

# Turning the Hearts: Overview



**Time period:** All of human history from beginning to end.

## What is God doing in the world?

*“As I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the LORD.” **Numbers 14:21***

*“For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.” **Isaiah 11:9***

*“Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.*

*Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you,*

*for your righteous acts have been revealed.” **Revelation 15:3-4***



**Time period:** from about 2000 B.C. to about 1000 B.C.

## What is God doing in the land of Israel?

Planting a nation from the seed of Abraham. Genesis 12:1-3, 22:15-18

*“I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”*

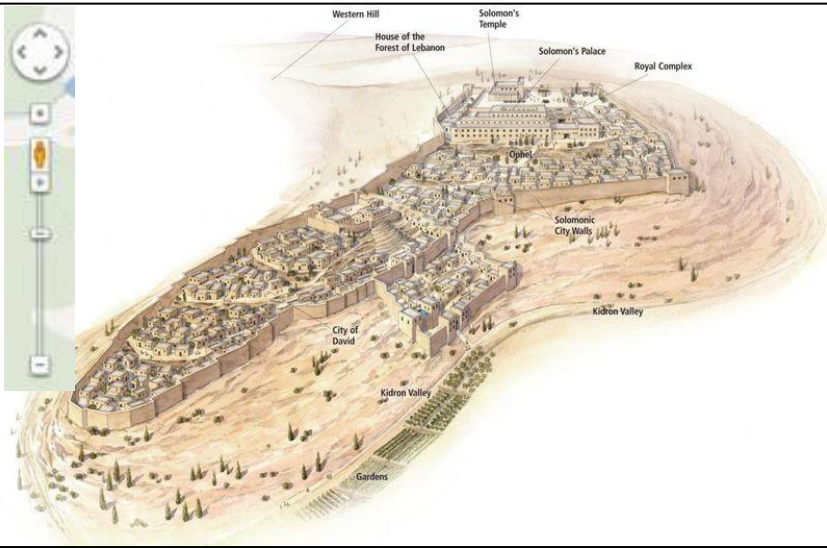
- People (Genesis)
- Leader (Exodus)
- Laws (Exodus 20-Deut.)
- Land (Joshua)

Building an enduring house from the foundation of David. II Samuel 7:9-17

*I will make you a great name, like the names of the great men who are on the earth. I will also appoint a **place** for My people Israel and **will plant them**, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again...The LORD also declares to you that the LORD will make a house for you...I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.*

Dwelling permanently with His people in Jerusalem. Deuteronomy 12, I Kings 11:36

You must not worship the LORD your God in their way. But you are to seek the place the LORD your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must go. Deuteronomy 12:4-5



**Time period:** from 970-930 B.C.

**What is God doing in Solomon's life?**

David's Farewell Psalm II Samuel 23:1-7

What is the focus of David's final song?  
All that God had done for him; God's glory.

David's Charge I Kings 2:1-4, I Chronicles 28:9-10, 19. 29:1-5

What is the focus of David's final command to Solomon?  
Keeping God's law so that he will be successful in building God's house/doing the job God had set for him to do.

Solomon's Desire I Kings 3:7-9-14

What was Solomon's attitude toward the job he had been given?  
He saw how tremendous it was and that he wasn't adequate for the job—he felt like a little kid who didn't know what they were doing!

The TEMPLE

- How much **effort**? Plans from David. 70,000 men as carriers, 80,000 men as stonecutters. Plus 30,000 men from Israel.
- How much **time**? 7 years!
- How much **organization**? 3,600 Overseers. King Solomon 30,000 men to Lebanon in shifts of ten thousand a month, so that they spent one month in Lebanon and two months at home.
- How much **expense**?

*Then King David said to the whole assembly: "With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold, silver, bronze, iron and wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities. Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple: <sup>4</sup> three thousand talents of gold (gold of Ophir) and seven thousand talents of refined silver, for the overlaying of the walls of the buildings*

**Why was it worth it?** The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. I Chron. 29:1

Later in life...

- The Palace—13 years in the making.
- The Fortifications—major cities with chariots and horses.
- The Alliances—political moves by marrying foreign wives from neighboring nations.
- Why wasn't it worth it?

*(Psalm 72 was written by Solomon)  
Praise be to his glorious name forever;  
may the whole earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen and Amen.  
Psalm 72:19*

Above all else, guard your heart,  
for everything you do flows from it.  
*Proverbs 4:23*  
But seek first his kingdom and his  
righteousness, and all these things  
will be given to you as well.  
*Matthew 6:33*