

The Two Pillars of the Temple: Jachin and Boaz

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Solomon's Temple and the Two Pillars

All right, so we're going to study a little bit today from the book of 1 Kings chapter 7. In our question and answer time on Wednesday night last or the week before, we were asked by Hans the question: What about these two pillars that were in the temple? So we're going to learn a little bit about them this morning. You'll be confused as we start, but it'll make sense as we go along. 1 Kings chapter 7, verse 21:

我们今天学习的呢，是从列王纪上第七章。在我们的星期三晚上的问答时间里，在一两个星期之前，刘红问了这样一个问题：在圣殿里的这两个柱子它是干什么的？所以我们今天要把这个稍微澄清一下。当我们开始的时候，你可能感到有点乱，那么当我们继续学习的时候，你就会明白了。列王纪上第七章第二十一节：

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So now remember Solomon was the man who built the first temple. He built it in the city of Jerusalem. He built it according to God's design and according to David his father's plan. It was a relatively big structure, probably four or five acres of land it covered. It was probably the most beautiful building, the most expensive building that the world has ever seen—four or five acres, and a big, big building in the center. The value of the gold and the silver in our day would be in the many hundreds of billions of dollars.

大家记得，所罗门是建造第一圣殿的那个人。他是在耶路撒冷城建造的。他建造是按照神的设计，也是按照他的父亲大卫王的计划。这相对来说是一个非常大的建筑物，大概覆盖了四五英亩的土地。它有可能是这个世界上见过的最美、最漂亮、最昂贵的建筑——四五英亩的土地，中间有一座宏伟的建筑。里面的金银如果放到我们今天，价值会有几千亿美元。

Now it doesn't surprise you that the building was the most beautiful and the most expensive building that's ever been built, because it was built by David and Solomon for the glory of God, and the glory of God demands the very, very best. So he built this beautiful building, but there was a courtyard around it, covering the four or five acres. And so if you were a visitor to Jerusalem, you would take a look. You'd see this beautiful building on top of probably the highest hill right there in the city of Jerusalem. And you would say, "Wow!" You know, "Wow!" And then you'd say, "I think I'd like to go in and look around." And they would say, "No way, you can't go in there." The only people that could go in there were the priests. But you would look at it, you would marvel, and you would start thinking about it. You'd look up to the entrance of the building and you would see two pillars.

对你来说这并不感到惊奇，因为这是有史以来建造的最漂亮、最昂贵的建筑，是大卫和所罗门为神的荣耀建造的，而神的荣耀要求最好的。所以他建造了这座美丽的建筑，周围有一个院子，占地四五英亩。如果你是去耶路撒冷的游客，你去看一看，会看到这座美丽的建筑矗立在耶路撒冷城最高的山顶上。你会说：“哇！”你会说：“我想进去看看。”他们会说：“没办法，你进不去。”唯一能进去的人只有祭司。但你会看着它，感到惊奇，并开始思考。你抬头看向建筑的入口，会看到两根柱子。

And we have architecture somewhat like that even today. You look at the building, two big pillars on each side. Some people even have houses like that: pillars on the side of the front door. All right, so Roy, could you show us our first picture, please? Yeah, I can't get up to point around, but you can see this structure. This was the temple structure; outside of that was a courtyard. And at the center back there is the temple itself, which was worth hundreds of billions of dollars. But at the center, you can see—item number two, I guess it is—a big bronze pillar on one side and a big bronze pillar on the other side. All right, so it was rather impressive.

我们今天的有些建筑物也是类似那样的。你看那个建筑物，两边各有一个大柱子。有些人的房子甚至也是那样的：前门两旁立着大柱子。好的，Roy，请给我们看一下第一张图片。我不能站起来指给大家看，但大家可以看到这个建筑结构。这是圣殿的结构，外面是一个院子。在后面正中间的是圣殿本身，价值数千亿美元。但在中间，你可以看到——我想是二号标示——一边是一根大铜柱，另一边也是一根大铜柱。所以这给人留下了非常深刻的印象。

So Roy, I'll ask you to show us the second picture, please. These are the pillars. And even if you had pillars in front of your house, they wouldn't look like that. How big were those pillars? Let me see what we can catch here. Verse 15:

Roy，请给我们看第二张图片。这就是那些柱子。即使你家门前有柱子，也不会像这样。那些柱子有多大呢？我们来看看第十五节：

[1 Kings 7:15 NKJV]

And he cast two pillars of bronze, each one eighteen cubits high, and a line of twelve cubits measured the circumference of each.

