

## 1 Kings 6

Verse 1

**"And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Ziv, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of The Lord."**

This verse is very important in constructing the correct time frame for the period of the kings and other events in the past. We know Solomon became king in 970 BC and the temple was started in 966 BC because the date of the Exodus was 1446 BC.

See chart 605 Time periods

<b>430 years in Egypt</b>		<b>Exodus 12:40-41</b>	
1 Kings 6:1	966	4th year of Solomon	Begin the temple
	1446	966 + 480	The Exodus
Gal 3:17	1876	1446 + 430	Abraham offers Isaac
<p>These dates set the foundation <u>1876 1446 966</u>                      Exodus 12:40-41 should read 430 years in <u>Egypt and Canaan</u></p>			
Genesis 22	1876	Abraham is 120	Abraham offers Isaac
		Isaac is 20	
Genesis 47:9	1706	Jacob is 130	70 go to Egypt
		Joseph is 39	
Exodus 1:6-11	1635	Joseph is 110	Joseph dies
	1606	30 years later	slavery begins
Exodus 12	1446	Moses is 80	The Exodus
	430	1876-1446	Abraham offers Isaac
	260	1706-1446	Years in Egypt
	160	1606-1446	Years in slavery
Genesis 15:16 In the 4th generation		Levi - Kohath - Amram - Moses	

Verses 2 - 7

<sup>2</sup> As for the house which King Solomon built for the Lord, its length was sixty cubits and its width twenty *cubits* and its height thirty cubits. <sup>3</sup> The porch in front of the nave of the house was twenty cubits in length, corresponding to the width of the house, *and* its depth along the front of the house was ten cubits. <sup>4</sup> Also for the house he made windows with *artistic* frames. <sup>5</sup> Against the wall of the house he built stories encompassing the walls of the house around both the nave and the inner sanctuary; thus he made side chambers all around. <sup>6</sup> The lowest story was five cubits wide, and the middle was six cubits wide, and the third was seven cubits wide; for on the outside he made offsets *in the wall* of the house all around in order that *the beams* would not be inserted in the walls of the house.

<sup>7</sup> The house, while it was being built, was built of stone prepared at the quarry, and there was neither hammer nor axe nor any iron tool heard in the house while it was being built.

See Pic 610 Solomon's temple



See Video 615 8.43 Solomon's temple

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Verses 8 - 10

<sup>8</sup> The doorway for the lowest side chamber was on the right side of the house; and they would go up by **winding stairs** to the middle story, and from the middle to the third. <sup>9</sup> So he built the house and finished it; and he covered the house with beams and planks of cedar. <sup>10</sup> He also built the stories against the whole house, each five cubits high; and they were fastened to the house with timbers of cedar.

One should notice that in the video it showed straight stairs going to the second & third floors. However, the text says winding stairs. This comment is not meant in any way to be a criticism of this video. Thanks for your time & dedication.

Verses 11 - 13

Now the word of the Lord came to Solomon saying, <sup>12</sup> “*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. <sup>13</sup> I will dwell among the sons of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel.”

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The number of times that God uses an **IF - Then** statement in the bible is remarkable. God was very careful to remind His people time and again that His blessings were dependent on the people obeying His commands.

Did Solomon keep God’s word?

On a scale of 1 to 10, how did he do?

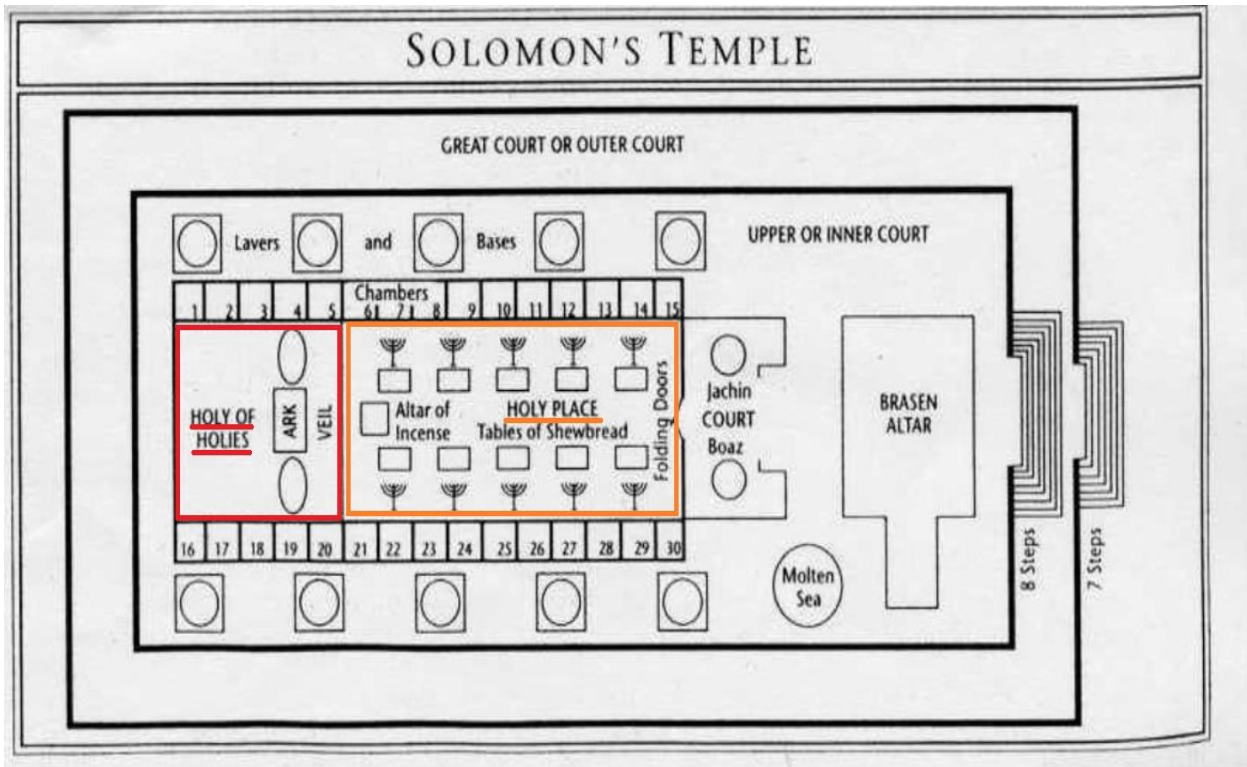
It is amazing that God showed so much grace to the people of Israel in the Old Testament. Even though he warned them that his blessings were conditional He often extended His grace well beyond what they deserved and yet many people talk like the God of the Old Testament was a mean and judgmental God while the God of the New Testament is full of grace. We all know that God does not change and that He has always been a God of grace showing kindness to mankind beyond what we deserve. However, there is a point in time when he will judge each individual and nation according to their deeds.

