

Major Event: Solomon

Lesson 4: Building the Temple

Scriptures: 1 Kings 6:1-38

Central Text: 1 Kings 6:11-13

11 Now the word of the LORD came to Solomon saying, **12** " Concerning this house which you are building, if you will walk in My statutes and execute My ordinances and keep all My commandments by walking in them, then I will carry out My word with you which I spoke to David your father. **13** I will dwell among the sons of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel."

Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:

Versus 1-6 – We see that in the 480th year after the Lord delivered Israel out of Egypt in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD as promised to King David. The size of the Lord's house was sixty cubits long and twenty cubits wide and the height was 30 cubits high. A cubit is about 1-1/2' in length so this makes the temple about 90 feet long, 30 feet wide and 45 feet tall. This is a similar ratio as the Ark dimensions?

Versus 7 – We see that the house was built without the use of any man-made tools of stone or iron. This was the Lord's House and was not to have anything "made of man" in use to build it. All materials for the house were part of God's creation and provided by God.

Versus 11 – Again, another reference to the Covenant that God made with Israel. "Walk in My statutes and execute My ordinances and keep all My commandments" and they would be blessed, if not they would be cursed. Deut 28:15.

Versus 12-36 – We see how elaborate and glorious the House was built. Remember the Lord did not allow King David to build the House, but he did allow King David to prepare and plan the House. (1 Chron 22). The building materials were selected by God and are of the finest quality which is a reflection of God's glory and majesty.

Versus 37-38 – We see that the house was completed in seven years which is the divine sign of completion in the Bible. The earth and all of creation was created in seven days.

Suggested attributes:

1. Of God: Sovereignty, Faithfulness, Glory, Majesty
2. Of Man: Trust in God to fulfill His promises

Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home: 1 Chron 22; 1 Kings 5:3; 2 Chron 1-7

Notes: After the completion of the Temple it was dedicated by King Solomon in 953 BC Solomon's speech to the people and his marvelous prayers were followed by an enormous offering of 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep. A great public feast followed: "So Solomon held the feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great assembly, from the entrance of Hamath to the Brook of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days. On the eighth day he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, and went to their homes joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had shown to David his servant and to Israel his people". (1 Kings 8:65, 66)