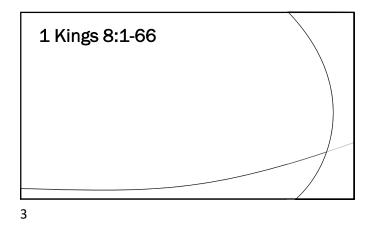
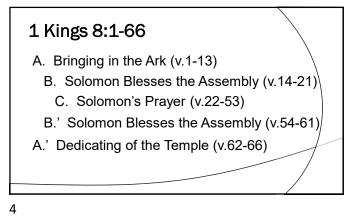


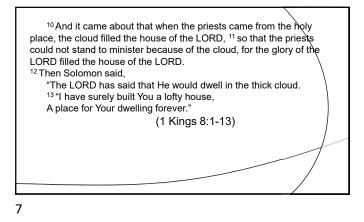
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Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' *households* of the sons of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the city of David, which is Zion. ²All the men of Israel assembled themselves to King Solomon at the feast, in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. ³Then all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. ⁴ They brought up the ark of the LORD and the tent of meeting and all the holy utensils, which were in the tent, and the priests and the Levites brought them up. ⁵And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who were assembled to him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen they could not be counted or numbered. ⁶ Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the most holy place, under the wings of the cherubim. ⁷ For the cherubim spread *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim made a covering over the ark and its poles from above. ⁸ But the poles were so long that the ends of the poles could be seen from the holy place before the inner sanctuary, but they could not be seen outside; they are there to this day. ⁹ There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the sons of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

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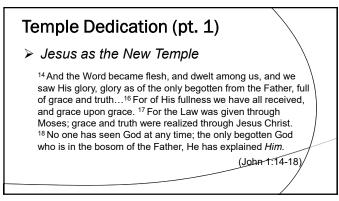
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- 1. The Tablets of Stone
 - God's dwelling with His people is contingent upon their obedience to the covenant
 - obedience is better than outward ritual or sacred objects (cf. 1 Sam. 15:22)

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- 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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- > Jesus as the New Temple
 - 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)

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