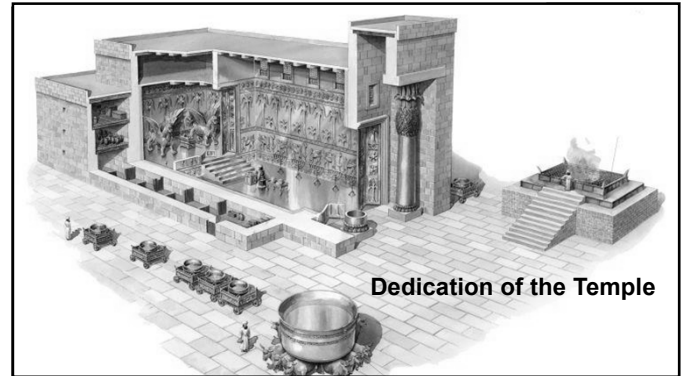
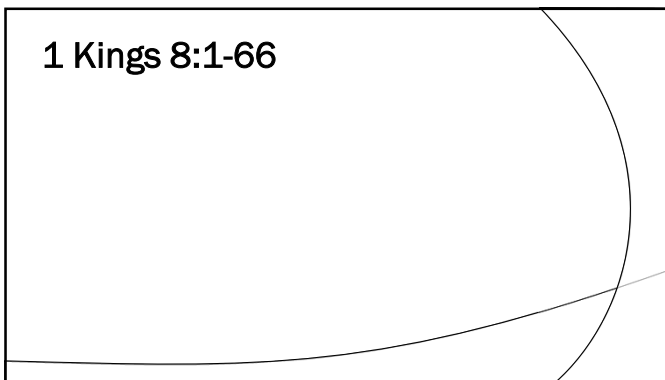




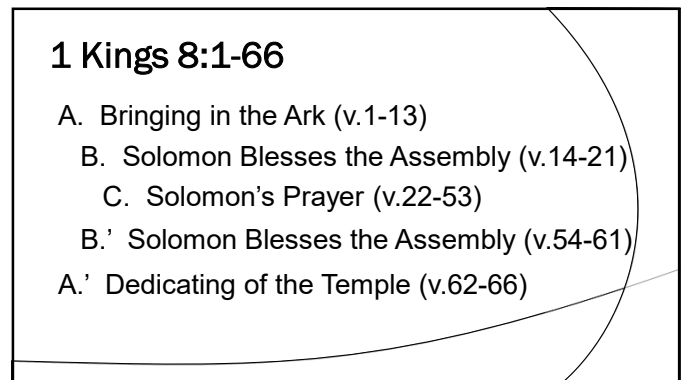
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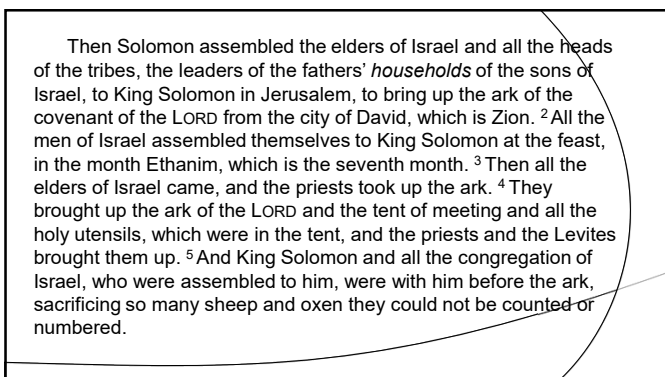
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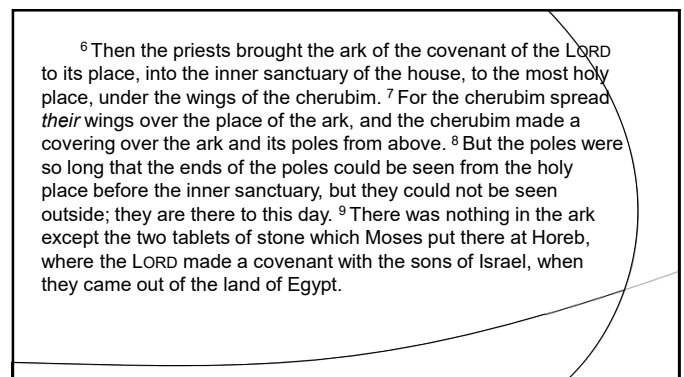
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¹⁰And it came about that when the priests came from the holy place, the cloud filled the house of the LORD, ¹¹so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

¹²Then Solomon said,

"The LORD has said that He would dwell in the thick cloud.

¹³"I have surely built You a lofty house,
A place for Your dwelling forever."

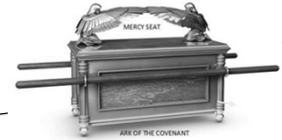
(1 Kings 8:1-13)

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1. The Tablets of Stone

- God's dwelling with His people is contingent upon their obedience to the covenant
- obedience is better than outward ritual or sacred objects (cf. 1 Sam. 15:22)

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Temple Dedication (pt. 1)

2. The Cloud of Glory

- a visible sign of God's acceptance of the temple as His dwelling place
- an expression of the fact that none can approach God's glory
- it both reveals and conceals God's glory – He is immanent, yet transcendent

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¹⁴And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth...¹⁶For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

(John 1:14-18)

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1. The locus of God's presence shifts from the temple to the person of Jesus
2. Jesus' death and resurrection are a destruction and raising up of the temple (John 2:20)