

2CHRONICLES 5: 1 Thus all the work that Solomon did for the LORD's house was finished. Solomon brought in the things that David his father had dedicated, even the silver, and the gold, and all the vessels, and put them in the treasuries of the house of God.

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Solomon having finished the temple, brings in the things which his father had consecrated, 2Chr 5:1. He assembles the elders and chiefs of Israel and the Levites, in order to bring up the ark from the city of David, 2Chr 5:2, 2Chr 5:3. They bring it and its vessels; and having offered innumerable sacrifices, place it in the temple, under the wings of the cherubim, 2Chr 5:4-10. The Levites, singers, and trumpeters praise God; and his glory descends and fills the house, so that the priests cannot stand to minister, 2Chr 5:11-14.

Verse 1

Brought in all the things - See the note on 1Kgs 7:51.

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

2CHRONICLES 5: 3 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to the king at the feast, which was in the seventh month.

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Verse 3

The feast - "That is, the feast of tabernacles, which was held in the seventh month." - Targum. See 1Kgs 8:2.

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2CHRONICLES 5: 4 All the elders of Israel came: and the Levites took up the ark;

2CHRONICLES 5: 5 and they brought up the ark, and the Tent of Meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent; these the priests the Levites brought up.

2CHRONICLES 5: 6 King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled to him, were before the ark, sacrificing sheep and cattle, that could not be counted nor numbered for multitude.

2CHRONICLES 5: 7 The priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim.

2CHRONICLES 5: 8 For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and its poles above.

2CHRONICLES 5: 9 The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen outside: and there it is to this day.

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Verse 9

They drew out the staves - As the ark was no longer to be carried about, these were unnecessary.

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2CHRONICLES 5: 10 There was nothing in the ark except the two tables which Moses put at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

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Verse 10

There was nothing in the ark save - The Chaldee paraphrases thus: "There was nothing put in the ark but the two tables which Moses placed there, after the first had been broken on account of the calf which they made in Horeb, and the two other tables had been confirmed which were written with writing expressed in the Ten Words."

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2CHRONICLES 5: 11 When the priests had come out of the holy place, (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, and didn't keep their divisions;

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Verse 11

When the priests were come out - After having carried the ark into the holy of holies, before the sacred service had commenced.

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2CHRONICLES 5: 12 also the Levites who were the singers, all of them, even Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and their brothers, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals and stringed instruments and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them one hundred twenty priests sounding with trumpets;)

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Verse 12

A hundred and twenty priests - Cymbals, psalteries, and harps, of any kind, in union with a hundred and twenty trumpets or horns, could not produce much harmony; as to melody, that must have been impossible, as the noise was too great.

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2CHRONICLES 5: 13 when 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 music, and praised the LORD, saying, "For he is good; for his loving kindness endures forever!" then the house was filled with a cloud, even the LORD's house,

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Verse 13

For he is good - This was either the whole of the song, or the burden of each verse. The Hebrew is very short: - כי טוב כי לעולם חסדו

Ki tob ki leolam chasdo.

For he is good; for his mercy is endless.

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2CHRONICLES 5: 14 so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the LORD's glory filled God's house.

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Verse 14

The priests could not stand - What a proof of the being of God, and of the Divine presence! What must those holy men have felt at this time!