his own soul?”

“Few questions are more pertinent to our lives, for who has not felt envious, angry, or embittered toward others? Such feelings seem to haunt our lives, but Jonathan and David suggest that they don’t have to. Their lives testify of a better way.” (The Hidden Christ, pg. 163-165)

David Unites Israelite

2Sam 2:4-5

Why did they anoint him king when Samuel had already done that?

David Unites Israelite

2Sam 6:4-7,17

Why was Uzzah smitten dead?

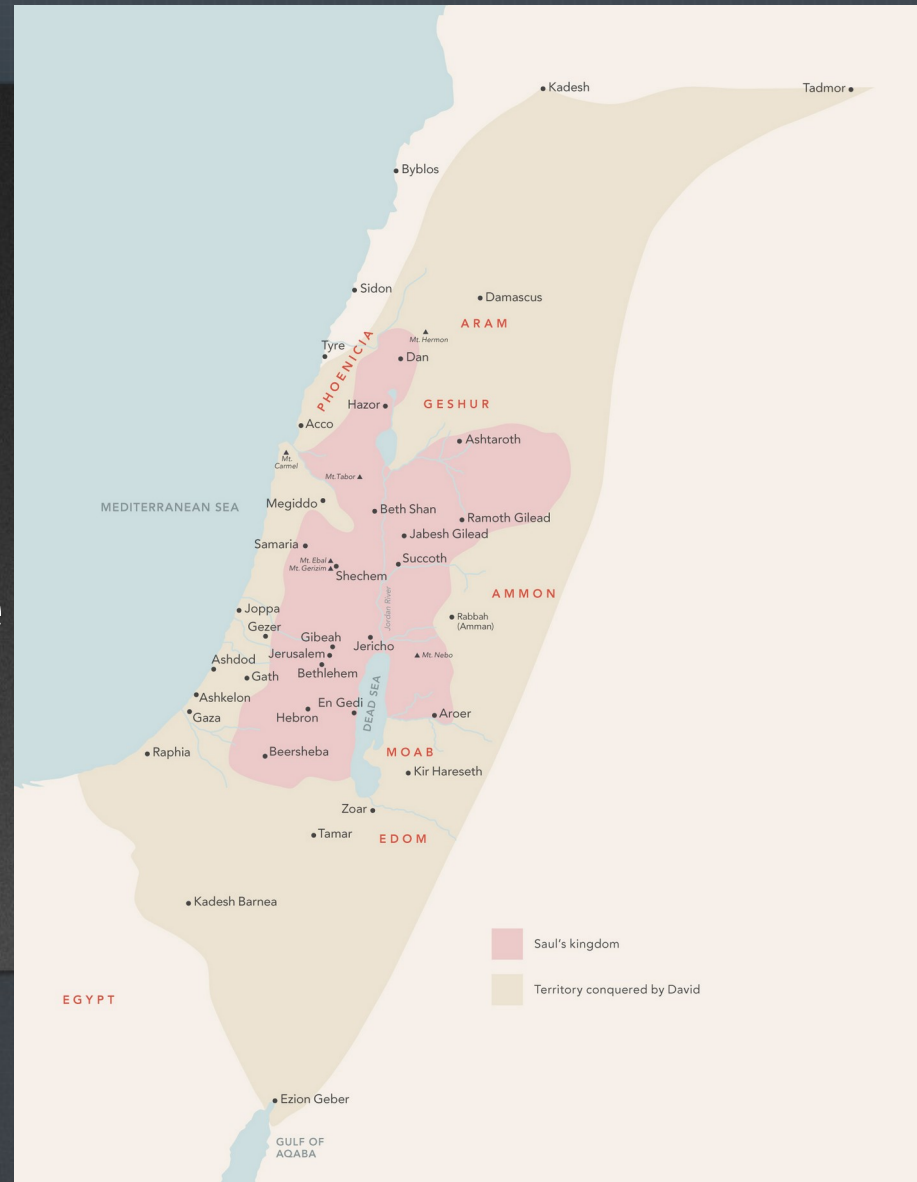
David O. McKay

“It is a little dangerous for us to go out of our own sphere and try unauthoritatively to direct the efforts of a brother. You remember the case of Uzzah who stretched forth his hand to steady the ark. He seemed justified when the oxen stumbled in putting forth his hand to steady that symbol of the covenant. We today think his punishment was very severe. Be that as it may, the incident conveys a lesson of life. Let us look around us and see how quickly men who attempt unauthoritatively to steady the ark die spiritually. Their souls become embittered, their minds distorted, their judgment faulty, and their spirit depressed. Such is the pitiable condition of men who, neglecting their own responsibilities, spend their time in finding fault with others” (CR, Apr. 1936)

David Unites Israelite

2Sam 5:18-24

What did David recognize was essential in order for him to conquer Israel's enemies?



