

Temple Dedication-1 Kings 8

Resources: Life Application Study Bible, Bible Dictionary by Tenny, Life Light-Concordia Publishing House, People's Commentary-Arno Wolfgramm
The New Oxford annotated Bible-Oxford Press

I. The Ark of the Covenant is Brought to the Temple

1a. READ 1Kings 8:1-3

1b. READ 1Kings 8:4-11

1c. READ 2Samuel 6:12-15

¹² And it was told King David, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing. ¹³ And when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal. ¹⁴ And David danced before the LORD with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn.

1. What was the significance of the Ark of the Covenant?

2. Why would it be brought to the newly designed temple?

3. READ Hebrews 9:4

⁴ having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant.

3. What was inside the Ark of the Covenant? Why was this important?

4a. As noted in verse 10, what did the thick cloud represent?

4a. READ Exodus 13:21

And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.

4b. How do we know of God's presence today?

II. Solomon Praises God

5a. READ 1Kings 8:12-17

5b. READ 1Kings 8:18-21

5c. READ 2 Samuel 7:12-13

¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, 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.

5. What promises from God did Solomon recognize?

6. Is there justification to build such an expensive, ornate temple?

7. For what purpose was the temple built?

III. **Solomon's Prayer of Dedication (Rededication)**

READ 1Kings 8:22-24

8. In verses 22-24, what was the reason for praising God?

9. READ 1Kings 8:25-30

9b. *READ Ephesians 4:10*

⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)

9. What requests did Solomon make in this part of his prayer?

10a. READ 1Kings 8:31-40

10b. READ 1Kings 8:46-51

10. Why is Solomon already asking God to forgive his people?

11. READ 1Kinigs 8:41-43

11. How was God using Israel to be a "light" to the world?

12. READ 1Kings 8:52-53

12. What do these verses reveal about Solomon?

IV. **The Dedication of the Temple**

13. READ 1Kings 8:54-55

13. What example does Solomon display for the people?

14a. READ 1Kings 8:56-60

READ 14b. Hebrews 3:7-11 & 4:11

⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear his voice,⁸ do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness,

⁹ where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years.¹⁰ Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.'

¹¹ As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest.'" ¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

14. What prayer themes comprise these verses?

15a. READ 1Kings 8:61-65

15b. READ 1Kings 8:66

15. Why did the people joyfully return home?

16. Looking at this chapter, what are strategies God used this event to promote trust and confidence in Him?

17. What strategies does God use today to build our trust in Him?