

Only the best will do for God

1 Kings 6: 1-22

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Solomon's Temple

“In the four hundred and eightieth year after the Israelites came out of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, the second month, he began to build the temple of the Lord.”

1 Kings 6:1



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Solomon's Temple

- 480 years after the Israelites came out of Egypt
- Generations wandering, failure, covenant, discipline, hope and promise
- God shaped his people
- Faith comes first
- Then the building

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It's about the people

“In building the temple, only blocks dressed at the quarry were used, and no hammer, chisel or any other iron tool was heard at the temple site while it was being built.”

1 Kings 6:7

“The word of the Lord came to Solomon: ‘As for this temple you are building, if you follow my decrees, observe my laws and keep all my commands and obey them, I will fulfil through you the promise I gave to David your father.’”

1 Kings 6:11-12

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Solomon's Temple

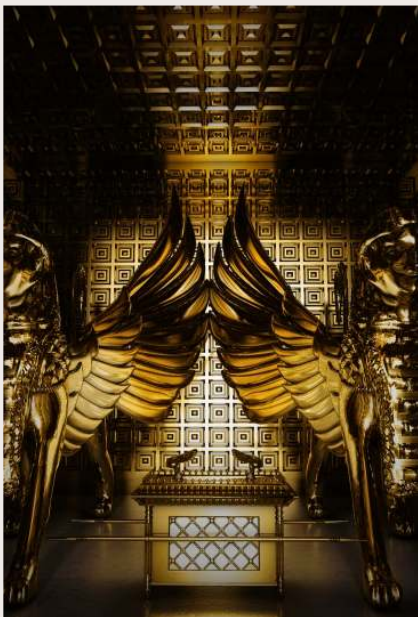


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Solomon's Temple



“Solomon covered the inside of the temple with pure gold, and he extended gold chains across the front of the inner sanctuary, which was overlaid with gold. So, he overlaid the whole interior with gold. He also overlaid with gold the altar that belonged to the inner sanctuary”

1 Kings 6:21

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Solomon's Temple Destroyed

- Not a failure of faith
- The rhythm of God's story

“Will God really dwell on earth?
Even the highest heaven cannot
contain you—how much less this
house I have built.”

1 Kings 8:27

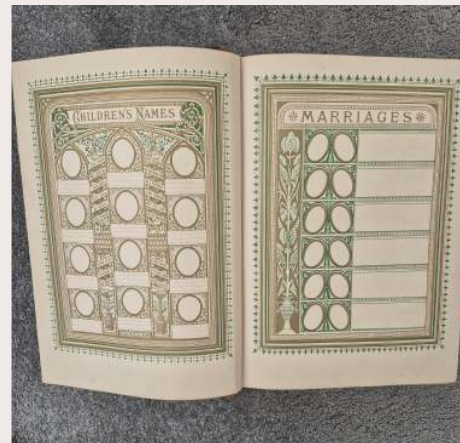
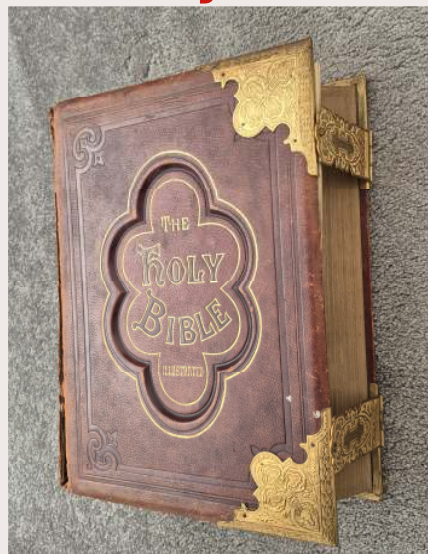


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The Heyburn Family Bible



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The gold that remains

- What looks valuable isn't always what matters
- For Solomon, the true gold wasn't the building
- The real gold was:
 - Faith
 - Mercy
 - Repentance
 - Love
- The same is true for us today



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This ending is not failure



- Every prayer and act of service here has borne fruit
- God's work doesn't stop when a chapter closes
- What was formed in us goes with us
- We are God's temple

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This ending is not failure



“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives among you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person; for God’s temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.”

1 Corinthians 3: 16-17

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What God built remains

- Goldstone Church doesn’t end when the building closes
- The gold learned here stays:
 - Trust
 - Forgiveness
 - Honest grief
 - Hope
- God’s presence moves with His people



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Grief and Truth together

- We grieve honestly; God is not offended by sorrow
- But we stand in truth
 - God is not closing
 - God is not withdrawing
 - God is not finished
- Wherever we love, pray and serve in Jesus' name, the sanctuary rises again, built by the Spirit of God

