

1 CHRONICLES 29- 2 CHRONICLES 5

WEEK IN REVIEW + FAMILY GUIDE

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We see the end of the life of David and the charge to his son Solomon. He tells Solomon, "And give my son Solomon the wholehearted devotion to keep your commands, statutes and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I have provided." Wholehearted devotion to God would be the only way that Solomon could successfully lead the people. Solomon takes over as king in 2 Chronicles. God asks Solomon to ask Him for anything, and Solomon's only request is wisdom. **Wisdom** is finding out God's best and doing it. God gives Solomon wisdom along with riches, wealth, and glory unlike anyone before. Solomon was known as both the wisest man to ever live and the richest man to ever live.

Solomon takes on the task of building the temple of the Lord, which was his father David's dream. Solomon reaches out to the King of Tyre named Hiram to request help. The task of building the temple was large, and it was going to require a big workforce and lots of supplies. We are first introduced to King Hiram back in 2 Samuel 5 after David had conquered the city of Jerusalem and established his capital there. Hiram had always been a friend and ally of David, and was now partnering with Solomon in this project. Solomon asks King Hiram for supplies, and he sends silver, gold, craftsmen, and more! This was an opportunity for both kingdoms to mutually benefit, as they formed a trading alliance.

This partnership in building the temple is very significant! It is notable that a **pagan** king, which means one who did not follow the God of Israel, was a large part of why the construction of the Temple was possible. King Hiram praised the God of Israel because of the great wisdom He had given Solomon, but there is no evidence that he was a believer himself. The temple was to be a means in which all nations came to know the one true God. God promised Abraham back in Genesis 12 that all nations of the earth would be blessed through his family. This is a really big deal! The whole Bible is filled with references of God's heart for *all* nations and *all* people, not just the Israelites, and this is displayed through the building of the temple.

FAMILY GUIDE

BIG IDEA:	• The temple was to be a means in which all nations were to come to know the one true God
KEY STORIES:	• Contributions for building the Temple • Solomon asks for wisdom • Solomon's letter to Hiram • Building the Temple • Preparations for Temple dedication
KEY VERSES:	• 1 Chronicles 29:11 ○ "Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all." • 1 Chronicles 29:14 ○ "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand." • 2 Chronicles 1:10 ○ "Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?"
WORDS TO KNOW:	• Wisdom ○ Finding out God's best and doing it • Pagan ○ Someone who did not follow the God of Israel

Reflection Questions

1.	What was Solomon's one request from God?
2.	What is wisdom?
3.	Who helped Solomon build the temple?
4.	What does this partnership teach us about God's heart for all people of all nations?