David Unites Israelite

2Sam 7:1-7

What does this teach us about the importance of using the best materials and workmanship available to build temples?

David's Fall

2Sam 11:2-4

What sins did David commit and how did one sin lead to another?

Dallin H. Oaks

"Consider the tragic example of King David. Though a spiritual giant in Israel, he allowed himself to look upon something he should not have viewed. Tempted by what he saw, he violated two of the Ten Commandments, beginning with 'Thou shalt not commit adultery.' In this way a prophet-king fell from his exaltation." (CR, April 2005)

Joseph B. Wirthlin

“We must be cautious of seemingly small thoughts and actions that can lead to large consequences... a few unclean thoughts, or a little pornography; one experiment with drugs; a few lies, a little fraud; or a feeling of hate can lead us into the camp of the adversary. Giving just an inch here and there can put us close enough to the line that one slip will take us right over it....

“The Church has only one acceptable standard of sexual morality, and that is complete chastity for both sexes. I urge you to avoid situations that permit physical feelings to take control of behavior.” (“The Lord’s Side”, Ensign, March 1993)

David's Fall

2Sam 11:5-11

How does Uriah prove his faithfulness to the Lord, the Israelites, and the king?

David's Fall

2Sam 11:14-17

Orson Pratt

"What had [David] done to need reproof? Why he had taken his neighbor's wife, a person he had no claim upon, and he not only committed adultery by thus taking the wife of another, but by his order her lawful husband was placed in front of the battle that he might be destroyed, and he was destroyed, hence, though he himself did not thrust a dagger to his heart, he became a murderer in the sight of heaven by having this man placed where his blood would be shed. After all his goodness, and after all the light and knowledge which God had given to this man, he committed these two great crimes." (JD, 15:312)

David's Fall

2Sam 12:1-13

JST 2Sam 12:13

...And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath not put away thy sin, that thou shalt not die.

What is the consequence of committing the sin of murder?

D&C 42:18

Thou shalt not kill; and he that kills shall not have forgiveness in this world, nor in the world to come

Orson Pratt

“Did [David] repent? He did. Did he cry unto the Lord? He did. Was he sorely troubled? He was, and he was perhaps as repentant as any one could be; but the decree had gone forth, and hence that man had to endure the penalty of his crime.... It seems that after all, though David's repentance could not wipe away his sin, yet he had a hope, and he looked forward to the time when he would be liberated from hell; when that time arrived he would come forth and receive some kind of a glory, how much I do not know, for it is not revealed; but suffice it to say, he sinned against great light and knowledge and because of his sin he fell from a very high position.” (JD 5:317)

David Seeks Forgiveness

Psalm 51:7-12

David wants a clean heart. Why does he ask the Lord to create it for him?

Charles A. Callis

“Pray with David, 'Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.' When a man repents of his sins and brings forth fruits meet for repentance, is he not another man? Does not God give him another heart, a new heart?... my brethren and sisters, if the people will put all manner of evil beneath their feet; if they will turn wholly to God: if they will set their faces as flint against those evils which are vexing mankind, God will give them new hearts, and by obeying the gospel, they will become better and stronger.” (CR, April 1917)

Solomon Becomes King

1King 3:5-8

JST 1King 3:7-8

7 And now, O LORD, my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David, my father, over thy people.

8 And I know not how to lead them, to go out or come in before them; and I, thy servant, am as a little child in the midst of thy people whom thou hast chosen, a great people that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

What humbled Solomon? What did he state as his weakness?

Solomon Becomes King

1King 3:9-14

JST 1King 9:14

And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, then I will lengthen thy days, and thou shalt not walk in unrighteousness as did thy father David.

What gifts were given to him from the Lord?

Howard W. Hunter

"If the Lord was pleased because of that which Solomon had asked of him, surely he would be pleased with each of us if we had the desire to acquire an understanding heart. This must come from conscious effort coupled with faith and firm determination. An understanding heart results from the experiences we have in life if we keep the commandments of God....

"We need more understanding in our relationships with one another, in business and in industry, between management and labor, between government and the governed. We need understanding in that most important of all social units the family, understanding between children and parents and between husband and wife. Marriage would bring happiness, and divorce would be unknown if there were understanding hearts. Hatred tears down but understanding builds up.

