

1 Kings 6 & 7

The Temple & the Palace

Lesson 4

King David's desire had been to serve the Lord faithfully and because of that he was considered "a righteous king." David had been called to claim all the land which God had promised to Abraham so many years before. After having completed that task, David's desire had been to build a house for the Lord, but was told "no" by God. It would not be David who would build it but his son Solomon. The Holy Spirit had given David the plans for the temple (1 Chronicles 28) and he spent his final years preparing for the day the temple would be built.

According to 1 Kings 6:1 and 2 Chronicles 3:1,2, when did Solomon begin building the temple and where was its location?

The Temple Exterior - Chapter 6

1. What information is given about each of the following:
(use vs. 2-10 and 2 Chronicles 3:3,4)
 - its size
 - portico
 - windows
 - structure against main wall
 - offset ledges
 - stones
 - entrance
 - roof
 - side rooms
2. As Solomon neared the completion of the temple, the word of the Lord came to him. What did God say? (vs.11-13)

The Temple Interior

5. Describe the following:
 - interior walls and floors (vs. 15 & 29, 30)

 - inner sanctuary (vs. 16, 19 & 20)

 - main hall (vs. 17, 18, 21 & 22)

 - the cherubim (vs.23-28 & 2 Chronicles 3:10-13)

 - the curtain (2 Chronicles 3:14)

 - pillars (2 Chronicles 3:15-17)

 - the entrance doors (vs. 31-35)

 - the courtyard (vs. 36)

6. How long did it take to complete the temple? (vs. 37, 38)

7. Solomon's temple was awesome. In size, it was exactly twice the size of the tabernacle constructed by Moses (Exodus 26). After completion of the temple, Solomon built a royal residence for himself. How long did that take? (1 Kings 7:1)

8. His royal palace was a complex consisting of five different components. Using 1 Kings chapter 7, describe each one.
 - House of the Forest of Lebanon (vs. 2-5)

 - Hall of Pillars or colonnade (vs. 6)

- Hall of Judgment (vs. 7)
- Personal quarters (vs. 8)
- Pharaoh's daughter's personal quarters (vs. 8)

What building materials were used for all these structures? (vs. 7:9-11)

Huram and the Temple Furnishings - Chapter 7

9. At the request of Solomon for skilled craftsman Hiram, the king of Tyre, sent Hiram-Abi (2 Chronicles 2:13, 14), called a man of great skill. Hiram's first project was the two pillars called Jakin and Boaz at the portico of the temple. Describe these magnificent structures and their decorations. (vs. 15-22)
10. Next was the altar of sacrifice. Describe it. (2 Chronicles 4:1)
11. The bronze basin used at the tabernacle for purification of the priests, was called the "Sea" at Solomon's temple. Describe this project of Hiram. (vs. 23-26)
12. Since water was needed for purification in other areas of the temple, a system of 10 movable bronze basins was designed. Describe these movable basins. (vs. 27-39)
13. What accessories were listed in verse 40?
14. In addition to all the bronze work, Hiram also proved skilled labor in gold work. List the gold items made. (vs. 48-50)
15. When all the work King Solomon had done for the temple of the LORD was finished, how did he honor his father King David? (vs. 51)