他制造两根铜柱，每根高十八肘，围十二肘。

Eighteen cubits—how high would that be? Twenty-four feet. Twenty-four feet! Probably what you're talking about is that central cylinder. All kinds of elaborate work on top of that cylinder, but the central cylinder was eighteen cubits high. How high is that? Eighteen inches, so probably those central cylinders were in the neighborhood of twenty-four feet high. Now, what would be the diameter of those cylinders? Answer: probably something like five feet. Is that big? That's pretty big! Then on top of those cylinders, you've got all those toppings. It's hard for us to know what those toppings were in particular. Verse 16:

十八肘——那有多高呢？二十四英尺。二十四英尺！这里指的大概是中间的柱身。在柱身上方有各种精细的工艺，但仅中间的柱身就有十八肘高。那有多高呢？一肘大概是十八英寸，所以中间的柱身高约二十四英尺。那么这些圆柱的直径是多少呢？答案是大概五英尺。这大吗？非常大！在这些柱子上面，还有顶部的装饰。我们很难具体知道那些顶部装饰究竟是什么样子。第十六节：

[1 Kings 7:16 NKJV]

Then he made two capitals of cast bronze, to set on the tops of the pillars. The height of one capital was five cubits, and the height of the other capital was five cubits.

又用铜铸了两个柱顶安在柱上，这顶高五肘，那顶高五肘。

And the precise design of it is hard for us to understand. We don't understand the detail of it; it's only mentioned once in scripture. But the artist has designed it here. It's pretty high, and it's pretty elaborate. So what you know for sure is that those pillars are significant.

它精确的设计对我们来说很难理解。我们不太明白它的细节，圣经中只提到过一次。但这里的画家画了出来。它非常高，也非常精美。所以你能确切知道的是，这些柱子非常重要。

All right, so Roy, we're going back to the first picture, please. The structure that is in the center top, that structure is where the hundreds of billions of dollars of gold and silver were. But in the courtyard, the metal was not gold or silver; the metal was **bronze**. Those pillars were bronze. And then that layer where Roy's cursor is now on the lower right, that is also

bronze. It was a huge structure; it was what they called the laver. That's where the priests would wash their hands and their feet before they went into the temple through those pillars. And that laver was absolutely beautiful, sitting on the back of twelve bronze oxen—three heading to the south, three to the east, three to the north, three to the west. And then over on the left-hand side toward the bottom is the brazen altar; it was also bronze.

好的，Roy，请帮我们回到第一张图片。在中间靠上的那个建筑结构，里面有着价值数千亿美元的金银。但在院子里，金属不是金或银，而是**铜**。那些柱子是铜的。在右下方Roy的光标所在之处是铜盆，那也是铜做的。那是一个巨大的结构，被称为洗濯盆。祭司们在穿过那两根柱子进入圣殿之前，要在这里洗手洗脚。那个洗濯盆极其精美，安放在十二只铜牛的背上——三只向南，三只向东，三只向北，三只向西。在左下角是铜祭坛，它同样是用铜做的。

So when people went in through the gate of the temple, they would see on the left the brazen altar, and that is where they would offer their sacrifices. They would offer their lambs, their bullocks, and their turtledoves on the left. And then the priests would wash themselves at the laver on the right, washing their hands and their feet. And the priests could go up through the bronze pillars into the temple itself, but the rest would have to stand outside and look. And so they would see these two amazingly big bronze pillars, one on each side of the entranceway.

所以当人们穿过圣殿的门进去时，会在左边看到铜祭坛，那就是他们献祭的地方。他们会在左边献上羊羔、公牛和斑鸠。然后祭司会在右边的洗濯盆洗净自己，洗他们的手和脚。祭司可以通过铜柱进入圣殿本身，但其他人只能站在外面观看。他们会看到这两根巨大得令人惊叹的铜柱，立在入口的两旁。

The Meaning of Jachin and Boaz

All right, so back now to verse 21 again:

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The name Jachin is interesting. It was the pillar that was on the right, and it means "God will establish." Now think about that name, that title, for a minute: God will establish. What are

you doing with your life? When it's all over, what will they write on your tombstone? Some people say, "Well, I'm not sure what they'll write on my tombstone. I don't know what they're going to write on my tombstone." I keep thinking about my friend Waldo again. Waldo might have on his tombstone: "Clothed by Walmart." Why would you say that? He had nothing else to say about him! You live your life, you die. He could say, "Well, I got some pretty good deals on blue jeans at Walmart. Clothed by Walmart." Hello!