"Our prayer could well be as was Solomon's, 'Lord, give me an understanding heart.'" (CR, April 1962)

Solomon Becomes King

1King 4:29-34

Solomon Becomes King

1King 3:16-28

Solomon's Temple

1 Chron 28:2-3

What is given as a purpose for the temple?

Why was David not able to build the temple?

Solomon's Temple

1 Chron 28:10-14

How did David receive the instructions on building the temple?

Solomon's Temple

1 Chron 28:19-20

What comfort and promise did David give to Solomon regarding his responsibility to build the temple?

James E. Talmage

"With the great wealth accumulated by his kingly father and specifically reserved for the building of the temple, Solomon was able to put the known world under tribute, and to enlist the cooperation of nations in his undertaking.

"The temple workmen numbered scores of thousands, and every department was in charge of master craftsmen. To serve on the great structure in any capacity was an honor; and labor acquired a dignity never before recognized. Masonry became a profession, and the graded orders therein established have endured until this day. The erection of the Temple of Solomon was an epoch-making event, not alone in the history of Israel, but in that of the world." (The House of the Lord, pg. 5-6)

Solomon's Temple

1King 6:11-13

Under what circumstances would Solomon be aloud build the temple?

Solomon's Temple

1King 7:23-25

What item in the temple are these verses describing?

Bruce R. McConkie

“This brazen sea was used for performing baptisms for the living....

“In describing the molten sea the Old Testament record says, ‘The sea was for the priests to wash in’ (2Chron 4:2–6). This is tantamount to saying that the priests performed baptisms in it.

“In this temple building dispensation the Brethren have been led by the spirit of inspiration to pattern the baptismal fonts placed in temples after the one in Solomon’s Temple.” (Mormon Doctrine, pg. 103–4)

Solomon's Temple

James E. Talmage

“When the House of the Lord was completed, elaborate preparations were made for its dedication. First came the installation of the Ark of the Covenant and its appurtenances, the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and the holy vessels. With great solemnity and to the accompaniment of ceremonial sacrifice, the Ark was brought by the priests and placed within the Holy of Holies beneath the wings of the cherubim.” (The House of the Lord, pg. 40)

Solomon's Temple

Before Solomon gave the dedicatory prayer, a cloud of glory filled the house of God, indicating the very presence of God. That this glory should accompany the dedication exercises is interesting for Latter-day Saints, since a similar glory attended the dedication of the Kirtland Temple.... The special events attending the dedication of both temples are signs of the Lord's divine acceptance of the houses built in His name to His honor. (Gospel Doctrine Teacher's Manual, Old Testament, 2018)

Solomon's Temple

James E. Talmage

Then Solomon addressed the assembled multitude, reciting the circumstances under which the building of the Temple had been conceived by his father David and executed by himself, and proclaiming the mercy and goodness of Israel's God. Standing before the altar of the Lord, in the court of the Temple, the king spread forth his hands toward heaven, and offered the dedicatory prayer. The king then blessed the people, saying 'Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant. The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us' (1king 8:56-57)."
(The House of the Lord, pg. 41)

Solomon Turns From the Lord

1King 10:14-23

Though Solomon's remarkable building projects became world famous, they created serious problems in his own kingdom. He taxed the people heavily and used forced labor to complete his massive projects. The people began to complain, and a deep resentment, especially in the northern tribes, began to fester....

The more land a man owned, the more crops he... would have to turn over to the king's officers when collection time came around every 12 months. Likewise, flocks were surrendered to tax collectors and sons were forced to serve one month of every three in the king's labor force....

For the first time in Israel's history, there began to be a distinct difference between 'rich' and 'poor.' The king and his household were rich; the common people were poor. In between were the salaried civil servants and the merchants and artisans. (Gospel Doctrine Teacher's Manual, Old Testament, 2018)

Solomon Turns From the Lord

1King 11:1-3

('strange' means foreign)

Was Solomon sin that he had many wives?

D&C 132:38

David also received many wives and concubines, and also Solomon and Moses my servants, as also many others of my servants, from the beginning of creation until this time; and in nothing did they sin save in those things which they received not of me.

Joseph Fielding Smith

“In your reading of the Old Testament you will also find that Solomon was blessed and the Lord appeared to him and gave him visions and great blessings when he had plural wives, but later in his life, he took wives that the Lord did not give him.” (Answers to Gospel Questions, 4:214)

Solomon Turns From the Lord

1King 11:4,9-11

JST 1King 11:4

For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not perfect with the LORD, his God, and it became as the heart of David, his father.

Solomon Turns From the Lord

1Sam 8:11-18

Next Week:

June 27–July 3

1 Kings 17–19

“If the Lord Be God, Follow Him”

