

Bible Challenge 2014
Going Deeper – Questions for Readings
Week 24

Why does Solomon build a “house” for God? How is this project able to be completed? How long did it take to build the Temple? What does God remind Solomon of in 1 Kings 6:11-13? Why?

Why does Solomon construct an “Inner Sanctuary” within the Temple? What is its significance? Why are two cherubim (angel-like figures) placed in this inner room of the Temple? Why is the entire room plated in gold?

What is Solomon’s own home like? When is it built? What does this say about how Solomon sees himself in relation to God? (1 Kings 7)

What is the last thing that is brought into the Temple before it is dedicated? Why?

How do the Israelites know that God has “taken up residence” in the Temple? (2 Chronicles 5) How does this connect symbolically with the way God has been present with the Israelites in the past?

What is at the heart of Solomon’s prayer at the dedication of the Temple in 1 Kings 8 and 2 Chronicles 6? What is he asking of God? How does God respond to Solomon’s prayer? What does God ask of Solomon and his descendants? (1 Kings 9; 2 Chronicles 7)

How is Psalm 136 different in its construction? What is the repetition at the end of each verse meant to do for the reader and hearer of this Psalm?

Psalms 146-150 are all about giving praise to God. What is one way you personally offer praise to God each day?

What did Solomon accomplish in his first 20 years as king of Israel? How was he able to achieve these great feats? (1 Kings 9; 2 Chronicles 8)

What are the consequences of living a life of foolishness? Why are we warned against living this type of life? (Proverbs 26)