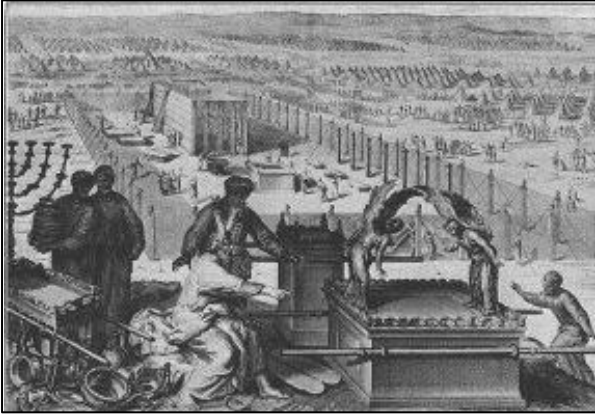


unto, ye and your households, wherein the LORD thy God hath blessed thee.”



The location of the city was important, and until the death of Eli the High Priest (whose tomb is marked in Shiloh), Shiloh was the place of pilgrimage for the children of Israel. Three times a year the faithful sojourned in Shiloh to bring their festival offerings.



Archaeologists discovered holes carved into the ground in Shiloh which could have held the beams of The Tabernacle

The warning of Shiloh

In Jer. 26:2-6 Yahweh commanded Jeremiah to stand in His house and appeal to Judah to return to Him and His ways. The threat was that the temple and Jerusalem where He had placed His name would become like Shiloh.

“Thus saith Yahweh; Stand in the court of Yahweh’s house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in Yahweh’s house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word: If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings. And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Yahweh; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and

sending them, but ye have not hearkened; **Then will I make this house like Shiloh,** and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.”

They did not heed the warning and history tells the rest of the story. The temple was destroyed in the days of Zedekiah (586 BC) and Jerusalem denuded of its inhabitants for 70 years. Today Shiloh is a barren hill.



Looking north from the highway at the hill of Shiloh

It is ironic that archaeologists found an oil press near the ruins of Shiloh. It doubtless produced olive oil for the Lampstand. Oil is a symbol of the Word of God. That word had been ignored by God’s people and led to the judgements that eventually fell, not only on Shiloh, but on Israel and Judah.

The principle is no less relevant today.



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