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Two Bronze Pillars
First Kings 7: 15-22

Two bronze pillars DIG: Since they do not seem to be holding anything up, what is the purpose of the two bronze pillars? Where were they located? Why name them? What do their names mean? How would their names be a source of encouragement to Isra'el?

REFLECT: Why does the writer seem to delight in the details of the Temple? What was their symbolic meaning for Solomon and their spiritual connection to Yeshua and our life of faith? What names in your life conjure up thoughts and feelings of faith, hope, and love?

Our pillar is Yeshua Messiah.



Hiram made the two bronze pillars, each one was approximately **twenty-seven feet tall, eighteen feet around, and several inches thick** (**to see a video of Solomon's Temple in 3D click here**). Together **they** stood on each side of the entrance to **the Temple**. Each **pillar** was **topped** with an ornate **cap eight-and-three-quarters feet high made of melted bronze. He also made**

checker-work nets and chained wreaths, seven for the top of each capital (First Kings 7:15-17). We delight in the beautiful artistry of these **caps**, for although it does not give enough detail to produce an exact replica, the Bible does show how intricate they were. They were decorated with rows of fruit and chains of flowers – more echoes from the garden of Eden to remind us that **the Temple** was the gateway to Paradise.

When he made the pillars, he made two rows of pomegranates to put at the top of each pillar around the netting covering its cap. The pomegranates identified **the pillars** with the priests who served inside **the Temple**, for their garments were fringed with **pomegranates (Exodus 28:31-34).** Those **fruits** were symbols of the Promised Land **(Num 13:23; Deut 8:8). The caps on the pillars in the hall had shapes like lilies and were seven feet high. The lilies** were symbols of life, and also of love, for in **the Song of Songs**, that flower is closely associated with youthful romance **(Song of Songs 2:1-2** and **6:2-3). As for the caps on the two pillars, there were 200 pomegranates in rows around each capital near the molding by the netting (1 Kgs 7:18-20).**

What about **the pillars themselves**? **He erected the** freestanding **pillars in the porch of the Temple.** But what was **their** symbolic meaning for **Solomon** and **their** spiritual connection to **Yeshua Messiah** and the life of a faithful believer? I'm glad you asked. The meaning of **the pillars** can be explained by **their** unusual names. **On erecting the south pillar, he gave it the name "Jachin," and on erecting the north pillar he named it "Bo'az" (First Kings 7:21).**[137]

The name **Jachin** means *it is firm,* or *he establishes.* The same verb is used in the history of Isra'el to describe the promise of **ADONAI** made to **King David** and then later fulfilled for **his son Solomon** – the promise to establish **his** throne **(Second Samuel 7:12-13; First Kings 2:12** and **24).** Thus, **Jachin** is closely associated with **God firmly** *establishing* **David's** throne. To call **a pillar** by this name is to encapsulate **YHVH's** promise that **David's** dynasty would be the vehicle through which **God** would bring **His Kingdom** on earth.[138] To say **Jachin**, is really another way of saying: **Your Kingdom come (Matthew 6:10).** It means ***He*** *will establish* **His Kingdom** on the earth through the royal family of **David**.

*Dear Heavenly **Father**, Praise **Your** Almighty power! Praise that **You** are our mighty **pillar** of strength and power. **Your** kingdom will come! The world is full of wars, fighting, famines and power struggles, yet **Your** coming as **the Supreme Ruler** of the world is not a maybe, not even a probably or a I hope so. **Your** Coming*

Rule of the entire world is a sure thing, an absolute positive future event, a one-hundred percent certainty!

When life gets hard, money is tight, work is heavy, relationships are not going well, I know that I can lift my eyes to focus on my loving and All-powerful ***Daddy****! I can trust and rest in the fact that* ***You*** *are in total control of the world, even when it looks otherwise.* ***In the world you will have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world (John 16:33c)!*** *At the end of the seven year Tribulation, when the Beast and the False Prophet will gather all the armies of the earth and demonic spirits to come and fight against* ***You*** *at Armageddon (****Revelation 16:16****),* ***You*** *will take out all who fight against* ***You*** *by the sword of* ***Your mouth****! There will be no battle, just a slaughter by* ***Your sword****!* ***From His mouth comes a sharp sword- so that with it He may strike down the nations- and He shall rule them with an iron rod, and He treads the winepress of the furious wrath of Elohei-Tzva'ot (Revelation 19:15).***

You *are not anxious by any amount of opposition against* ***You****. No ruler can out-plan* ***You****, nor surprise* ***You. You*** *cannot be deceived.* ***You*** *not only have a sure plan of victory,* ***You*** *have even planned for the cleanup of* ***Your*** *enemy after* ***You*** *kill them with* ***the sword of your mouth****.* ***Then the beast was captured, and along with him the false prophet . . . These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the One riding on the horse. And all the birds gorged themselves with their flesh (Revelation 19:20-21). Your*** *Kingdom will come and we bow in love and in worship of* ***You****! In* ***Yeshua's*** *holy name and power of* ***His*** *resurrection. Amen*

We can take this idea one step further by comparing **First Kings 7** with one of the royal psalms of **David**. **Psalm 21** begins and ends with **bo'az**, meaning *in His strength.* The key word in both the first and last verse of **the psalm** is the same word used for *strength* that **Solomon** used to name **his pillar**. So it is at least possible – maybe even probable – that **Bo'az** was intended to remind **the Israelites** of this **psalm**. Therefore, if we want to understand the full meaning of **the pillar Bo'az**, we need to sing **David's psalm, "ADONAI, the king finds joy in Your *strength* . . . Arise, ADONAI, in Your *strength* (Psalm 21:1** and **13)!**

What is **the pillar** of your life? **The pillars** of **Solomon's Temple** were **Jachin** and **Bo'az** – the ***strength*** of **YHVH Himself,** and the stability of **the king** who sat on **his** throne. Our **pillar** is (or ought to be) **Yeshua Messiah**, **the greater Solomon**

and the royal **Son of David** who now rules as **the King** of **God's Kingdom**. By faith in **Messiah**, the believer's life has become **the Temple** of **the Ruach Ha'Kodesh**, the dwelling place of the living **God (First Corinthians 6:18-20). The pillar** of that inner temple is **Yeshua Messiah**. **He** is our **pillar** when everything else in life seems to give way. **He** is our **pillar** of ***strength*** when we feel weak, **the pillar** of mercy when we need forgiveness, **the pillar** of comfort when we suffer loss and grief, and **the pillar** of hope when we feel as though we have missed our chance in life and do not have much of a future.

When **Yeshua Messiah** is **the pillar** of our souls, then whatever trouble may come, we are able to say: **My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the *strength* of my heart and my portion forever (Psalm 73:26).** By **the *strength*** of **ADONAI** we will persevere through all the troubles of this life until the day when **Yeshua** fulfills this promise for us in glory: **The one who overcomes I will make a pillar in the Temple of My God** (see the commentary on **Revelation Be – The Church at Philadelphia**).[139]