

# 1 Kings 6

God's faithfulness

After 40 years setting up/breaking down Tabernacle/Tent of Meeting Permanent Temple under Construction

- Before his death David praised God for the coming Temple....

**1 Chronicles 23:25** ...David said, "The Lord God of Israel has given rest to His people, that they may dwell in Jerusalem forever"; 26 and also to the Levites, "They shall no longer carry the tabernacle, or any of the articles for its service."

- **David made physical provisions for his son to succeed...**

**1 Chronicles 28:11-18** [Read] [David] gave his son Solomon the plans; i.e. [Blueprints for Temple]

- **Plans given from father his son**

1. Vestibule
2. Treasuries
3. Inner Chambers

- **Materials provided by father his son**

1. Gold
2. Silver
3. Other building materials

- David made physical provisions for his son

## All directed by God

- As with Moses construction of the Tabernacle; Blueprints supernaturally given to David by God...

**1 Chronicles 28:19** [Read] "All this," said David, "the Lord made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans."

- Physical provisions are not enough for success...

[Cont.] 20 And David said to his son Solomon, "Be **strong and of good courage, and do it**; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord God—my God—will be with you."

- Solomon spoke of father David's wisdom in Proverbs

**Proverbs 4:1** Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, And give attention to know understanding; 2 For I give you **good doctrine**: Do not forsake my law. 3 When I was my father's son, Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother [Bathsheba], 4 He also taught me, and said to me: "**Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commands, and live.**"

**Proverbs 10:1** A wise son makes a glad father...

**Proverbs 13:1** A wise son heeds his father's instruction....

- **Ultimately it will be up to Solomon.** Can't live others' lives for them

**God directed David to prepare Physical and Spiritual provisions for his son before he died  
Father's are to prepare the next generation to succeed as directed by God**

## I. Construction Begins: Solomon Builds the Temple

1 And it came to pass in the **four hundred and eightieth year** after the

children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the **fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel**, in the month of Ziv, which is the second month, that **he began to build the house of the Lord.**

- **First Temple of at least three:**

1. **Solomon's:** Built 967 BC and Destroyed by Babylon 587 BC

**2 Chronicles 3:1** ...Solomon began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem on **Mount Moriah**, where the Lord had appeared to his father David... [Develop later]

2. **Zerubbabel's:** Ezra/Nehemiah time. Later w/ Herod's addition 516 BC-70 AD
3. **Coming Temple** which AC will desolate being prepared today
4. **4<sup>th</sup> Temple?** which Jesus will reign from built by God at 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming?

**Acts 15:16** [Read] ... I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And **I will set it up**; 17 So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the Lord who does all these things.

- **Construction of First Temple Begins:** 480 Years after the Exodus from Egypt

**Right now: Good Times!**

2 Now the house which King Solomon built for the Lord, its length was sixty cubits, its width twenty, and its height thirty cubits. 3 The vestibule in front of the sanctuary of the house was twenty cubits long across the width of the house, and the width of the vestibule extended ten cubits from the front of the house. 4 And he made for the house windows with beveled frames. 5 Against the wall of the temple he built chambers all around, against the walls of the temple, all around the sanctuary and the inner sanctuary. Thus he made side chambers all around it. 6 The lowest chamber was five cubits wide, the middle was six cubits wide, and the third was seven cubits wide; for he made narrow ledges around the outside of the temple, so that the support beams would not be fastened into the walls of the temple.

- **Four Sections:**

1. **Temple Proper:** Holy Place and Most Holy Place [Holy of Holies]
2. Vestibule/Entrance Hall
3. **Three-Story high side Chambers:** Side-Rooms
4. Surrounding Courtyard

- **Total Dimensions:**

1. 110 Feet Long x 75 Feet Wide
2. Same Design as Tabernacle but 2x as large

- **V4** Side rooms/chambers?

## Reason for Destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon and Exile: Idolatry

- Prophet Ezekiel given tour back in time before the attack

**Ezekiel 8:9** [Read] [The Lord]... said to me, "Go in, and see the wicked abominations which they are doing there." 10 So I went in and saw, and there—every sort of creeping thing, abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed all around on the walls. 11 And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in their midst stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan. Each man had a censer in his hand, and a thick cloud of incense went up. 12 Then He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, **every man in the room of his idols**? For they say, 'The Lord does not see us, the Lord has forsaken the land.'"

- Spiritual Leaders committing Spiritual Adultery; i.e. Idolatry
- Filling the side rooms with statues

### Putting anything before/above the Living God

**Ezekiel 10:18** [Read] Then the **glory of the Lord departed** from the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim. 19 And the cherubim lifted their wings and mounted up from the earth in my sight. When they went out, the wheels were beside them; and they stood at the door of the east gate of the Lord's house, and the glory of the God of Israel was above them.

