

Chiastic structure of 1st Kings 9

1 And it came to pass, when **Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house**, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,

2 That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon. 3 And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy **supplication, that thou hast made before me:**

I have **hallowed this house**, which thou hast built, **to put my name there** for ever;

and mine eyes and mine **heart shall be there** perpetually.

4 And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in **integrity of heart, and in uprightness**, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, *and* wilt keep my statutes and my judgments: 5 Then **I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever**, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

6 *But* if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments *and* my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them: 7 Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and **this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:** 8 And at this house, *which* is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house? 9 And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

10 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, **when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house,**

11 **Hiram the king of Tyre** had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, **according to all his desire,**

that then king Solomon **gave Hiram twenty cities** in the land of Galilee. 12 **And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities** which Solomon had given him; and **they pleased him not.**

13 And he said, **What cities *are* these which thou hast given me**, my brother?

And he called them **the land of Cabul [Hebrew: "shackled" land]** unto this day.

14 **And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.**

This thematic structure makes a flip on the last two subjects of the structure. The comparison shows Solomon's righteous kingdom will become shackled. The destroyed Temple and people will become blessed.