

## #573 Ornan's Threshingfloor – Men of War and the House of God, part 2, The Tribute of Enemies helps to build the House of God

There is a continuation of the connection between Men of War and the House of God in 1 Chronicles chapters 18-20. The Lord gave David victory everywhere he went (1 Chronicles 18:6). The gold, silver, and bronze of defeated enemy peoples would help to build the House of God (1 Chronicles 18:7-11). Some of the defeated peoples themselves were appointed to slavery (1 Chronicles 20:3), and some were used to prepare for the building of the Temple (1 Chronicles 22:2).

**Key Understanding:** *The tribute of enemies helps to build the house of God. The Lord connected Men of War and the House of God together through His ordainment that David would have military victory wherever he went and that the captured riches and materials, as well as some of the defeated peoples themselves, would be used to prepare for the building of the House of God.*

Clearly, while the Lord ordained that David would be a Man of War to prepare for the building of the House of God, the Lord drew the line and would not allow David to build the House of God, because he was a Man of War.

*1 Chronicles 22:5-12 (KJV)  
And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the LORD must be exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory*

*throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.*

*6 Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the LORD God of Israel.*

*7 And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God:*

*8 But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, **THOU HAST SHED BLOOD ABUNDANTLY, AND HAST MADE GREAT WARS: THOU SHALT NOT BUILD A HOUSE UNTO MY NAME, BECAUSE THOU HAST SHED MUCH BLOOD UPON THE EARTH IN MY SIGHT.***



David after victory in war

*9 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days.*

*10 He shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.*

*11 Now, my son, the LORD be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee.*

*12 Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God.*



Solomon building the Temple

**Before this, however, after the Lord had given David victories everywhere he went (as is recorded in 1 Chronicles 18-20), Satan provoked David to number the fighting men of Israel (recorded in 1 Chronicles 21).**

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