

A detailed painting of the Temple of Solomon, showing the grand architecture with its massive columns and ornate carvings. The temple is set against a backdrop of a vast, hilly landscape under a dramatic sky. In the foreground, a large crowd of people is gathered in the courtyard, and a fire is burning on a raised platform. The text "How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place" is overlaid in the center of the image.

How Lovely is Your Dwelling
Place

David desired to build the House of God

BUT.....

- Grumbling? Pouting? Murmuring?
- Quit ?
- Staying on the sidelines?

What did David do?





David prepared abundantly

Staggering Quantity of Materials

- 3,000 talents of gold; 7,000 talents of refined silver (Personal wealth) *
- 100,000 talents of gold; 1,000,000 talents of silver, bronze and iron

**(3,400 tons of gold; 34,000 tons of silver)*

Master Blueprint

- Architectural plans for the entire temple complex

Priestly and Musical Divisions

- Levites, priests, gatekeepers and musicians into assigned divisions

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You may not be the preachers, leaders... but you can help build up others to be great servants of God

You may not be the mouth to speak in street evangelism, but you can do the prayer support along.

Be a sweetener amongst people

A Pilgrimage Psalm - love and longing
for God and His house

Psalm 84 is The Pearl of Psalms.

- Charles Spurgeon

*If the 23 be the most popular,
the 103 the most joyful,
the 119 the most deeply experiential,
the 51 the most plaintive,
this Psalm 84 is **one of the most sweet
Psalm of Peace.**"*

A close-up photograph of a weathered wooden door. The wood is dark brown with a prominent grain and some blue-grey staining or paint. A metal hinge with several bolts is visible at the top left. The text "Psalm 84" is overlaid in a large, white, serif font on the right side of the image.

Psalm 84

1. How lovely is your dwelling place,
LORD Almighty!
2. My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts
of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.
3. Even the sparrow has found a home, and
the swallow a nest for herself, where she
may have her young—a place near your
altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God.
4. Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.
5. Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
6. As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs; the
autumn rains also cover it with pools.
7. They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.
8. Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty;
listen to me, God of Jacob.
9. Look on our shield, O God; look with favor
on your anointed one.
10. Better is one day in your court than a
thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a
doorkeeper in the house of my God than
dwell in the tents of the wicked.
11. For the LORD God is a sun and shield,
the LORD bestows favor and honor; no
good thing does he withhold from those
whose walk is blameless.
12. LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who
trusts in you.

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LORD Almighty, **my King and my God**.
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How lovely
is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

Psalms 84:1 ESV
truthforlife.org/lovely



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The Original Hebrew נִכְסֶּפָה (*nikhsepah*)

- Which means to become pale with desire, pine away 因思念而消瘦, or passionately long for something.

An intense, consuming spiritual hunger which goes beyond a simple simple.

so deep that the psalmist feels physically exhausted and pained without the presence of God!



