

## Luke 2-3

### Ch 1

Theme – Solomon is established & seeks out the Bronze Altar & worships there (as opposed to David who was offering sacrifices at Ark in Jerusalem); Lord appears to Solomon & Solomon asks for wisdom; Solomon begins to amass wealth financially

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### Ch 2

Theme – Solomon purposes in his heart to do the work at the Temple & to build a royal palace; Solomon organizes the workforce & communicates with Hiram (King Hiram of Tyre) in order to secure resources & skilled craftsman; Solomon offers to exchange food for labor and materials; Hiram agrees; its clarified that the manual labor force was composed of Gentiles

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## Ch 3

Theme – Solomon begins to build the Temple (started on 2nd day of 2nd month of 4th year of his reign); details on the foundation, porch, main room, ornate finishings, Holy of Holies, Cherubim that was in the Holy of Holies, veil, Pillars in front of the Temple (likely part of the front façade)

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## Ch 4

Theme – Furnishings (as opposed to fixed fixtures) made by Hiram

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## Ch 5

Theme – All the work is finished; Solomon gathers all of the elders, leaders, representatives so that the Ark can be brought into the Temple; the priests & the Levites bring the Ark and the articles into the Temple with joy, praise, and celebration; told that the Ark went into the Holy of Holies, under the cherubim's' wings; told that nothing was in the Ark but the two tablets of stone; the house of the Lord was filled with a cloud

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## Ch 6

Theme – Solomon blesses the people & the name of the Lord; Solomon explains that the Lord chose to place His name upon Jerusalem and for the house of David to be over the people; Solomon declares that it was the heart of David to build the Temple, but the Lord chose Solomon to do it; Solomon prays that the Lord will hear the prayers prayed at this place to toward this place

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## Ch 7

Theme – God shows His acceptance of Solomon’s prayer to Israel by sending fire from heaven to consume the burnt offering and glory of the Lord filled the Temple; Israel offers offerings to the Lord (animal and of musical worship); Solomon has to designate the middle of the courtyard for animal offerings because the Bronze Altar was not big enough to contain it all; Solomon & Israel observes the Feast of Tabernacles before Solomon sends the people home; people are filled with joy because of the goodness of the Lord; The Lord appears to Solomon & tells him that the Lord has heard Solomon’s prayer and has chosen the Temple to be a house of sacrifice (a place where we can cry out to the Lord & be reassured that we will be heard); promise to hear & heal Israel if they humble, repent, and pray; God turns His attention toward Solomon & charges Solomon, and his sons, to follow the commands of God, for as the king went, the nation went

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## Ch 8

Theme – The building campaign of Solomon; labor force under Solomon; Solomon is still sensitive to the Lord, but compromise is creeping in through his marriage to Pharaoh’s daughter; under Solomon, the priests/ Levites serve as per David’s plan; Solomon & Hiram’s joint venture to gather gold from Ophir by boat

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## Ch 9

Theme – The queen of Sheba hears of the greatness of Solomon & comes to visit/ test him; she is left “breathless” when she witnesses his greatness; the queen of Sheba offers a gift (tribute) to Solomon; Solomon gives gifts to her as well (common for the greater lord to bless the lesser lord); comment about the algum trees; the queen of Sheba returns home; wealth of Solomon; greatness of Solomon before the kings of the earth; Solomon multiplied horses; Solomon passes away & Rehoboam becomes king

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## Ch 10

Theme – Rehoboam meets with Jeroboam & the leaders of Israel; Israel asks for Rehoboam to lighten their load; Rehoboam listens to the counsel of young men and speaks harshly to Israel; all of Israel rebels except for Judah

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## Ch 11

Theme – Rehoboam assembles the army in order to restore the kingdom, but God sends Shemaiah the prophet to tell him to stop and they obey; Rehoboam builds fortifies Judah as a defense against an attack from the Northern Tribes; the priests/ Levites all stand with Rehoboam (leave their homes in the North); also all who sought the Lord went to Judah & strengthen the Southern kingdom; family of Rehoboam & the plan of succession

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## Ch 12

Theme – When Rehoboam became strong, he forsook the Lord; God sent Shishak, king of Egypt to invade Judah; Egypt captures almost of Judah and God sends a prophet; Rehoboam & Judah repents; God turns aside His anger, but allows Egypt to pillage Judah & Judah comes under their thumb Egypt; Rehoboam reigns for 17 yrs, did evil because he did not set (purpose in) his heart to seek the Lord; Rehoboam passes away and Abijah becomes king

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## Ch 13

Theme – Abijah becomes king of Judah (Jeroboam is still king over the Northern Kingdom); Abijah rebuke the Northern Kingdom for abandoning God; Jeroboam sets an ambush for army of Judah, but Judah cries out to the Lord & Lord delivers Israel into Judah's hands in a stunning defeat; Jeroboam became weak & Abijah became powerful

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## Ch 14

Theme – Abijah passes & Asa becomes king, first of the kings we are told did what was right in the sight of the Lord; Asa builds up Judah during ten years of peace (Asa confesses that the time of peace was from the Lord; Ethiopia attacks with a million man army; Asa asks the Lord to help them for they have no strength (v11); the Lord defeats the Ethiopian army;

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## Ch 15

Theme – The Lord sends Azariah the prophet to Asa to encourage Asa (he Lord is with you when you are with Him); Asa told to be strong & not lose courage for there is reward for your work (Gal 6:9); Asa became emboldened & removed all the idols from all of the Southern Kingdom; gathered all the people who came to Judah (told that many from Israel came South when they saw the Lord was with Asa) & they reconfirmed that they would seek the Lord with all their hearts & reject those who refused to; Asa demonstrated this when he removed his own from the court when she had an Asherah pole constructed; Judah had peace until the 35th yr of Asa's reign

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## Ch 16

Theme – Baasha, king of Israel, attacked Judah; Rather than seek the Lord, Asa pays the king of Aram to attack Israel so that they would withdraw; God sends Hanani the seer to confront Asa, telling Asa that the Lord is searching the earth, looking for someone who He can bless (v9); Asa has the prophet arrested; Asa's diseased feet; Asa dies and is remembered as being a great king

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