

# SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

Built to take the place of the Tabernacle that had traveled through the wilderness with the Israelites, Solomon's Temple was twice as large. It measured about 100 feet long and 35 feet wide, about the size of two modern day homes. Solomon's workers cut huge blocks of stone and expertly fitted them together to build a sanctuary that was three stories high. When the temple was completed, Solomon proclaimed that the entire nation of Israel feast and celebrate for seven days.



What was inside the Temple? There were three rooms: an outer waiting room, a large worship room, and a smaller inner room, known as the Holy of Holies, where the Ark of the Covenant was placed. Only the finest woods were used. Elaborate carvings of flowers, and animals trees, were covered in gold. Enormous bronze pillars reached 35 feet

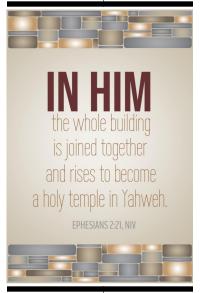
high. Guarding the holy inner room were two statues of angels, each 15 feet tall. A huge pool held water for washing tools used to prepare sacrifices. Even the bowls, plates, and candlesticks of the Temple were works of art. Solomon only allowed the finest craftsmen to make them.

When the Ark of the Covenant was brought into its new home in the inner room, the Holy of Holies, the cloud of Yahweh's glory filled the sanctuary.

At first, Solomon was a wonderful and righteous king. Sadly, Solomon did not stay righteous. He fell into sin. When he married many pagan women, he built temples for their false deities, which were larger than the one he built for Yahweh. This is a sad testimony we see many times in Scripture, with many who followed Yahweh allowing their hearts to turn away. Let us remain faithful and true to Yahweh! We are now the Temple of the Holy Spirit. Let's keep our temples clean and sinless!

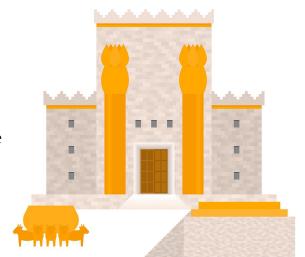
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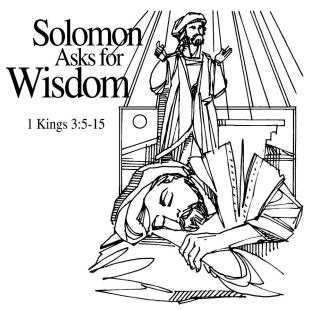


### Do you remember?

- 1. What was Solomon's Temple intended to replace?
- A. The Tabernacle in the Wilderness
- B. Herod's temple
- C. David's empire
- D. The Dome of the Rock
- 2. How many times larger was Solomon's Temple compared to the Tabernacle?
- A. Twice as large
- B. It was twice as small
- C. Ten times larger
- D. Ten times smaller



- 3. After the temple was completed, how many days did Israel celebrate?
- A. 5
- B. 8
- C. 9
- D. 7
- 4. What was placed in the inner room?
- A. The Ark of the Covenant
- B. Pagan idols
- C. Food storage
- D. Wheat stores
- 5. Which are true?
- A. The inner room was known as the Holy of Holies.
- B. Solomon used the finest materials in constructing the Temple.
- C. The Pillars were 35 feet tall
- D. All are true



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# **Proverbs 18:1-6**

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## **ANOTHER NAME**

People are often given names or titles because of a personality trait or an incident in their lives. See if you can find the alternative name for the person.



- 1. Who was called "The Dreamer" by his siblings? (Genesis 37:19)
- 2. Who was known as the "Son of the Highest"? (Luke 1:31-32)
- 3. Who were called the "Sons of Thunder"? (Mark 3:17)
- 4. What lady was called the "Mother of Nations"? (Genesis 17:16)
- 5. What man was referred to as the "Voice of one crying in the wilderness"? (John 1:23)
- 6. Who was known as the "Beloved Physician"? (Colossians 4:14)
- 7. Who was referred to as "The Fox"? (Luke 13: 31-32)
- 8. Who was known as "The Serpent"? (Revelation 12:9)
- 9. Who was called "The Wicked Woman"? (2 Chronicles 24:7)
- 10. Who was the "Friend of Yahweh"? (James 2:23)
- 11. Who were known as "Followers of Yahweh"? (Acts 11:26)

