

# Israel's Kings & Prophets: A Survey of 1 & 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles

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## 4 – SOLOMON'S TEMPLE (1 KINGS 4:1-8:66; 2 CHRONICLES 1:13-7:22)

### I. Solomon's Prosperity & Administration (1 Kings 4:1-34; 2 Chronicles 1:13-17)

#### A. Solomon's Prosperity (2 Chronicles 1:13-17)

- After Solomon returned from the high place in Gibeon, he reigned over Israel.
- Solomon had over 1,000 chariots and 12,000 horsemen stationed throughout Israel.
- Solomon's reign made Jerusalem prosper so that gold and silver were common.
- Solomon's merchants imported horses and chariots from Egypt and sold them to others.

#### B. Solomon's Administration (1 Kings 4:1-34)

- The writer lists all those who served Solomon in administering the kingdom.
- Solomon has appointed 12 governors who provided the king with daily provisions.
- The writer notes that Judah and Israel's population was numerous as sand by the sea.
- Solomon also reigned over all the kings from the Euphrates to Philistia.
- The writer listed the daily provision of food that was provided to Solomon.
- All Israel and Judah dwelt in safety during the days of Solomon.
- The Lord gave Solomon wisdom with great understanding and a large heart.
- Solomon was wiser than all men, as he spoke 3,000 proverbs and 1,005 songs.
- Solomon's wisdom included a knowledge of plant and animal life.
- The fame of his wisdom spread throughout the known world.

### II. Solomon's Temple & Palace (1 Kings 5:1-8:66; 2 Chronicles 2:1-7:22)

#### A. Preparations for the Temple (1 Kings 5:1-18; 2 Chronicles 2:1-18)

- The writer records the interaction between Solomon and Hiram, king of Tyre.
- Hiram provided Solomon with cedar and he received a supply of wheat each year.
- Solomon utilized hundreds of thousands for the building of the Temple.
- Solomon had the costly stones and large stones quarried for the Temple.

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## B. Construction of the Temple (1 Kings 6:1-7:51; 2 Chronicles 3:1-4:22)

- In the 480<sup>th</sup> year after Israel came out of Egypt, Solomon began the building of Temple.
- The writer describes in great detail the construction of the Temple.
- Solomon took seven years to build the Temple.
- The writer records that he took 13 years to build his palace.
- He also listed other buildings that Solomon built including a hall for Pharaoh's daughter.
- When the Temple was finished, Solomon brought the things David dedicated into its treasury.

## C. The Temple Dedication (1 Kings 8:1-66; 2 Chronicles 5:1-7:11)

- Solomon called for all of the elders of Israel and the head of clans to Jerusalem.
- He then brought the Ark and the Tabernacle up to the Temple.
- Solomon sacrificed enumerable animals to the Lord.
- They placed the Ark in the Most Holy Place and the cloud filled the Temple.
- The priests were unable to minister because the glory of the Lord filled the Temple.
- The writer shares with the reader the prayer of dedication that Solomon gave.
- There were seven days of feasting for all Israel and on the eighth day, they went home.

## D. Blessings and Cursing (2 Chronicles 7:12-22)

- That evening the Lord appeared to Solomon and affirmed the Temple and his prayer.
- The Lord tells him that in times of calamity, he will hear the cries of his people.
- If they humble themselves, he will hear their cries and heal their land of the calamity.
- The Lord states that his eyes and ears are open to the prayers made in this Temple.
- The Lord stated that he had chosen this Temple and he will be there perpetually.
- The Lord expressed his blessing and cursing concerning their faithfulness.
- If Israel turned away from the Lord to other gods, he would uproot them from the land.
- The nations will be astounded at the destruction of the Temple.