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SOLOMON'S REIGN

Chapter 6 Solomon Prays At the Temple Dedication

Summary: Solomon blesses the people (1-3), praises God (4-11) and offers a prayer of dedication (12-42). He asks God to (1) bless David's dynasty [12-17], (2) commune with Israel through this temple [18-21], (3) forgive the nation's sins [22-40], and save those who are present [41-42].

Lesson: *Pray that God communes with believers, His temple.*

Chapter 7 Solomon Dedicates The Temple

Summary: God sends fire (1-3); the people sacrifice, praise, and feast (4-11). God says obey and be blessed (12-18), disobey and be cursed (19-22).

Lesson: *As God's temples we should dedicate ourselves completely to Him*

Chapter 8 Solomon's Achievements Grow

Summary: Solomon builds cities for his people (1-11), and maintains David's religious practices (12-18). [1 Kings 11:1-13 shows his idolatry.]

Lesson: *Solomon proves we can't serve God and Satan (2 Cor. 6:14-16).*

Chapter 9 Solomon Prospers

Summary: The Queen of Sheba tests Solomon's wisdom. She is overcome by his wisdom and kingdom. She brings great wealth [gold worth \$1.3 billion] (1-9). He gives her far more (10-12). His wealth grows [\$7 billion in gold annually] (13-28). He dies, succeeded by Rehoboam (29-31).

Lesson: *Solomon proves we can't serve God and riches (Mt. 6:24).*