

Day 53 – Apr. 12

The bronzing of the temple is explained in great detail, with measurements and instructions all around. In this way, the people had a lasting record of Solomon's Temple and could even rebuild it if they so desired, at least the important parts. This is the way of the Old Testament record in so many areas. And today we wonder why there is so much detail. Why the lists of genealogies throughout the bible? Why the lists of the census numbers and names, so many we even named a book after them (Numbers)? Why the dimensions of the tabernacle, the materials, the instructions, and then again for the temple? Why so many details?

Someone once said in terms of genealogies that reading them means little to us because we don't know the people. It's like walking through a random graveyard. But for the original readers, these were famous people, ancestors, and family members. It's like our Columbarium, where to sit and read the names is a walk down memory lane. And for the census numbers and temple dimensions, while they seem frivolous to us, they were the written record of the people, the blueprints for the buildings, and as always, memories for generations to come.

Most of the people in our family still have a set of 6 VHS tapes with recordings of Christmases and vacations taken by my mom's side of the family. As we watch them, we remember, reminisce, and in our case, even worship. We thank God for our grandparents and their families. We thank God for our times together. We thank God for each other. And if we look closely, we can occasionally even see God in the videos. These videos are important to us as a family, just as the detailed records are important to us as the Family of God.