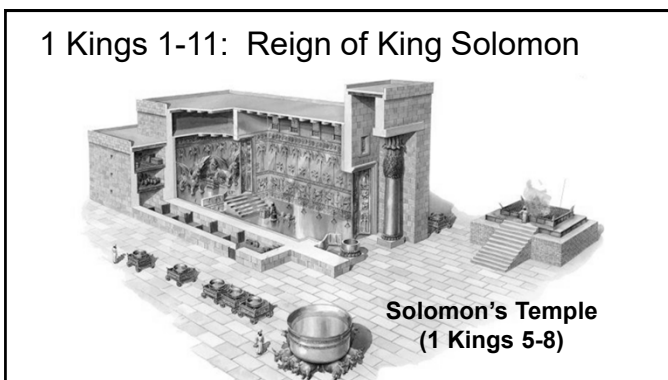




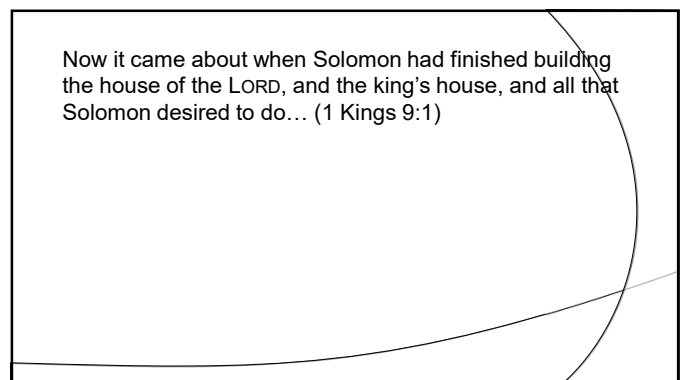
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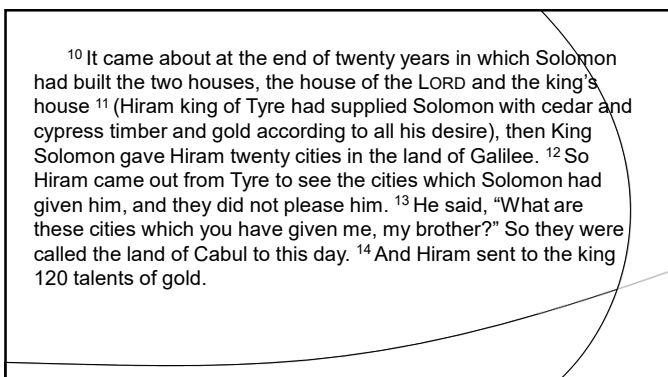
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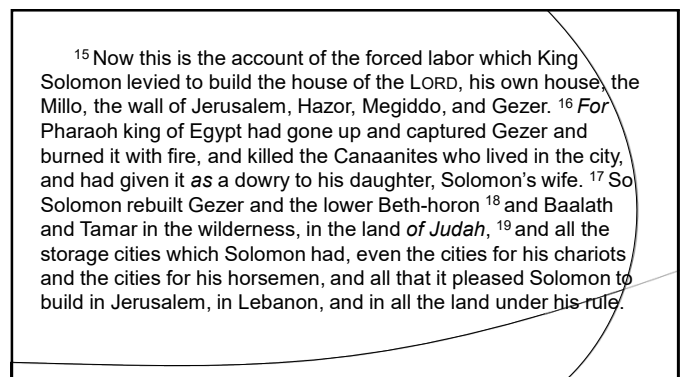
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²⁰ As for all the people who were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites, who were not of the sons of Israel, ²¹ their descendants who were left after them in the land whom the sons of Israel were unable to destroy utterly, from them Solomon levied forced laborers, even to this day. ²² But Solomon did not make slaves of the sons of Israel; for they were men of war, his servants, his princes, his captains, his chariot commanders, and his horsemen.

²³ These *were* the chief officers who *were* over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, who ruled over the people doing the work.

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²⁴ As soon as Pharaoh's daughter came up from the city of David to her house which *Solomon* had built for her, then he built the Millo.

²⁵ Now three times in a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which he built to the LORD, burning incense with them *on the altar* which was before the LORD. So he finished the house.

(1 Kings 9:10-25)

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Now it came about when Solomon had finished building the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all that Solomon desired to do, ² that the LORD appeared to Solomon a second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon. (1 Kings 9:1-2)

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God's Word to Solomon

1. His Answer (to Solomon's prayer)

- He has indeed set apart this temple as the place where Israel will have access to His gracious presence
- *God truly listens and responds to His people's prayers!*

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God's Word to Solomon

2. His Promise

- He will establish Solomon's throne forever, if Solomon walks in covenant obedience
- God's priority is not the physical temple but a heart of obedience

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God's Word to Solomon

3. His Warning

- infidelity by the king will result in devastating judgment – loss of land and temple
- the temple is no guarantee in itself that Israel will escape God's judgment

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The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ²“Stand in the gate of the LORD’s house and proclaim there this word and say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah, who enter by these gates to worship the LORD!’” ³Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. ⁴Do not trust in deceptive words, saying, This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.’ ⁵For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly practice justice between a man and his neighbor, ⁶if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor walk after other gods to your own ruin, ⁷then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever.

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⁸“Behold, you are trusting in deceptive words to no avail. ⁹Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery and swear falsely, and offer sacrifices to Baal and walk after other gods that you have not known, ¹⁰then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—that you may do all these abominations? ¹¹Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your sight? Behold, I, even I, have seen it,” declares the LORD.

(Jeremiah 7:1-11)

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God’s Word to Solomon

➤ Application

1. Beware of trusting in externals and masking an unbelieving, idolatrous heart (Heb. 3:12)
2. We need and have a better King, Jesus, who, by His perfect obedience, secures the kingdom for us

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