

The Kings of Israel

Lesson #35



In our last study:

God bestows peace and prosperity on the reign of King Solomon.

King Solomon builds a house for the Lord.

King Solomon builds his palace.

In this study:

King Solomon orders the construction of the Temple furniture.

The Ark of the Lord is brought into the Temple.

Solomon lifts his hands in prayer to the Lord!

Solomon asks for blessings on the people of Israel.

King Solomon orders the
construction of the Temple
furniture.

1 Kings 7:13 – 14 (ESV)

13 And King Solomon sent and brought Hiram from Tyre. 14 He was the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in bronze. And he was full of wisdom, understanding, and skill for making any work in bronze. He came to King Solomon and did all his work.

1 Kings 7:51 (ESV)

51 Thus all the work that King Solomon did on the house of the LORD was finished. And Solomon brought in the things that David his father had dedicated, the silver, the gold, and the vessels, and stored them in the treasuries of the house of the LORD.

The Ark of the Lord is brought
into the Temple.

1 Kings 8:1 (ESV)

1 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' houses of the people of Israel, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.

1 Kings 8:3 – 5 (ESV)

3 And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. 4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. 5 And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered.

1 Kings 8:6 – 8 (ESV)

6 Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the Most Holy Place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. 7 For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles. 8 And the poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the Holy Place before the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day.

1 Kings 8:9 (ESV)

9 There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses put there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the people of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

1 Kings 8:10 – 11 (ESV)

10 And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, 11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

1 Kings 8:12 – 14 (ESV)

12 Then Solomon said, “The LORD has said that he would dwell in thick darkness. 13 I have indeed built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever.” 14 Then the king turned around and blessed all the assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel stood.

1 Kings 8:15 – 16 (ESV)

15 And he said, “Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who with his hand has fulfilled what he promised with his mouth to David my father, saying, 16 Since the day that I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel in which to build a house, that my name might be there. But I chose David to be over my people Israel.’

1 Kings 8:20 – 21 (ESV)

20 Now the LORD has fulfilled his promise that he made. For I have risen in the place of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and I have built the house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. 21 And there I have provided a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD that he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.”

Solomon lifts his hands in prayer
to the Lord!

1 Kings 8:22 – 23 (ESV)

22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, 23 and said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart;

1 Kings 8:25 (ESV)

25 Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.'

1 Kings 8:27 – 29 (ESV)

27 “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! 28 Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, 29 that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, My name shall be there,’ that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place.

Solomon's Requests of God:

- To forgive those sin against God and their neighbors (vs. 30 – 34)
- To put an end to drought when the people repent (vs. 35 – 36)
- To put an end to famine when the people repent (37 – 40)
- To hear the prayer of the foreigner (41 – 43)
- To hear the prayer of the people as they go out to battle (44 – 45)
- To forgive the people of God when they repent (46 – 53)

Solomon asks for blessings on the people of Israel.

1 Kings 8:54 (ESV)

54 Now as Solomon finished offering all this prayer and plea to the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven.

1 Kings 8:55 – 56 (ESV)


55 And he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying, 56 “Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant.

1 Kings 8:61 (ESV)

61 Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the LORD our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day.”

1 Kings 8:62 – 63 (ESV)

62 Then the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD. 63 Solomon offered as peace offerings to the LORD 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep. So the king and all the people of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.)

The image features three glass chess pieces on a white surface. In the center is a tall, clear glass king with a cross-shaped top. To its left is a smaller, clear glass pawn with a rounded top. To its right is a larger, frosted glass pawn with a rounded top. The pieces are arranged in a row, and the text is overlaid on the king piece.

In our next study, we will
examine the end of King
Solomon's reign!