

The Book of Daniel Syllabus

Historical Background (A Short Synopsis)

After the death of Moses, Joshua led the Children of Israel into the Promised Land.

Josh. 18:1 ¶ And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

Using the *Urim* and *Thumim*, the breastplate of the High Priest, Joshua and Eleazar divided the Land by inheritance to the various tribes (Joshua 14:1, 2; 18:10)

The Ark of the Covenant stood in Shiloh, in the land of Ephraim, for 369 years.

David

David brought the Ark of the Presence to Jerusalem.

He yearned to build a permanent dwelling for the Presence as manifested in the *Shechinah* Glory. Eventually he located "The Place" (Ha Makom) which the LORD had chosen to place His name. David received the pattern for the Temple, but Solomon His Son was allowed to build it.

The Glory Moves Into The Temple

2Chr. 5:1 ¶ Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished:...

2Chr. 5:2 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.

2Chr. 5:3 Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which was in the seventh month. [Tabernacles]

2Chr. 5:4 And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark...

2Chr. 5:11 ¶ And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place: (for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course:

2Chr. 5:12 Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)

2Chr. 5:13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;

2Chr. 5:14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

The Divided Kingdom

The height of the kingdom was reached during the reigns of David and Solomon. Upon the death of Solomon, his sons divided the kingdom. Ten tribes seceded and in direct rebellion to God's command, built local worship sites. The ten northern tribes were known as Israel. The two southern tribes were known as Judah.

The northern tribes fell to Assyria in 721 BC. Assyria so scattered the northern tribes that they have become known as "the ten lost tribes."

Judah's digression from the ways of God led to its fall a century and a half or so later to Nebuchadnezzar and Babylon.

The Glory Moves Out of The Temple

Lost to most readers is that fact that Ezekiel witnessed the *Shechinah* Glory moving out of the First Temple in stages. In fact, had the Glory of God not moved out, the Temple could never have been destroyed. (See Ezekiel 8:1-4; 9:3; 10:3, 18, 19; 11:22, 23...) Without the *Shechinah*, the Temple was a building. Nebuchadnezzar burned it.

[The Second Temple did not have the *Shechinah* Glory.]

Before this, however, Nebuchadnezzar had besieged Jerusalem and carried off some of its finest....