

The True Seeker

The Temple, the Exile, and the God Who Never Stopped Looking

1 Chronicles 28; 2 Chronicles 6; 36

1. Temple Built: God Finds You

- The paradigm is wrong. It is not humans seeking God. Chronicles is a story of God seeking us.
- The temple was the place where God met his people — designed to be available in every condition: battle, exile, famine, sin.

1 Chronicles 28:2 // 2 Chronicles 6:18

“But will God indeed dwell with man on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, how much less this house that I have built.”

2. Temple Destroyed and Rebuilt: God Keeps Finding You

- Babylon didn’t destroy the temple. Israel did. Nebuchadnezzar only finished what 373 years of rebellion had started.
- To review Kings is to review your own heart. The drift is the same. The compromises are the same.
- God sent messenger after messenger. The exile came not from a lack of warning but a refusal to hear.

2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19, 2 Chronicles 36:22

“The LORD...sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. But they kept mocking the messengers of God...until there was no remedy.”

- Only 48 years after the fall, God stirred a pagan king to reopen what Israel had lost. God does not wait for you to move first.

3. Temple Restored: God With You

- Every temple fell. Each destruction pointed forward — to a presence that could not be destroyed.
- You are the temple now. The presence that spent all of history looking for a place to meet his people has made his home in you.

1 Corinthians 3:16, Ephesians 2:19-22

“Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?”