**Ezekiel 11:23** [Read] And the **glory of the Lord went** up from the midst of the city and stood on the mountain, which is on the east side of the city.

- Solomon's Temple destroyed approx. 400 yrs. after construction **due to idolatry**
- **Why such a great sin?**

**1 Corinthians 10:20** ... the things which the Gentiles **sacrifice they sacrifice to demons** and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons. 22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?

- When human beings put anything before/above the Living God we provoke the Lord
  1. Money
  2. Sex
  3. Fame
  4. Self
  5. So-called rights
  6. Sports
  7. Media
  8. Family?

**The glory will depart when God moves from first position in our lives.  
He is the *Living* God!**

**Isaiah 40:28** Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth...

- **Romans 1**

1. Profess to be wise...become fools
2. Worship/Serve created things rather than Creator
3. Hearts becoming dark
4. Given over to sexual immorality [Idolatry]
5. Know deserving of death but continue to condone

**Provoking God to wrath: This is world Christ will find when He returns to Judge  
Then rule with Rod of Iron from the Coming Temple**

- **Back to first Temple...**

7 And the temple, when it was being built, was built with stone **finished at the quarry**, so that **no hammer or chisel** or any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was being built.

- **Stones shape/fitted at quarry**

**No Hammer/Chisel/Sound anywhere near the Temple**

- **All of the work God does in us is done here on Earth**
- **When are with the Lord the sound of work/striving will cease**
  1. Jack hammer will be put back in shed...forever
  2. Mallet and Chisel having accomplished their work
  3. Persistent Polishing finally complete
- No sound of work near the Temple of Heaven
- God Almighty and the Lamb are the Temple of Heaven. **Rest.**

**Matthew 11:28** [Taste of rest on earth] Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

**Revelation 14:13** [Eternal rest] ...I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may **rest from their labors**, and their works follow them."

8 The doorway for the middle story was on the right side of the temple. They went up by stairs to the middle story, and from the middle to the third. **9 So [Solomon] built the temple and finished it**, and he paneled the temple with beams and boards of cedar. 10 And he built side chambers against the entire temple, each five cubits high; they were attached to the temple with cedar beams. 11 Then the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying: 12 "Concerning this temple which you are building, **if you walk** in My statutes, execute My judgments, keep all My commandments, and walk in them, then I will perform My word with you, which I spoke to your father David. 13 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel."

- **Lord speaks to Solomon concerning the Temple**
- **Conditional Promise: If/Then**

**Lots of people want the “then’s” from God without having to do the “ifs”**

1. **If** you walk in *My statutes*
2. **If** you execute *My judgments*
3. **If** you keep/walk in all *My commandments*
4. **Then** I will act on My word to you
5. **Then** I will dwell with Israel
6. **Then** I will not forsake My people

**I will dwell among the children of Israel  
And meet with them at this Temple**

- Solomon/successors failed and God judged
  1. Wives
  2. Horses
  3. Idolatry [unlike David]
  4. Arms dealer? More money?

**1 Chronicles 1:17** [Kings merchants] acquired and imported from Egypt a chariot for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for one hundred and fifty; thus, through their agents, they exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

- **Arms dealer to enemies?** So much wisdom/stupidity in one individual

**Proverbs 17:25** A foolish son is a grief to his father, And bitterness to her who bore him.

**Proverbs 19:13** A foolish son is the ruin of his father

- Solomon’s son would in turn shame his father beginning with bad friends...

**Proverbs 28:7** Whoever keeps the law is a discerning son, But a companion of gluttons shames his father.

**Do this be blessed/Don’t do it and be cursed ...Glory Departed the Temple**

- **Right now...good times. Excitement**

**14 So Solomon built the temple and finished it.** 15 And he built the inside walls of the temple with cedar boards; from the floor of the temple to the ceiling he paneled the inside with wood; and he covered the floor of the temple with planks of cypress. 16 Then he built the twenty-cubit room at the rear of the temple, from floor to ceiling, with cedar boards; he built it inside as the inner sanctuary, as the Most Holy Place. 17 And in front of it the temple sanctuary was forty cubits long. 18 The inside of the temple was cedar, carved with ornamental buds and open flowers. All was cedar; there was **no stone to be seen.**

- **Rock covered with wood:** Jesus deity covered in human flesh
- **Cedar:** Beautiful scent during construction

**19 And [Solomon] prepared the inner sanctuary inside the temple, to set the**

ark of the covenant of the Lord there. 20 The inner sanctuary was twenty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and twenty cubits high. He overlaid it with pure gold, and overlaid the altar of cedar. 21 So Solomon overlaid the inside of the temple with pure gold. He stretched gold chains across the front of the inner sanctuary, and overlaid it with gold.

