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Solomon's Temple

First Kings 5:1 to 7:51 and Second Chronicles 2:1-18



Surely, I will not enter the house where I live or get into my bed, I will not allow myself to sleep or even close my eyes, until I find a place for ADONAI, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob (Psalm 132:3-5). So wrote **King David**, for it was **his** passionate desire to build a **Temple** for the glory of **the LORD**. **Just one thing have I asked of ADONAI; only this will I seek: to live in the house of ADONAI all the days of my life, to see the beauty of ADONAI and visit in His Temple (Psalm 27:4).** **God** knew **David's** heart, but **He** made it clear that **He** had other plans for **His** beloved servant (**Second Samuel 7**). **David** was so busy fighting wars and expanding and defending the borders of the kingdom of **Isra'el** that **he** didn't have time to supervise such a complex and demanding undertaking. **Solomon**, the man of peace, was **God's** choice to build **the Temple**, and **his father** prepared **him** for the task (see the commentary on [the Life of David](#), to see [link click Fd - David Provided Resources for Building the Temple](#)), and encouraged **him** to do so (see [the Life of David Fc - David's Charge to Solomon Regarding the Temple](#)).

Since the days of Moshe, the people of **Isra'el** had brought their sacrifices and offerings to the Tabernacle, but now they were no longer pilgrim people, but a nation settled in their



own land. The Tabernacle was a fragile, portable building for use in the wilderness. But the time had come for **Isra'el** to build **a Temple** to their great **God**. The nations around them had temples dedicated to their false gods, so it was only right that the people of **Isra'el** dedicate a magnificent **Temple** to honor the true and living **God**. In the second month (our April/May) of the year 966 BC, the fourth year of **his** reign, **Solomon** began the work, and these chapters record the several stages of that project (to see a video of **Solomon's Temple** [click here](#)).¹⁰⁹