

God's Promise to David: The Reign of King Solomon
Lesson 5 – 1 Kings 5 - 6

ANGELS IN THE ARCHITECTURE

Solomon Prepares to Build the Temple (1 Kings 5:1-12).

36. Why was David unable to build the temple? How is the fact that Solomon was able to begin preparations for the building of the temple a confirmation of God's promise to David?

37. In 1 Kings 5:3, Solomon used the phrase "Name of the LORD" in connection with the temple he was planning to build. (See also 2 Samuel 7:13) What is the "Name of the LORD"? (See also Psalm 20:1, Acts 4:10-12, and Luther's Small Catechism)

38. 2 Chronicles 2:11-16 is a parallel text to 1 Kings 6:7-9 and contains a fuller version of Hiram's letter to Solomon. What in these passages indicate that Hiram may have been a believer in the LORD?

Solomon's System of Forced Labor (1 Kings 5:13-18).

39. According to 1 Kings 12:1-4, what attitude among the people was engendered by Solomon's system of forced labor?

Solomon Builds the Temple (1 Kings 6:1-38).

40. Re-read 1 Kings 6:1. Why do you think the writer of 1 Kings used such an elaborate and precise method of dating the beginning of the temple's construction?
41. 1 Kings 6:2-10 is a description of the dimensions and exterior of the temple. What were the dimensions of the temple? Was the temple a very large building? (See also Appendix C)
42. 1 Kings 6:14-38 is a description of the interior of the temple. What was the purpose of the inner sanctuary or "Most Holy Place?"
43. There are several references in the Old Testament to angelic beings called *cherubim*. Two examples are found in Genesis 3:24 and Psalm 99:1. We also know from Exodus 25:18-20 that figures of two cherubim were mounted on the cover of the ark of the covenant. Based on these texts, what do you think may have been the purpose of the two statues of cherubim in the inner sanctuary described in 1 Kings 6:23-28?
44. What was the reason for such extravagant use of gold in the temple?

Where is Jesus?

45. We have seen that Solomon is a type of Christ. What does the temple typify?
(See John 2:19-21, 1 Corinthians 6:19, and 1 Peter 2:4-5)

46. 1 Kings 6:11-13 is an “interruption” that divides the narrative describing the exterior and interior of the temple. Who is the One who fulfills God’s commands in these verses? How did He fulfill them?

47. According to 1 Kings 6:38, how long did it take to complete the temple?
When will Christ’s church be complete?

