

***Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further***  
***International Bible Lessons***

**2 Chronicles 7:1-10**  
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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

**Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further**

**1. Now that the temple has been destroyed, where can we find the glory of the LORD?**

Because the Holy Spirit indwells them, we can find the glory of the LORD in the true followers of Jesus Christ. Paul wrote that Jesus Christ lived in Him as He does all true Christians: “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). Christ in us in the hope of glory; Paul wrote: “To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27).

**2. Compare or contrast the glory of the LORD in the temple and the glory of the LORD in Jesus.**

On the Day of Dedication, the glory of the LORD descended in fire above the temple and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. After the Day of Dedication, the glory of the LORD was unseen in the Holy of Holies in the temple. The glory of the LORD descended once again on the Day of Pentecost when the fire descended above the disciples’ heads and they received the Holy Spirit; then, in the work of Jesus’ disciples, discerning believers could see the glory of the LORD displayed through the work of the

Holy Spirit. The glory of the LORD was/is Jesus Christ, who is fully human and fully God. The glory of the LORD indwelt Jesus, who appeared as merely human to unbelievers. John wrote: “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).

### **3. What did the worshipers do and say when they saw the glory of the LORD above the temple?**

The bowed face down before the LORD and gave thanks. As they worshiped, they told the truth about the LORD from the psalms “He is good; his love endures forever” (see Psalms 136).

### **4. Why do you think twenty-two thousand head of cattle and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep and goats were offered by King Solomon in sacrifice?**

To help feed all those who came from all Israel to worship, feast, and dedicate the temple.

### **5. Why did King Solomon need to send the people home after the feasts and the dedication of the temple?**

All Israel had enjoyed their time worshiping and feasting together, and they did not want their time of celebration to end; therefore, they would not have gone home if King Solomon had not sent them home. They were joyful and glad in heart for the good things the LORD had done for David and Solomon and for his people Israel, and they left for home with those happy feelings. Someday, we will praise God and feast with the Lord Jesus Christ and all His people; then, we will be home and we will be joyful and glad in our hearts forever, thankful for all the good things the LORD has done for others and us.