

Solomon Constructs the Temple

1 Kings 6

Group ¹	C	V	Description
The Building of the Temple	6	1-6	The basic structure of the temple
		7	All stone work was done off site in the quarry
		8-10	The construction of the side chambers and their spiral staircase
		11-13	God's Promise to Solomon
		14-22	The construction details of the temple's walls and floor
		23-28	The two cherubs in the Holy of Holies
		29-30	The decorations on the walls of the temple
		31-32	The details of the doors to the inner and outer sanctuaries
		33-36	The doors and doorposts for the entrance
		37-38	The time of construction: 7 years

Solomon's father David had made certain financial agreements and secured the necessary materials for building a temple but God had told him that it would be his son who would rule after him who would build the temple. This chapter contains the details, such as they are, of the construction of Solomon's temple. This initiates what historians call the First Temple Period in Jewish history.

God had told David that He didn't ask for a temple to be built, let alone need one, but It was David who proposed the building of the temple. In 2 Samuel 7, we find the interchange between David, Nathan the prophet and God. Here is the promise that God makes to David.

2 Samuel 7:12-16 NASB "When 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. **13** "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. **14** "I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, **15** but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took *it* away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. **16** "Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.""

The key to this chapter is found in verses 11-13.

1 Kings 6:11-13 NASB 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."

God's promise to Solomon is still the same today as it was then, if people will place their faith in Him and honor Him, following His commandments, He will dwell among them. There are many passages in the Old and New Testaments that describes God's desire to dwell among His people.

If you are interested in learning more about the Temple and the Tabernacle, [Rose Publishing](#) has some excellent materials which would be helpful in your studies.

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