

## I KINGS 6; May 15; Solomon Builds a Temple to God

### ANALYSIS:

1. How many years was it between Israel leaving Egypt and beginning to build the temple? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What were the dimensions of the temple? Length\_\_\_\_\_, width\_\_\_\_\_, height\_\_\_\_\_.
3. What other name beside "oracle" is given to that part of the temple which contained two large cherubims? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What kind of wood was used to make the large cherubims and what covered the wood? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many years was Solomon building the temple? \_\_\_\_\_

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The LORD visited Solomon during his seven years of building the temple. This visit must have been reassuring during such a long extended period of construction. In that visit, the LORD repeated the "if -- then" principle. IF Solomon and Israel will walk in the LORD'S commandments, THEN He will perform His word to them, dwell with them and not forsake them (v 12). The blessing of the LORD was conditional upon Israel's obedience.

As New Testament Christians we face the challenge of gospel commandments if we are to enjoy that temporal salvation which is conditional upon obedient discipleship. "Enter ye in at the strait gate ... which leadeth unto life" (Mt 7:13-14). "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil 2:12). "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" (I Tim 4:16).

Here are a few of many blessings which are conditioned upon our walk with God. The condition is not quoted, you may look it up. "I will receive you, and be a Father unto you" (II Cor 6:17-18), "unblameable ... at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thes 3:12-13), "not be ashamed before him at his coming" (I John 2:28), "ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh" (Gal 5:16), "able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph 6:11), "he [God] will draw nigh to you ... and he shall lift you up" (Jam 4:8, 10).

### HELP:

1. 480 years (v 1).
2. 60 cubits long, 20 cubits wide, 30 cubits high (v 2).
3. The most holy place (v 16).
4. Wood from the olive tree, covered with gold (vs 23, 28).
5. 7 years (v 38).