

1 Kings 9-10
Solomon's Great Successes
Lesson 6

Solomon began building in the 4th year of his reign (1 Kings 6:1) and continued for 20 years. Chapter 9 picks up in the 24th year of his reign when the Lord appeared to Solomon a second time. How does 1 Kings 9:2 imply that the Lord appeared to Solomon? Also use 1 Kings 3:4,5.

Solomon & the Word of the Lord - Chapter 9

1. What did the Lord say regarding Solomon's prayer and the temple? (vs. 3)

2. The Lord then renewed with Solomon the covenant He made with David. Having learned that a covenant (treaty or contract) had two parts, the blessings and the curses (consequences) according to the following verses, what were the conditions of this covenant?
 - *The blessings* in 1 Kings 9:4,5
If:
Then:

 - *The curses* in 1 Kings 9:6, 7
If:
Then:

3. God said over and over that it would be through the nation of Israel, His chosen people that "All the people of the earth would know that He alone is God and there is no other." (1 Kings 8:60) God's desire was to do this through His blessings. What warning did He give and why did He say He would do this? (vs. 6-9) Please comment.

4. Along with God's warning came a promise. From 2 Chronicles 7:14, fill in the chart below.

If the People	Then God Promised To

5. Write out 2 Chronicles 7:14 and commit it to memory.

Administration Challenges

6. According to 1 Kings 9:14, King Hiram of Tyre gave Solomon 120 talents (4 tons) of gold over the 20 years of building. What did Solomon give Hiram in return? (1 Kings 9:10, 11)

7. How did Hiram respond to Solomon's "gift"? (vs. 12)

Note: cabul = good for nothing or worthless

8. What did Hiram eventually do with them? (2 Chronicles 8:2)

9. What was the single military campaign during Solomon's reign? (2 Chronicles 8:3)

10. What other building projects, besides the temple and palace, did Solomon use forced labor for? (vs. 15-19 & 2 Chronicles 8:2-6)

11. The remaining verses of 2 Kings 9 and 2 Chronicles 8 give us details of Solomon's administration. What is recorded in each of the following verses?

- 1 Kings 9:20,21 & 2 Chronicles 8:7,8

- 1 Kings 9:22, 23 & 2 Chronicles 8:9,10

- 1 Kings 9:24 & 2 Chronicles 8:11

- 1 Kings 9:25 & 2 Chronicles 8:12-15

- 1 Kings 9:26-28 & 2 Chronicles 8:17, 18

The Queen of Sheba - Chapter 10

12. Why did the Queen of Sheba go to visit Solomon? (vs. 1)

13. Describe her arrival in Jerusalem. (vs. 2)

14. She brought all the questions she had to King Solomon and how did it go? (vs. 3-5)

15. What stood out to the Queen of Sheba? (vs. 5-8)

16. Who did the Queen recognize as the giver of all this to Solomon and why? (vs. 9)

17. Already impressed with Solomon's wealth, what further gifts were recorded in verses 10 & 12?

18. After receiving the Queen of Sheba's gifts, what did Solomon do? (vs. 13 & 2 Chronicles 9:12)

Solomon's Splendor

19. Solomon's personal income was 666 talents of gold or about 25 tons a year! Describe how he used this wealth according to the following verses:
 - The palace shields (vs. 16, 17 & 2 Chronicles 9:15, 16)

 - His throne (vs. 18-20 & 2 Chronicles 9:17-19)

 - Other items (vs. 21-23 & 2 Chronicles 9:20-22)

20. How was Solomon's reign viewed by the world? (vs. 24 & 2 Chronicles 9:23)
21. Review Solomon's request of the Lord and his reason for that request when he first became king. (vs. 5-9 & 2 Chronicles 1:7-10)
22. What had God promised Solomon and why? (vs. 10-13 & 2 Chronicles 1:11, 12)
23. How was that promise fulfilled? (vs. 23-29 & 2 Chronicles 9:22-28)