

Promised Land 2 Study and Discussion Questions

Lesson Five: Solomon's Reign - 1 Kings 1-11; 1 Chronicles 22 – 2 Chronicles 9

David's Temple Preparation; Solomon's Throne Established: 1 Chronicles 22-28, 1 Kings 1-2, and 1 Chronicles 29

- 1) Read 1 Chronicles 22 and skim 1 Chronicles 23-28, chapters that describe David's preparations for the building of a permanent temple that would occur Solomon's reign.
 - a) 1 Chronicles 22 says that David made "extensive preparations" (verse 5) and took "great pains" (verse 14) to do so. He received "all the details of the plan" from the Lord (28:19). After skimming 1 Chronicles 22-28 and examining any section titles given in your Bible, summarize the preparations David made.
 - b) Read David's words to his son in 1 Chronicles 22:11-13 and 28:10, 20. How do you think Solomon would have felt about being assigned such an important task?

- 2) Read 1 Kings 1-2.
 - a) List the individuals (and related situations) that Solomon needed to handle after David's death, in order to ensure his throne was securely established.
 - b) Which specific relationships, habits, or situations could threaten or are threatening your present walk with Christ?

- 3) In a word or short phrase, tell what events occupied David's final days, according to:
 - a) 1 Chronicles 22-28:
 - b) 1 Chronicles 29:1-9:
 - c) 1 Chronicles 29:10-20:
 - d) 1 Chronicles 29:21-24:
 - e) How much time do you give to help prepare the next generation to successfully follow the Lord?

Solomon's Wisdom; Temple and Palace Construction: Read 1 Kings 3-4 with 2 Chronicles 1; then, skim 1 Kings 5-7 with 2 Chronicles 2-4.

- 4) Who helped plant the idea within Solomon's mind that he would need much wisdom to reign successfully (see 1 Chronicles 22:11-13)?
- 5) According to 1 Kings 4:34, by endowing Solomon with wisdom, what special opportunity did the Lord grant him? How did this opportunity further God's ultimate goal for the nation of Israel (see Genesis 12:3b, 18:18; Exodus 19:6a; 1 Kings 8:43, 60, and Solomon's teachings in 1 Kings 4:29-34, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 and Proverbs 1:7, 2:6-8, 3:5-6, etc.)?
- 6) According to 1 Kings 6:37 – 7:2, in addition to the Temple, what is Solomon famous for building?
- 7) Review 1 Kings 3:10-14. The Lord did not indicate that Solomon would have necessarily been wrong to have asked for riches, honor, or long life, but rather, that his request for a discerning heart (wisdom) was far better. Is there some good or morally neutral thing you believe you need to set aside at this time in order to focus on something better?

Temple Dedication: Read 1 Kings 8:1-9:9 and 2 Chronicles 5-7.

- 8) According to 1 Kings 8:1-11, what event marked the climax of the work on the Temple?
- 9) Which key words in Solomon's prayer (1 Kings 8:22-53) are repeated? Based on these repetitions, try to summarize Solomon's prayer in one sentence.
- 10) According to 1 Kings 9:1-9, what was the purpose of the Lord's second appearance to Solomon?
- 11) Today, God speaks to His children primarily through His written word, the Bible. How has the Lord recently used His word to answer a specific prayer you have prayed?

The Temple and Its Meaning

12) How did the idea of building a permanent Temple in Jerusalem come about (read Deuteronomy 12:1-5, 8-14; 1 Chronicles 21:27 – 22:1, 23:25-26; and Acts 7:44-50)?

13) The furnishings and features in the Tabernacle held special, symbolic significance.

a) Which of the Tabernacle's furnishings and features, listed in Exodus 26:33-35, were also a part of the Temple, according to 1 Kings 6:16, 19 and 7:48-50?

b) The elements of the Tabernacle and Temple foreshadowed the person and work of Christ. Match the Temple feature from the verse in the left column with the New Testament verse in the right column that speaks of its fulfillment. Write a word or short phrase that indicates the meaning of each pair.

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| 1. 1 Kings 6:16 | Hebrews 10:1-10 |
| 2. 1 Kings 7:48c | John 6:41, 48 |
| 3. 1 Kings 7:49 | Hebrews 4:14 |
| 4. 1 Kings 8:11 (people) | John 1:4 & 9:5 |
| 5. 1 Kings 8:64b | Hebrews 9:3, 8, 12, 24-25 |

14) Read 1 King 8:62-64 and 9:25. The system of sacrifices, central to Israel's worship, was formalized in the Law of Moses but practiced even earlier than that. How do Romans 6:23a, Hebrews 9:22 and 28 explain why God requires sacrifice? Since the time of Christ, what kind of sacrifice does the Lord require of us and specifically, how do you need to make this sacrifice today (see Romans 6:13, 16, 19, and 12:1)?

Solomon's other activities: Read 1 Kings 9:10-11:43 and 2 Chronicles 8-9.

15) Solomon is remembered primarily for his wisdom and the Temple he built.

a) For what additional exploits is Solomon known?

b) According to 1 Kings 10:26-11:43 and Deuteronomy 17:14-20, which of these activities were grave mistakes (sins) and what were the results?

c) What do you want people to remember about you?