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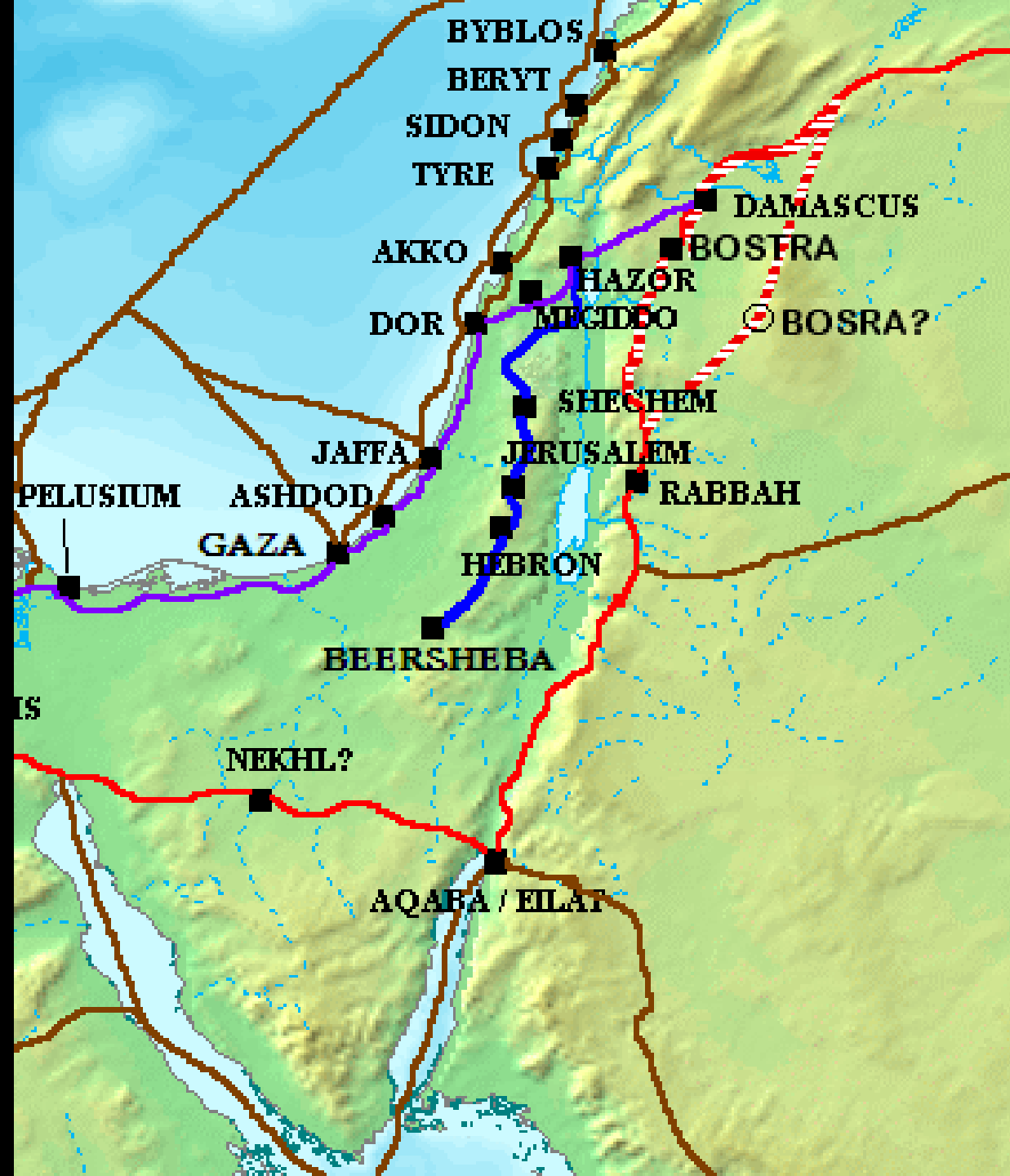
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The Hill Road or the Ridge Route or

The Road of the Patriarchs

- ancient north–south route traversing the land of Israel and the region of Palestine.



”Go from strength to strength”

means to gradually and continuously become more successful, confident, or powerful. It describes a steady, progressive improvement over time, where a person or organization builds upon previous achievements to reach new heights.

- Cambridge Dictionary



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For the Lord
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Psalm 84:11-12

“.....the house that is to be built for the LORD must be exceedingly magnificent, of fame and glory throughout all lands. I will therefore make preparation for it.”

1 Chron 22:5

«... خانه‌ای که برای خداوند ساخته می‌شود، باید بسیار باشکوه باشد و در تمام سرزمین‌ها شهرت و جلال داشته باشد. بنابراین، من برای آن آماده خواهم شد.»

The house of God, which is the church, should be of maximum importance to every child of God.

خانه خدا، که همان کلیسا است، باید برای هر فرزند خدا از بیشترین اهمیت برخوردار باشد.