

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

1) 05 June	1Kings 01-04	Granted
2) 12 June	1Kings 05-08	Repentance
3) 19 June	1Kings 09-11	Compromised
4) 26 June	1Kings 12-14	Divided
5) 03 July	1Kings 15-16	Return
6) 10 July	1Kings 17-18	Proven
7) 17 July	1Kings 19-22	Hope
8) 24 July	2Kings 01-05	God Heals
9) 31 July	2Kings 06-08	God Provides
10) 07 Aug	2Kings 09-12	God Honors
11) 14 Aug	2Kings 13-17	God Judges
12) 21 Aug	2Kings 18-21	God Hears
13) 28 Aug	2Kings 22-25	God Moves

**INTRODUCTION**

- God's purpose for having Solomon build a grandiose Temple complex overlaid with gold was to WOW the nations and to mold Israel into a cohesive nation through a common place of worship – and to be a place for all peoples to call on God and to enjoy His presence through experiencing answered prayers.

Passage	Comments
1Kings 5:1-18	<p><b>Hiram, the King of Tyre, comes to the Rescue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is the only time in scripture Tyre is presented in a positive light as they help build Solomon's Temple                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tyre eventually becomes an enemy of Israel by robbing the Temple and selling Israelites into slavery. .... <a href="#">Amos 1; Joel 3</a></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>What turns one-time friends into life-long enemies?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pride? <input type="checkbox"/> Unwillingness to Forgive? <input type="checkbox"/> Other?</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Temple Building Logistics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>80,000 Stonecutters</li> <li>70,000 Porters/Transporters</li> <li>30,000 Forced Laborers</li> <li>3,300 Managers (2% or 1:50 ratio). Very efficient. Most companies today have at least a 10% ratio of managers to workers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6:1-38	<p><b>Solomon's Temple Complex</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very elaborate furnishings: 45,000 lbs of gold used to cover almost everything; 7 years to build the Temple</li> <li>Currently the only evidence the Temple ever existed is found in the Bible</li> <li>Jewish traditions believe Solomon's Temple lasted 410 years and was built where the Muslim Dome of the Rock is today</li> <li>vv11-13. God spoke to Solomon the 2<sup>nd</sup> time emphasizing great blessings if he stayed faithful. Did he?</li> <li><b>What's the significance of having a fancy place to worship?</b> ..... <a href="#">Haggai 1:2-9</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> National or Community Pride? <input type="checkbox"/> Notoriety?</li> </ul> </li> <li>How much emphasis should we give to our place of worship? Is God more pleased with metal chairs or cushioned pews? Is God worth the best we can offer?</li> </ul>
7:1-51	<p><b>Solomon's House</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It took 13 years, and it was 6x larger than the Temple</li> <li>Was Solomon too focused on his house or did he have God-given liberty to build a big mansion?</li> <li>Can we be too focused establishing our own house and career while neglecting God's House?                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How should we fix that problem?</li> <li>How soon should we fix that problem?</li> <li>Can we make up for lost time/lost tithes? Under the Law, Jews were required to pay a 20% penalty for withholding their tithes ..... <a href="#">Lev 27:30-34</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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8:1-66	<p><b>Worship Established at the Temple</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solomon was still very focused on God at this time</li> <li>Grandiose ceremony with incalculable sacrifices</li> <li>Solomon waited 11 months after completing the temple before dedicating it – possibly to coincide with the Feast of Tabernacles (Sept/Oct) [Christ was possibly born at this time – more next week]</li> <li>vv10-11. "The cloud filled the House of God" - in other words, God expressed His pleasure</li> <li>Solomon stands (v22) and kneels (v54) in prayer with his hands pointed heavenward to dedicate the <b>House of Prayer</b></li> <li>Basically, if people pray honestly, and within His will, of course, whether Jew or Gentile, God wants to answer</li> <li>v43. The ultimate goal – "all the peoples of the earth may know God's name and fear Him"</li> <li>v61. The secret to getting our prayers answered:                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ "Let your heart be wholly devoted to the Lord"                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are we "wholly devoted" to the Lord?</li> <li>If not, what would it take to get us there?                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reading the Bible 24x7? <input type="checkbox"/> Praying 24x7</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> In whatsoever we do, we do it heartily for God?</li> </ul> </li> <li>...and how long should it take for us to get there?                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Yrs? <input type="checkbox"/> Months? <input type="checkbox"/> Wks? <input type="checkbox"/> Days? <input type="checkbox"/> Seconds</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

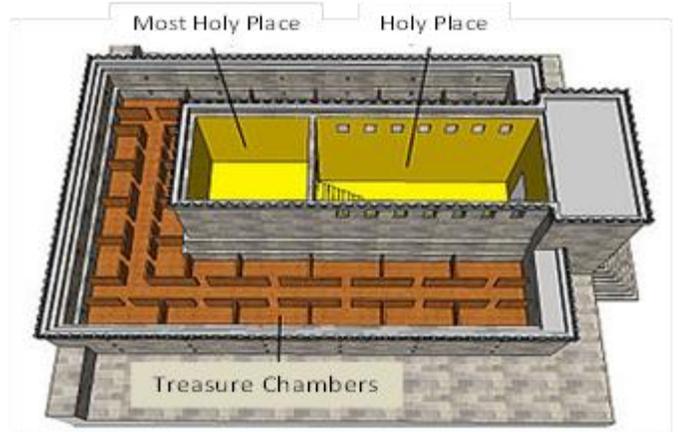
**SUPPORTING PASSAGES:**

[Haggai 1:2-9](#). "Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD." Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, "Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. You have sown much and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes." "Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD. You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the LORD of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house."

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- God will one day restore a central place for His people to Worship Him during the millennial reign of Christ
- Now, God is pleased when His children live in unity whether it be in a small house church or a mega-church

**NEXT WEEK: 1Kings 9-11.** Why do women have such an overwhelming influence on men? Is it a God-thing or a Flesh-thing or a little bit of both?



**Solomon's Temple Complex**