

Be Like Solomon... DON'T Be Like Solomon, June 18-21, 2026

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? **Circle Two Opportunity...**

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face **anything** through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth and 2. Stronger "iron sharpening iron" relationships

Ephesians 4:12-16 (ESV)

Week of Thurs. 6/11 - Wed. 6/17, Days 162-168. Bible Recap: pages 858-892, circa 967-946 B.C.

What stuck out to you this week and why?

From Sunday's Sermon

➔ *Jesus was not about the temple, but about God's Presence.*

JESUS and the TEMPLE:

12 yrs old, met with teachers on family trip

twice drove out those buying and selling along with moneychangers, beginning and the end of ministry

often taught and deliberately confronted religious leaders in the Temple area,

not impressed by the structures that made up the Temple

Matthew 24:1-2 (ESV) ¹Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ²But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

predicted destruction of the Temple – was not sad about it because it would no longer be the place of worship after His resurrection and Pentecost

➔ *Christ-followers are God's true temple.*

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 (ESV) ¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (ESV) ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Ephesians 2:19-22 (ESV) ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Hebrews 9:11-12 (ESV) ¹¹But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹²he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

Hebrews 9:24 (ESV) ²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

➔ *Solomon was God's chosen partner to provide for God's Presence.*

➔ *Solomon's Temple was about God's Presence, not accomplishment.*

Almost 500 years from Egypt to Temple built; less than 30 years later Israel is divided

1446 Israelites set free from Egypt with assignment to inhabit Promised Land as cosmic geography, worshipping God alone as He commands – instructions for worship at Tent of Meeting ensue

1399 Promised Land inhabited and allotted – Tent of Meeting neglected

1000 David retrieves the ark and brings to Jerusalem

959 Temple is dedicated, ark placed into, Shekinah glory descends

931 Kingdom is divided – 10 northern tribes as "Israel" and 2 southern tribes as "Judah"

FROM BIBLE RECAP READINGS

1 Kings 5 - Preparations for Building the Temple

1 Kings 5:7, 12, 13-16 (pew Bible page 284/ Bible Recap page 858)

2 Chron 2 - Preparing to Build the Temple

2 Chronicles 2:5-6, 11, 17-18 (pew Bible page 359/ Bible Recap page 861)

1 Kings 6 - Solomon Builds the Temple – extremely ornate - 90 feet long x 30 feet wide x 45 feet high
1 Kings 6:1, 7, 11-13, 37-38

2 Chron 3 - Solomon Furnishes the Temple
2 Chronicles 3:1 (ESV)

1 Kings 7 - Solomon Builds His Palace, The Temple Furnishings
2 Chron 4 - The Temple's Furnishings
1 Kings 7:1, 51

1 Kings 8 - Ark Brought into Temple, Solomon Blesses Lord, Dedication, Benediction, Solomon's Sacrifices
2 Chron 5 - The Ark Brought to the Temple (v. 1 end of Temple's Furnishings)
1 Kings 8:1–2, 9, 10-11 2 Chronicles 5:13–14 1 Kings 8:42–43

2 Chron 6 - Solomon Blesses the People, Solomon's Prayer of Dedication

2 Chron 7:1-10 - Fire from Heaven, Dedication of the Temple
2 Chronicles 7:1–3 (ESV) (pew Bible page 363/ Bible Recap page 876)

1 Kings 9:1-10 - The Lord Appears to Solomon,
2 Chron 7:11-22 - "If My People Pray"
2 Chronicles 7:11–22

1 Kings 9:11-28 - Solomon's Other Acts
1 Kings 9:12–14, 25

2 Chron 8 - Solomon's Accomplishments
1 Kings 10:23–25, 27 2 Chronicles 9:25

1 Kings 11:1–13

Psalms 136 His Steadfast Love Endures Forever
Psalm 134 Come, Bless the Lord
Psalm 146 Put Not Your Trust in Princes
Psalm 147 He Heals the Brokenhearted
Psalm 148 Praise the Name of the Lord

Psalms 149 Sing to the Lord a New Song
Psalm 150 Let Everything Praise the Lord
Prov. 25 -26 More Proverbs of Solomon

Chronological Guide: pages 62-63

Takeaways:

