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## Ten Ways that David Prepared for Israel's Future and Faith:

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- The temple and the altar would *sit* on Ornan's threshing floor above Jerusalem.

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- Only the best labourers would work on this temple.

### 3. The Provision

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- The resources and funding would come from David's money.

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- David was older and wiser and was able to make preparations for his son to follow. Solomon deserves credit for being willing to follow the preparations.

### 5. The Perspective

*"Now, my son, the LORD be with you, and may you have success and build the house of the LORD your God, as He said you would. <sup>12</sup>May the LORD give you discretion and understanding when He puts you in command over Israel, so that you may keep the law of the LORD your God. <sup>13</sup>Then you will have success if you are careful to observe the decrees and laws that the LORD gave Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged.*

<sup>14</sup>*"I have taken great pains to provide for the temple of the LORD a hundred thousand talents of gold, a million talents of silver, quantities of bronze and iron too great to be weighed, and wood and stone. And you may add to them. <sup>15</sup>You have many workers: stonecutters, masons and carpenters, as well as men skilled in every kind of work*

<sup>16</sup>*in gold and silver, bronze and iron—craftsmen beyond number. Now begin the work, and the LORD be with you."* - 1 Chronicles 22:11-16

- It always takes a leader to help people see the big picture.

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*"Then David ordered all the leaders of Israel to help his son Solomon. <sup>18</sup>He said to them, 'Is not the LORD your God with you? And has He not granted you rest on every side? For He has given the inhabitants of the land into my hands, and the land is subject to the LORD and to His people. <sup>19</sup>Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the LORD your God. Begin to build the sanctuary of the LORD God, so that you may bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the sacred articles belonging to God into the temple that will be built for the Name of the LORD.'" - 1 Chronicles 22:17-19*

- Leaders are able to motivate people.

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- David turned the kingdom over to his son. Many can't do that.

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- This temple needed God's men to lead the people!

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*"So now I charge you in the sight of all Israel and of the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God: Be careful to follow all the commands of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land and pass it on as an inheritance to your descendants forever."* - 1 Chronicles 28:8

- The king took a moment to preach God's Word.

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*"Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the portico of the temple, its buildings, its storerooms, its upper parts, its inner rooms and the place of atonement. <sup>12</sup>He gave him the plans of all that the Spirit had put in his mind for the courts of the temple of the LORD and all the surrounding rooms, for the treasuries of the temple of God and for the treasuries for the dedicated things... <sup>19</sup>'All this,' David said, 'I have in writing as a result of the LORD's hand on me, and he enabled me to understand all the details of the plan.'" - 1 Chronicles 28:11-12,19*

- David tells us that God had given these plans.

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