

# *1 Kings Chapters 6-8 “Solomon Builds the Temple”*

## **I. The Temple is Built (Chapter 6)**

### **1. The dimensions of the temple (Verses 1-10)**

a) **VS1** Solomon is finally building a permanent temple for the Lord.

◆ These are the dimensions of the structure through verse 10.

### **2. God’s promise of His faithfulness (Verses 11-13)**

a) **VS11-13** The Lord’s faithfulness was the only reason why the temple would be successful.

◆ Let us remember that in our lives we are the temple of the Lord. If we want a good temple—a good life—then we need to commit the work to Him and let Him be the one in charge.

✦ Psalms 127:1 “Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it...”

### **3. Inside the temple and the designs (Verses 14-38)**

a) **VS14-22** The inside of the temple was very spectacular. Expensive wood and gold were all that a person would see

b) **VS23-28** There were cherubim built into the holy of holies in the temple

◆ Pictures of cherubim, palm trees and flowers were carved all over the temple.

c) **VS37-38** it took seven years to build the temple

## **II. Solomon’s House and Other Temple Details (Chapter 7)**

### **1. Details of Solomon’s palace and other buildings (Verses 1-12)**

a) **VS1** Solomon also built his palace at this time.

◆ Through verse twelve we see the details of his house including a special house for Pharaoh’s daughter (vs8).

### **2. The two pillars of the temple (Verses 13-22)**

a) **VS13-15** Back to the temple Hiram is now building the pillars in front of the place

b) **VS21** some said that the pillars didn’t even hold anything up they were just there for a reminder of the Lord

◆ Now Jachin, means, “He shall establish”, and Boaz means, “it is strength” God establishes his temples and strengthens them to stand.

### **3. The sea and oxen and the carts and lavers (Verses 23-39)**

a) **VS23** the sea with oxen was a place where the priest would ceremonially wash themselves so that they could be clean and pure when entering the temple. The description is given through verse 39.

### **4. Summery (Verses 40-51)**

a) **VS40** Hiram built all of the furnishings

b) **VS51** Solomon brought all the furnishings into the temple

## **III. The Temple Dedication (Chapter 8)**

### **1. The ark is brought into the temple (Verses 1-13)**

a) **VS1-13** Solomon brings the ark into the temple and the glory of the Lord is there.

### **2. Solomon’s Speech (Verses 14-21)**

a) **VS14-21** Solomon gives God the glory for fulfilling his promises. Be patient, God is at work, He hasn’t forgot about what He said to you.

### **3. The prayer of dedication (Verses 22-53)**

a) **VS22-28** Praying according to the promises of God

◆ He also acknowledged that God is greater than anything we could ever do or accomplish for Him. Even so, He still loves it when we do it. (vs.27-28)

b) When there is...VS31, 33, 35, 37, 41, 44, 46, ...Then hear from this temple

### **4. Solomon pronounces a blessing upon the people (Verses 54-61)**

a) **VS54-61**

### **5. Sacrifices are offered at the new temple (Verses 62-66)**