### **Prepared a place for Ark of the Covenant/Presence of God**

- Loving the Lord manifested by loving others prepares a place for Jesus

**John 14:21** He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" 23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to **him** [personal] and **make Our home with him.**

### **Commandment that makes a home for Jesus and father**

As per John 15: Love God [by/as] we love one another

- Love shown to others is the key that opens door to intimacy with Jesus
- Repentance in our own lives also prepares a place for Jesus
  1. Turning from sin
  2. Turning to God...complete change of mind with no regret!

**Revelation 3:19** [Lukewarm Laodicea] As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. **Therefore be zealous and repent.** 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and **dine with him**, and he with Me.

- **Solomon Prepared a place for the Ark;** i.e. for the "presence of God"

### **Difficult repentance brings joyous refreshing and the presence of the Lord**

**Acts 3:19** Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that **times of refreshing** may come from the presence of the Lord

He must have obedience. Christ cannot come and comfortably manifest himself to those who are living out of order and disregarding his words. Take heed, children of God, of disobedience; it is a discipline of the divine family that if we disobey we should lose the comfortable presence of our Lord. "I will manifest myself to him." [Spurgeon]

- Intimacy with Jesus and Father?

### **Are we saying "there is no room at the inn for Jesus?"**

Are we preparing a place in our hearts for Jesus by loving others and repentance

22 The **whole temple he overlaid with gold**, until he had finished all the temple; also he overlaid with gold the entire altar that was by the inner sanctuary. 23 Inside the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high. 24 One wing of the cherub was five cubits, and

the other wing of the cherub five cubits: ten cubits from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other. 25 And the other cherub was ten cubits; both cherubim were of the same size and shape. 26 The height of one cherub was ten cubits, and so was the other cherub. 27 Then he set the cherubim inside the inner room; and they stretched out the wings of the cherubim so that the wing of the one touched one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall. And their wings touched each other in the middle of the room. 28 Also he overlaid the cherubim with gold.

- **Entire Temple overlaid with Gold**

1. Walls
2. Floor
3. Carvings
4. **Cherubim:** Olive wood **overlaid with Gold?**

- **JV McGee:** Temple less glorious than Tabernacle

"The temple was inferior to the tabernacle, not only in innate quality, but in that which the temple characterizes. **First of all**, it was complicated. In the New Testament the temple is bypassed and the tabernacle is used for typology. Why? Well, the temple has become complicated. This has an application for us. We are living in a day when the emphasis is put methods and not on the Word of God. The church is filled with new programs and new methods...**The second thing** I want you to notice is that Solomon made windows of narrow lights. There had been no windows in the Tabernacle. Now Solomon's windows did not let in much light, but they did let in a little. The people no longer depended on divine light as they had in the tabernacle...**the third indication** of inferiority is that the cherubim were made of olive wood. They were ten cubits high-very impressive-but they were no longer made of solid gold. **The fourth thing** is that the temple was more ornate and gaudy than the tabernacle, and there was more ceremony and ritual connected to it...it is much too complicated to illustrate or set before us the wonderful Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. However God honored it with His presence, and the place was filled with the Shekinah glory..." [JV McGee]

- We will still find "pictures of Jesus in the Temple" and in the volume of the book
- David knew the holy blueprints were not to build a house to contain God

**1 Chronicles 28:2** Then King David rose to his feet and said, "Hear me, my brethren and my people: I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and for the **footstool of our God**, and had made preparations to build it.

**Isaiah 66:1** Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?"

29 Then [Solomon] carved all the walls of the temple all around, both the inner and outer sanctuaries, with carved figures of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers. 30 And the floor of the temple he overlaid with gold, both the inner and outer sanctuaries. 31 For the entrance of the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood; the lintel and doorposts were one-fifth of the wall.

- Beautiful artwork adorned the Temple

32 The two doors were of olive wood; and he carved on them figures of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold; and he spread gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees. 33 So for the door of the sanctuary he also made doorposts of olive wood, one-fourth of the wall. 34 And the two doors were of cypress wood; two panels comprised one folding door, and two panels comprised the other folding door. 35 Then he carved cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers on them, and overlaid them with gold applied evenly on the carved work. 36 And he built the inner court with three rows of hewn stone and a row of cedar beams.

- Two doors with carving of angels, Palm Trees and Flowers
- **Inner court:** Court of the Priests
  1. Altar
  2. Laver
  3. Place of Sacrifice
- Outside of Inner Court was the **Great Court:** Where people came to pray
- Outside the Great Court was the **Court of Women**
- Outside the Court of Women was the **Court of the Gentiles**

37 In the fourth year the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid, in the month of Ziv. 38 And in the eleventh year, in the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished in all its details and according to all its plans. **So he was seven years in building it.**

Seven years building spectacular structure for an incomparably more spectacular God

- **Destroyed 5 years after Solomon's death**
  1. Disobedience of Solomon
  2. Idolatry of Leaders
  3. Spiritual Adultery of Nation