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Now it came about in the four hundred and eightieth year after the sons of Israel came 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. (1 Kings 6:1)

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¹⁰I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly, ¹¹even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also declares to you that the LORD will make a house for you. ¹²When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

(2 Sam. 7:10-13)

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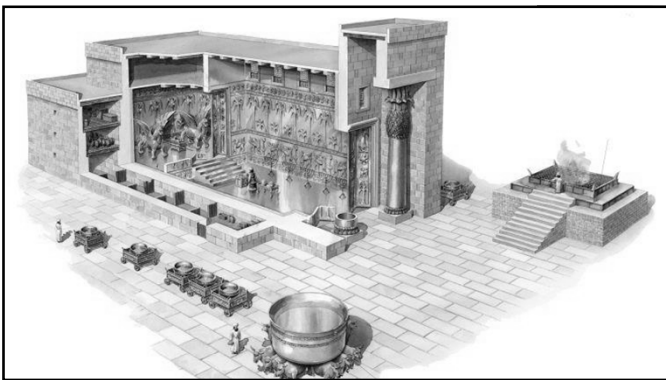
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1 Kings 6:2-10: Exterior Construction

1 Kings 6:14-38: Interior Construction

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- the temple's interior displayed the value and beauty of God's holiness
- the temple's design and decoration pictured a return to the sanctuary-garden of Eden and the "rest" in God's presence

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➤ *Temple Connections: Forward*

- the temple's symbolic design pointed to the new creation and God's "tabernacling" presence in the whole earth (Rev. 21-22)
- the New Creation/Jerusalem is the final tabernacle of God – we shall see His face!

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¹¹ Now the word of the LORD came to Solomon saying,
¹² "Concerning this house which you are building, if you will walk in My statutes and execute My ordinances and keep all My commandments by walking in them, then I will carry out My word with you which I spoke to David your father. ¹³ I will dwell among the sons of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel."

(1 Kings 6:11-13)

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3. Revelation of God's Priority

- obedience to God's word, not the physical temple, is what is most important
- the Lord's promise to David and His ongoing dwelling with His people are conditioned on the obedience of His king

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➤ *Longing for a Better King!*

- Jesus Christ, David's son, secures God's eternal kingdom and ultimate dwelling with us through His perfect faithfulness

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