Verses 14 - 22

<sup>14</sup> So Solomon built the house and finished it. <sup>15</sup> Then he built the walls of the house on the inside with boards of cedar; from the floor of the house to the ceiling he overlaid *the walls* on the inside with wood, and he overlaid the floor of the house with boards of cypress. <sup>16</sup> He built twenty cubits on the rear part of the house with boards of cedar from the floor to the ceiling; he built *them* for it on the inside as an inner sanctuary, even as the most holy place. <sup>17</sup> The house, that is, the nave in front of the inner sanctuary, was forty cubits long. <sup>18</sup> There was cedar on the house within, carved *in the shape* of gourds and open flowers; all was cedar, there was no stone seen. <sup>19</sup> Then he prepared an inner sanctuary within the house in order to place there the ark of the covenant of the Lord. <sup>20</sup> The inner sanctuary was twenty cubits in length, twenty cubits in width, and twenty cubits in height, and he overlaid it with pure gold. He also overlaid the altar with cedar. <sup>21</sup> So Solomon overlaid the inside of the house with pure gold. And he drew chains of gold across the front of the inner sanctuary, and he overlaid it with gold. <sup>22</sup> He overlaid the whole house with gold, until all the house was finished. Also the whole altar which was by the inner sanctuary he overlaid with gold.

The temple was built somewhat after the pattern of the Tabernacle, having the Holy Place and the Most Holy place, but there were many more differences.

See Pic 620 The floor plan of Solomon's temple





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See pic 625 Wood covered gold



Verses 23 - 28

Also in the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high. <sup>24</sup> Five cubits was the one wing of the cherub and five cubits the other wing of the cherub; from the end of one wing to the end of the other wing were ten cubits. <sup>25</sup> The other cherub was ten cubits; both the cherubim were of the same measure and the same form. <sup>26</sup> The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was the other cherub. <sup>27</sup> He placed the cherubim in the midst of the inner house, and the wings of the cherubim were spread out, so that the wing of the one was touching the *one* wall, and the wing of the other cherub was touching the other wall. So their wings were touching each other in the center of the house. <sup>28</sup> He also overlaid the cherubim with gold.

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The two cherubim were 15 feet tall and their wings spanned the width of the room.

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Even though the temple incorporated a number of things that were not present in the Tabernacle it should be noted that God initially gave the plans for building the temple to King David who passed them on to Solomon.

See 1 Chronicles 28:11-21

<sup>19</sup> **“All this,” said David, “the LORD made me understand in writing by His hand upon me, all the details of this pattern.”**

Verses 29 - 36

<sup>29</sup> Then he carved all the walls of the house roundabout with carved engravings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, inner and outer *sanctuaries*. <sup>30</sup> He overlaid the floor of the house with gold, inner and outer *sanctuaries*.

<sup>31</sup> For the entrance of the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood, the lintel *and* five-sided doorposts. <sup>32</sup> So *he made* two doors of olive wood, and he carved on them carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold; and he spread the gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees.

<sup>33</sup> So also he made for the entrance of the nave four-sided doorposts of olive wood <sup>34</sup> and two doors of cypress wood; the two leaves of the one door turned on pivots, and the two leaves of the other door turned on pivots. <sup>35</sup> He carved *on it* cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers; and he overlaid *them* with gold evenly applied on the engraved work. <sup>36</sup> He built the inner court with three rows of cut stone and a row of cedar beams.

<sup>31</sup> For the entrance of the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood, the lintel *and* five-sided doorposts.

See Pic 635





These doors separated the Holy of Holies from the Holy Place. However, it seems that there must have been a veil (similar to the one in the Tabernacle) behind the doors.

See 2 Chron. 3:14

**<sup>14</sup> He made the veil of violet, purple, crimson, and fine linen, and he worked cherubim into it.**

There are many other details concerning the temple and its furniture that we know very little about.

Verses 37 - 38

**<sup>37</sup> In the fourth year the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid, in the month of Ziv. <sup>38</sup> And in the eleventh year, in the month of Bul, that is, the eighth month, the house was finished in all its parts and in accordance with all its plans. So he was seven years in building it.**

God never asked Israel to build such an extravagant building because He is not impressed by large and expensive buildings. God is looking for a broken and contrite heart in His followers.

See Psalm 51:17

**<sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
A broken and a contrite heart, God, You will not despise.**