

## **I Kings 6-8** **(I Kings # 5)**

**Introduction:** “Will God indeed dwell on the earth? (8:27) Isa. 66:1, 2

I. The Temple, God’s earthly dwelling, is built

A. Basic Facts (vv. 1-2)

1. Location 2 Chr. 3:1; Gen 22:2 -14
2. Plan I Chr. 28:9-19
3. Time 6:1, 37-38
4. Dimensions measured in cubits (18”) 60 x 20 x 30

B. Layout (vv. 3-36)

1. Vestibule (v. 3) 20 x 10
2. Basic descriptions
  - a. Windows (v. 4)
  - b. Side chambers (v. 5) 5 cubits high
  - c. 3 levels (vv. 6)
  - d. Cedar and cypress (vv. 15-18) Cedar-majestic trees, durable wood
3. The Holy Place (vv. 15-18) 40 cubits long
4. The Holy of Holies (vv. 20-35)
  - a. Much gold used (v. 20-22)
  - b. Two cherubim 10 cubits height (vv. 23-28)

**Application:**

1. This Temple pointed to Christ (John 2:19 Cp. 1:14)

2. This Temple would ultimately be destroyed, but Christ is eternal.
3. Christians are the temple of God today (I Cor. 6:19). Why? Eph. 2:19-22
4. No noise was heard as the Temple was being constructed (v. 7); God continues to build His church today noiselessly. Ex. 20:25
5. Jews and Gentile were involved in Temple construction 5:13-18.
6. Temple was built at the locale God chose Dt. 12:5; 2 Chr. 7:12.
7. Note the patience of God. How long did He wait for an earthly dwelling? (v. 1)
8. What in this Temple points to the glory and majesty of God?
9. Think of how many people used their God-given gifts to serve the Lord in this construction. How does this apply to building God's kingdom today?
10. God does not leave His people (Dt. 31:6).

#### XI. More Construction

##### A. Solomon's Houses (vv. 1-12)

- a. House of the Forest of Lebanon (vv. 2-5)
- b. Hall of Pillars (v. 6)
- c. Hall of Judgment (v. 7)
- d. Costly (vv. 9-12)

##### B. Hiram's Work

1. Biography (vv. 13-14) 2 Chr. 4:16
2. Bronze Pillars (vv. 15-22) Cp. 2 Kings 25:13
3. The Sea and Oxen (vv. 23-26)
4. Carts and Lavers (vv. 27-39)
5. Temple Furnishings (vv. 40-51)

## **Application:**

1. Although David never saw the Temple being built, he made many preparations for it. I Chr. 22:1-5. How can we make some preparation for the advancement of God's work, even though we may never see that work accomplished in our lifetime?
2. Note the detail given to construction of all utensils and other parts of the Temple.
3. A veil separated the two interior rooms. Ex. 26:31-35; 2 Chr. 3:14
4. With the large lavers of water note the emphasis on cleanliness of those who serve the Lord.

## XII. The Ark at Home (8)

### A. The Ark Brought In (vv. 1-12)

1. All Israel involved (v. 1)
2. A multitude of sacrifices (v. 5, 63) 2 Chr. 7:5
3. Its Contents (v. 9) Cp. Heb. 9:4
4. The Glory of the Lord (vv. 10, 11) Cp. Ex. 40:34, 35

### B. Solomon's Words to Israel (vv. 14-21)

1. God spoke to David (vv. 15, 16)
2. God fulfills His Word (v. 20)

### C. Solomon's Prayer (2 Chr. 6:12, 13 Cp. Ex. 38:1)

1. There is one God (v. 23)
2. Keep your promise (vv. 24-27)
3. Hear my prayer (vv. 28-30)
4. Give righteous judgment (vv. 31, 32) Ex. 22:8-11
5. Grant forgiveness in the midst of disobedience (vv. 33-53)
  - a. When consequences of covenant breaking occur (See Dt. 38:15 ff)
  - b. When the foreigner calls out to you (vv. 41-43)

D. Blessing And Dedication (vv. 54-66)

1. God gives His people rest

2. Missionary desire (v. 60)

I Sam. 17:46

Ps. 102:15

3. Sacrifice, Feast and Joy ( 62-66)

**Application:**

1. These multitudes of sacrifices did not pay for one sin. Christ's atonement alone is sufficient.
2. Do you have a burning desire that all people know the Lord?
3. God keeps His word always. v. 56: Josh. 21:45, Gal 4:4
4. We need to pray that God will incline our hearts to His word. (v. 58) Ps. 119:36
5. Focus in reminder of I Kings is on kings taking wealth therein and giving it to threatening powers.
6. Christ, the true Temple, drives out money changers from the Temple (Mt. 21:12-17). This was a forerunner of Temple's destruction in 70 A. D.