“雅斤”这个名字很有意思。它是右边的那根柱子，意思是“神必建立”。想一想这个名字片刻：*神必建立*。你在用你的生命做什么呢？当一切都结束时，他们会在你的墓碑上写些什么？有人说：“我不确定他们会在我的墓碑上写什么，我不知道他们会写什么。”我又想起了我的朋友Waldo。Waldo的墓碑上可能会写着：“由沃尔玛提供衣着。”为什么会这么说呢？因为关于他没有别的可说了！你活了一生，然后死去。他只能说：“我在沃尔玛买到了很便宜的牛仔裤，由沃尔玛提供衣着。”喂！

How would you like to have on your tombstone the words that Jesus established you for some great purpose? Most people never think like that. And the world doesn't think that way about them either: no purpose, no objective, no reason. Remember, evolution says this: you came from nowhere, you're going nowhere, and you never did anything that was important. Wow, that's pretty empty, isn't it? And you look at that temple, and you see this great pillar, solid, five feet across, this great pillar. What's it saying? It says, God will establish. What are you here for? Why did He put you here? God will take an ordinary life and make it absolutely wonderful. He wants to establish you and me for His eternal greatness.

你难道不希望在你的墓碑上写着：耶稣为了某个伟大的目的建立了你？大多数人从来没有这样想过。世界看待他们也是如此：没有目标，没有宗旨，没有意义。记住，进化论是这样说的：你不知从何而来，不知去往何处，所做的一切都没有意义。哇，这太空虚了，不是吗？但你看着那圣殿，看到这根伟大的柱子，坚固结实，直径五英尺，它在述说什么呢？它在说：*神必建立*。你在这里是为什么？祂为什么把你安置在这里？神要把一个平凡的生命塑造成极其奇妙的生命。祂渴望为你我建立起祂永恒的荣耀。

And you stand outside, and you look at that pillar, and you say, "You know, if I could go inside, I would see those hundreds of billions of dollars worth of gold and silver—the most beautiful building ever erected! I would see all that on the inside. I'd like to go in." What that pillar says is: If you follow God, if you go God's way, He will establish you.

你站在外面看着那根柱子，你说：“如果我能进去，我就能看到里面价值数千亿美元的金银——有史以来建造的最美丽的建筑！我能在里面看到这一切，我想进去。”那根柱子所说的是：如果你跟随神，走神的道路，祂必建立你。

And the other pillar is Boaz. What does Boaz mean? It means "in God is strength." Put the two together and what do you get? It says God will establish you by using His own strength. You can come to God, He will establish you, and He'll give you the strength to become

marvelously beautiful. And so these are at the doorway to His temple. And you say, "If I could only get into His temple, it would be wonderful." Do you think that's a good invitation to have at the doorway? God will establish, and He will strengthen.

另一根柱子是波阿斯。波阿斯是什么意思呢？意思是“在祂里面有力量”。把这两根柱子合在一起，你得到了什么？它表明神要用祂自己的力量来建立你。你可以来到神面前，祂会建立你，赐给你力量，使你变得无比美好。这些柱子就立在祂圣殿的门口。你说：“如果我能进入祂的殿，那该多好啊！”你认为在门口有这样的邀请好不好？神必建立，祂必赐力量。

All right, so you come up to the front of that temple, you see the two pillars. You read on the left, "He will strengthen," and on the right, "He will establish." And so you say to yourself, "I understand that, but I think it's in the wrong order. I think 'He will establish' is the first invitation, and 'He will strengthen' is the second. So why would He put 'He will strengthen' on the left and 'He will establish' on the right?" When you and I stand there, we read, "He will strengthen" and "He will establish." And I find it amazing, because the Jewish man who stood there wouldn't see that. We read from left to right; the Jewish man reads from right to left! A Jewish man stands there and he reads, "He will establish" and "He will strengthen." And when you and I stand there, we say, "That's marvelous!"

