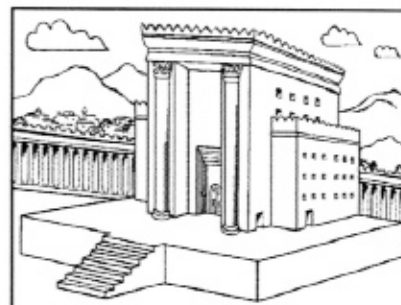


הַמַּחְזִיר שְׁכִינָתוֹ לְצִיּוֹן

"Who returns His Divine Presence to Zion"

The Seventeenth Benediction of the *Shemonei Esrei* (Eighteen Benedictions) praises God for the return of His presence, the *Shekinah*, to Zion. This is based upon the texts of the Torah in which the *Shekinah* or the visible glory of God first comes upon the sanctified *Mishcan* (Tabernacle) and then filled the *Heichal* (Temple) that Solomon built.

After Solomon finished the building of the Temple, Adonai appeared to him and gave him this prophetic promise, which we read in 1Kings 9:3.



And Adonai said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your supplication, which you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built by putting My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will there perpetually.

So the presence of Adonai filled the *Heichal* Solomon had built so that the glory of God filled the space.

In like manner, the Seventeenth Benediction blesses Adonai for His promise to fill the rebuilt Temple with His glory, and to restore the service of the priests and our worship there. We can read about this in the prophet Ezekiel as he was given the vision of the rebuilt Temple:

And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate facing toward the east. And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house. (Ezek 43:4-5)

Then He brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the house; and I looked, and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD, and I fell on my face. (Ezek 44:4)

We therefore await the time when the Temple will be rebuilt, the service in the Temple will

Be pleased, Adonai our God
with Your people Israel and their prayer
and restore the service to the Holy of Holies in Your abode,
and the fire-offerings of Israel;
and accept their prayer, lovingly and willingly.
And may You always find pleasure
with the service of Your people, Israel.
And may our eyes behold
Your merciful return to Zion.
Blessed are You, Adonai,
Who returns His divine Presence to Zion.

Tanach Find the Message

Locate the books of the Tanach listed below on the grid. Cross out the letters which make up the book name. After the book names are crossed out, take the letters that are left and put them on the blanks to spell out a message.

Genesis
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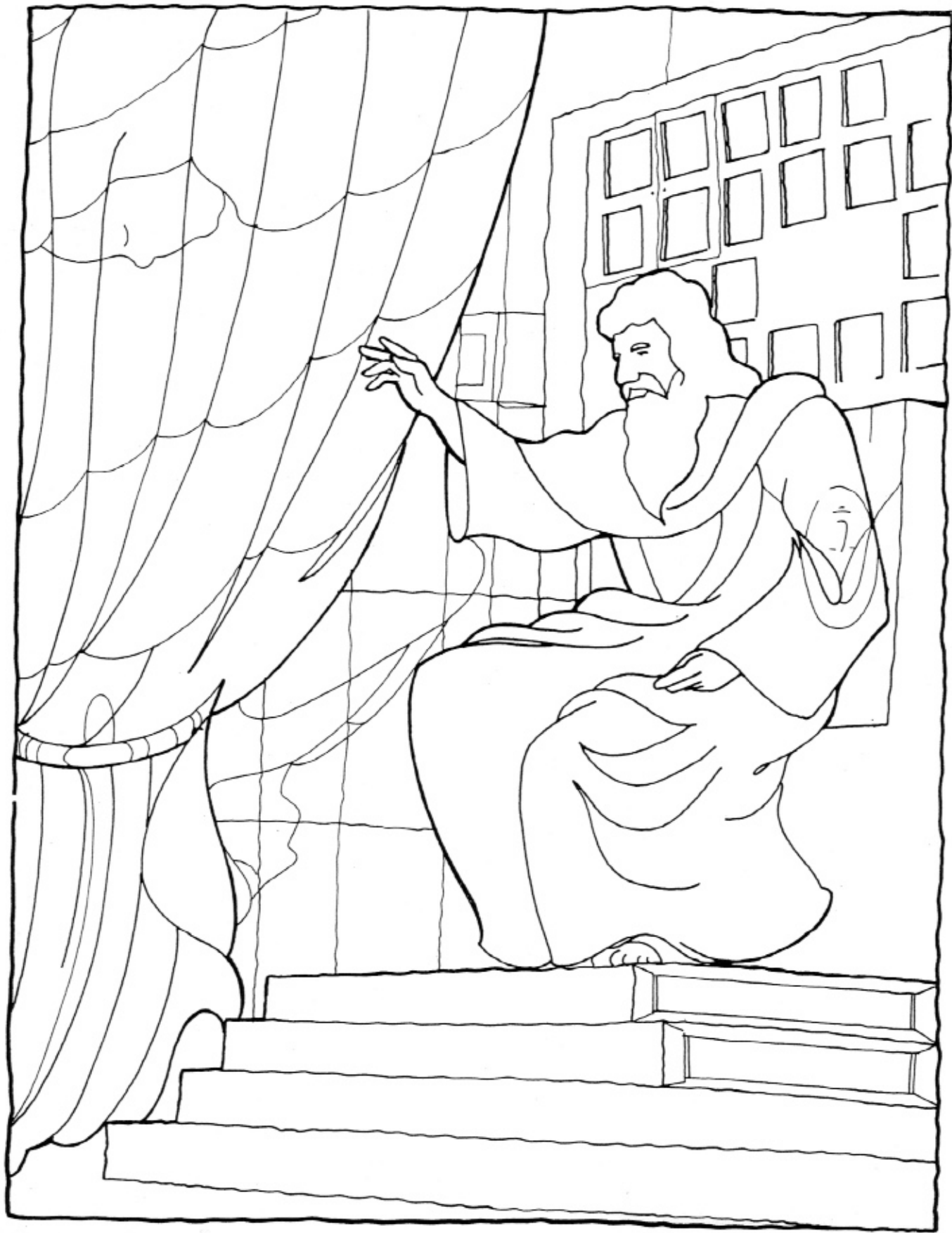
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Challenge

Solomon did become a wise and rich king. Later he built a great temple for God. You can read the story of one of his wise judgements in 1 Kings 3:16-28.

Look at the picture of King Solomon on his throne. Hidden in the picture are two women, one baby and a sword. Also hidden in the picture are temple doors, pillars and an altar. Find each one.



