

Lesson 2

Solomon Reigns Over Israel – Part 2
(1 Kings 5:1 – 8:66; 2 Chronicles 2:1 – 7:10)

Questions

1. What did Solomon request of Hiram king of Tyre and for what purpose (1 K. 5:1-6; 2 Chron. 2:1-10)?
2. What did Solomon give Hiram in exchange for wood to build the temple (1 K. 5:7-12; 2 Chron. 2:11-16)?
3. What men did Solomon get out of Israel and for what purpose (1 K. 5:13-18; 2 Chron. 2:17-18)?
4. What were the dimensions of Solomon's temple and what was it made of (1 K. 6:1-10; 2 Chron. 3:1-7)?
5. What important reminder did the Lord give to Solomon while he was building the temple (1 K. 6:11-13; see also 1 K. 2:1-4; 3:1, 3, 6, 14; 9:1-9; 11:9-11)?
6. What did Solomon build within the temple for the ark of the covenant (1 K. 6:14-22; 2 Chron. 3:8-9)?
7. What did Solomon build within the most holy place (1 K. 6:23-28; 2 Chron. 3:10-14)?
8. What were the walls, the floors, and doors like in the temple (1 K. 6:29-36)?
9. How long did it take to finish building the temple (1 K. 6:37-38)?

10. What did Solomon build besides the temple and what kind of materials went into this building (1 K. 7:1-12)?
11. Who was Hiram (Hiram), how is he described, and what did he build for Solomon (1 K. 7:13-47; 2 Chronicles 2:13-14; 4:1-18)?
12. What did Solomon call the two pillars that stood before the temple (1 K. 7:21; 2 Chron. 3:15-17)?
13. What other things did Solomon build and put in the temple (1 K. 7:48-50; 2 Chron. 4:19-22)?
14. What did Solomon do when he finished building the temple (1 K. 7:51; 2 Chron. 5:1)?
15. What did Solomon, the leaders of Israel, and the priests bring into the temple (the most holy place) and what filled the temple (1 K. 8:1-11; 2 Chron. 5:2-14)?
16. What was done to praise the Lord at this time (2 Chron. 5:12-13)?
17. What did Solomon remind the assembly of people concerning the Lord's promise to his father David (1 K. 8:12-21; 2 Chron. 6:1-11)?
18. What important reminder did Solomon give the assembly of people concerning their obedience to the Lord (1 K. 8:22-26; 2 Chron. 6:12-17; see also 1 K. 2:1-4; 3:1, 3, 6, 14; 6:11-13; 8:58, 61; 9:1-9; 11:9-11)?
19. What did Solomon ask the Lord to do (1 K. 8:27-30; 2 Chron. 6:18-21)?

20. What did Solomon ask the Lord to do for sinners (1 K. 8:31-40; 2 Chron. 6:22-31), foreigners (1 K. 8:41-43; 2 Chron. 6:32-33), soldiers going to battle (1 K. 8:44-45; 2 Chron. 6:34-35), and captives (1 K. 8:46-53; 2 Chron. 6:36-39) who pray in or toward the temple?

21. What did Solomon do when he finished praying (1 K. 8:54-61; 2 Chron. 6:40-42)?

22. What did Solomon and the people do at the dedication of the temple (1 K. 8:62-66; 2 Chron. 7:1-10)?

Digging Deeper

1. What had Hiram already done for David in 2 Samuel (1 K. 5:1)?

2. Where in 2 Samuel and 1 Chronicles was David told that he would not build a temple, but his son would (1 K. 5:3-5; 8:15-20)?

3. What did Samuel say that the king would do about turning the Israelites into workers (1 K. 5:13-18)?

4. Who were the Gebalites (1 K. 5:18)?

5. What is the approximate date for the start and the finish of the building of Solomon's temple (1 Kings 6:1, 37-38; 2 Chron. 3:1)? What month is the month of Ziv (1 K. 6:1, 37), the month of Bul (1 K. 6:38), and the month of Ethanim (1 K. 8:2)?

6. Where did the pattern come from that Solomon used to build the temple (1 K. 6:1)?

7. How does the size of the temple compare to the size of the tabernacle (1 K. 6:2)?
What was the size of Zerubbabel's temple according to Ezra 6:3?

8. How is the location of the temple connected to the Lord's appearance to David
(2 Chron. 3:1; see 1 Chron. 21:18-28)?

9. Was Hiram, who is mentioned in 1 Kings 7:13-47 and 2 Chronicles 2:13-14, the same
Hiram as the king of Tyre? How do you reconcile 1 Kings 7:14 and 2 Chronicles 2:14
concerning Hiram's ancestry?

10. What happened to Jachin and Boaz, the two pillars that Solomon made (1 K. 7:21)?

11. Where in 1 Chronicles do we read about the things that David dedicated for the
temple (1 K. 7:51; 2 Chron. 5:1)?

12. Was Solomon's address and dedication ceremony done during the same year the
temple was finished, or at a later time (1 K. 8:2)?

13. Where in the OT is the law of oath found that is mentioned in 1 Kings 8:31-32?

14. Where in the OT did the Lord say that the punishment for Israel's sin would include
things like enemies, drought, famine, and captivity (1 Kings 8:33-40, 46-53)?

15. What feast was held in 1 Kings 8:65?

16. How is the wording of Psalm 132:8-10 and Psalm 136:1 similar to the wording of
Solomon's dedication of the temple?

17. What was the name of one of the porches in Herod's temple (Jn. 10:23; Acts 3:11; 5:12)?

18. What work of Solomon did Stephen reference in his sermon in Acts 7 and why?

19. Locate the following on a map: Tyre (1 K. 5:1), Lebanon (1 K. 5:9, 14), mount Moriah (2 Chron. 3:1), Succoth and Zarethan (1 K. 7:46), and Hamath to the brook of Egypt (1 K. 8:65).

Applications for Today

1. God is great above all (2 Chron. 2:5; Tit. 2:13; Rev. 11:17; 15:3).
2. The Lord loves his people (2 Chron. 2:11; 2 Cor. 13:11, 14; Eph. 6:23).
3. Wisdom from the Lord is the gift that keeps on giving (1 K. 5:12; Jas. 1:5; 3:16-17).
4. Fellowship with the Lord is conditioned upon his people obeying his commandments (1 K. 6:11-13; 2 Cor. 6:14; Eph. 5:11; 1 Jn. 1:3, 5-9; Rev. 18:4).
5. Like Hiram, let's use our wisdom and skill to accomplish the work that needs to be done in the Lord's house, the church, today (1 K. 7:14; 2 Chron. 2:14; 1 Cor. 15:58).
6. The Lord is good and his lovingkindness endures forever (2 Chron. 5:13; Mk. 10:18; Rom. 2:4).
7. The Lord keeps his word (1 K. 8:12-21; Lk. 24:44).
8. The Lord condemns the wicked and justifies the righteous (1 K. 8:32; Mt. 13:49; 2 Pet. 2:7-9).
9. The Lord stands ready to forgive the sins of the penitent sinner (1 K. 8:33-36; Rom. 4:7; Col. 1:14).
10. The Lord teaches his people the good way wherein they should walk (1 K. 8:36; Eph. 2:10; Col. 1:10).
11. When a sinner truly knows "the plague of his own heart", he will turn to the Lord (1 K. 8:38; Mt. 13:15; Jn. 12:40; Acts 28:27).