当你来到圣殿前面，看到这两根柱子。你在左边读到“祂必赐力量”，在右边读到“神必建立”。你对自己说：“我明白了，但我认为这个顺序反了。我认为‘神必建立’是第一个邀请，而‘祂必赐力量’是第二个。那么为什么祂要把‘祂必赐力量’放在左边，把‘神必建立’放在右边呢？”当我们站在这里时，我们从左往右读是“祂必赐力量”和“神必建立”。我觉得这太奇妙了，因为站在这里的犹太人不会这样读。我们是从左往右读，而犹太人是從右往左读！一个犹太人站在那里，他读到的是“神必建立”和“祂必赐力量”。当我们明白这一点时，我们会说：“这太奇妙了！”

The Bronze of Judgment and the Pillars in Eternity

On the outside, the metal is bronze; on the inside, the metal is gold and silver. Gold and silver speak of the riches and the blessings of God. What does bronze speak of? In the Bible, over and over again, bronze speaks of judgment. What's the picture? You walk into that area and you say, "If I let God be the judge, He will let me into His great temple of all these great rewards." How does God judge His people? He says that all who believe will receive pardon. His judgment is built around our belief. If we believe, then we get to go into the inner court. If we don't allow the judgment of God to fall, if we don't believe, then we will be judged. So come to His temple! The temple reads: You've got to let God judge you; if you let God judge you, He will establish you and He will strengthen you. But if you don't, you'll never get inside.

在外面，金属是铜；在里面，金属是金和银。金银代表着神的丰富与赐福。那么铜代表什么呢？在圣经中，铜一次又一次地代表审判。这是怎样的一幅画面呢？你走进那个地方，你说：“如果我让神作审判者，祂就会让我进入祂伟大的圣殿，享受这一切丰盛的赏赐。”神怎样审判祂的子民呢？祂说，凡信的人都会蒙赦免。祂的审判是围绕我们的信心建立的。如果我们信，我们就可以进入内院。如果我们不接受神的审判，如果我们不信，我们就会受审判。所以来到祂的殿吧！圣殿所宣告的是：你必须让神来审判你；如果你让神审判你，祂必建立你，也必加给你力量。但如果你不肯，你永远也进不到里面。

Those two pillars—there's lots more we could say, but we've run out of time—those two pillars are very significant. They are God's invitation to the sinner to come to Him for repentance and for blessing. Turn to Revelation chapter 3, verse 12. What does Revelation 3:12 say?

这两根柱子——我们还可以讲很多，但时间不够了——这两根柱子非常重要。它们是神给罪人的邀请，让他们来到祂面前悔改并蒙受福气。请翻到启示录第三章第十二节。启示录三章十二节说什么呢？

[Revelation 3:12 NKJV]

He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

得胜的，我要叫他在我神殿中作柱子，他也必不再从那里出去。我又要将我神的名和我神城的名（这城就是从天上、从我神那里降下来的新耶路撒冷），并我的新名，都写在他上面。

If you trust the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, if you overcome in life, what is He going to make you? He's going to make you just like one of those wonderful pillars! When you walk through life, people will say to you, "How did God establish you? How is it that you were strong?" And you will tell them about the Lord Jesus Christ in your life. And then for the rest of eternity, you get to be like one of those pillars in the temple of God forever.

如果你信靠主耶稣基督作你的救主，如果你在生命中得胜，祂要使你成为什么呢？祂要使你就像那奇妙的柱子一样！当你走过一生，人们会问你：“神是怎样建立你的？你为何如此坚强？”你就会告诉他们主耶稣基督在你生命中的作为。然后在整个永恒中，你将永远像神殿中的一根柱子一样。

Well, that's a long story this morning, but very exciting. God has a marvelous plan for us. Lord, we thank You for the Bible. You tell us stories easy to understand and stories that are detailed and complicated, and they all tell us about the love of our God. Lord, may each of us

pay attention to those pillars, and then by the grace of God, become pillars just like them. We ask it now in Jesus' name and give thanks. Amen.

今天早上的信息讲了很长，但非常令人振奋。神对我们有一个奇妙的计划。主啊，我们为圣经感谢祢。祢向我们讲述容易明白的故事，也讲述细节复杂的故事，而这一切都在向我们述说我们神的爱。主啊，愿我们每个人都留意那些柱子，并借着神的恩典，成为像它们一样的柱子。我们现在奉耶稣的名祈求并感恩。阿们。