

SOLOMON'S WORK AS KING

1 Kings 4 - 8

Probably no other king in all the world ever had such a glorious beginning to his reign as did Solomon. Read now to see what happened as his reign continued:

A. General Description of Solomon's Reign: Read 1 Kings 4:20-34

1. What did the people of Israel do during Solomon's reign? 1 Kings 4:20

2. What was the extent of his kingdom? 1 Kings 4:21, 24a

3. What was the chief characteristic of his reign? 1 Kings 4:24b, 25, 5:4

4. What happened because of Solomon's wisdom? 1 Kings 4:31b, 34

5. What was one great way that Solomon used his wisdom?
1 Kings 4:32, 33

B. Solomon's Great Work as King: Read 1 Kings 5:1-5; 1 Chronicles 29:1-25

1. What great purpose did Solomon have as he began his reign over Israel?
1 Kings 5:5

2. Who had already made preparation for this? (See 1 Chronicles 28:2)

3. What specific things had he prepared?
 - a. 1 Chronicles 28:11, 12, 19 _____
 - b. 1 Chronicles 29:2 _____
4. Who else did David enlist to contribute toward this building?
(See 1 Chronicles 29:5b-8)

5. How did the people feel when they had offered these things?
(See 1 Chronicles 29:9)

6. What did David say of all that he had prepared? (See 1 Chronicles 29:14, 16)

7. What two things did Solomon now prepare for the building? 1 Kings 5:18

C. The Building of the Temple: Read 1 Kings 6:1-38

1. How long after Israel left Egypt was the temple begun? 1 Kings 6:1

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2. Of what was the house built?
 - a. Outside: 1 Kings 6:7 _____
 - b. Walls and ceilings: 1 Kings 6:15a _____
 - c. Floors: 1 Kings 6:15b _____
3. What kinds of decorations were on the walls of the house? 1 Kings 6:18, 29

What was probably the most unusual feature of the house?
1 Kings 6:20, 22, 28, 30, 32, 35

5. How long did it take to complete the house? 1 Kings 6:37, 38

6. What other house adjoined the temple? 1 Kings 7:1

D. The Dedication of the Temple: Read 1 Kings 8:1-30

1. What kinds of furnishings were placed in the temple? 1 Kings 7:48-51

2. What very important item was placed in the temple? 1 Kings 8:1

3. What happened when the priests who carried it came out of the holy place? 1 Kings 8:10, 11

4. When Solomon prayed, dedicating the house to the Lord, how did he feel about it? 1 Kings 8:27

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What does God desire for His dwelling-place on earth today?
(See 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17)

2. If I gave God the very best that I have, would it be sufficient for Him? Would I really be *giving* Him anything at all? (See 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20)
