

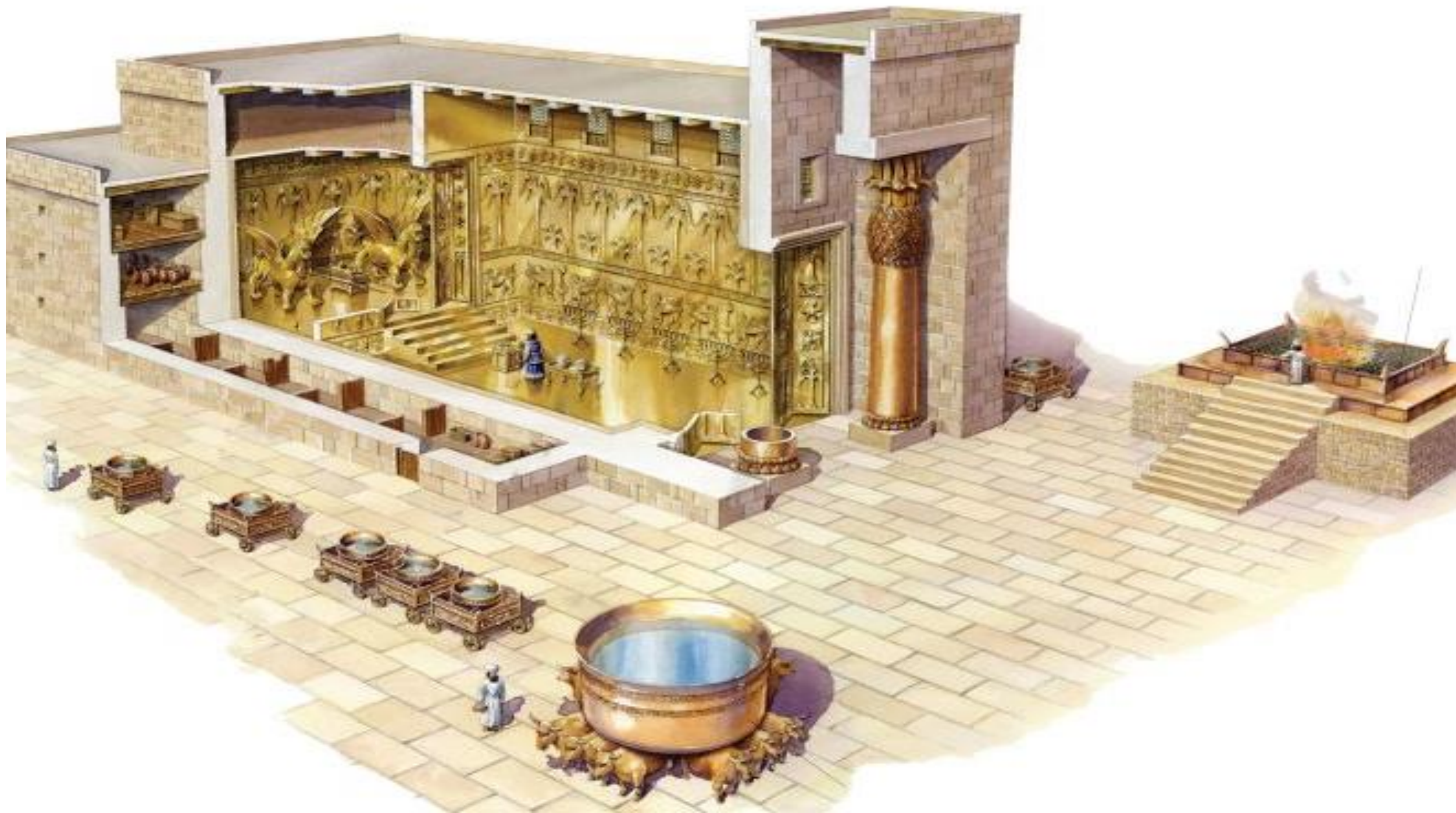


# The Life, Wisdom, and Writings of King Solomon

Today's Message: 1 Kings 6

God's Desire to Dwell with  
His People

*Bereans Sunday School Class  
Countryside Bible Church  
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# Introduction

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## Context:

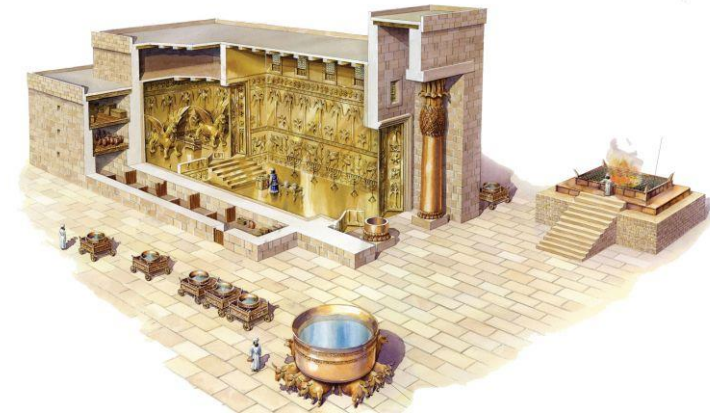
1. Every part of the Bible is “God-breathed” and “useful” – because God is intentional in every aspect of relating to His people.
2. There are multiple themes that run throughout the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and today we’ll see one of those through the construction of Solomon’s temple.

**Theme:** God the Father has always desired to dwell with His people in a personal manner, and does so in varying ways throughout history.



# I. The Timeframe (v. 1)

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## A. Four Years spent in Preparation

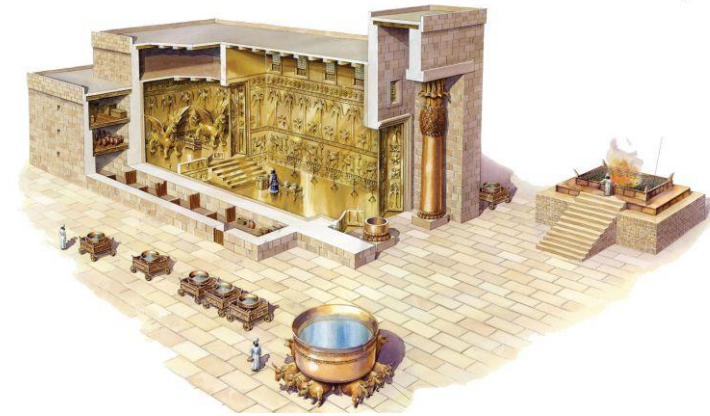
1. Solomon was focused on the work to come
2. “It is not time lost which is spent in composing ourselves for the work of God, and disentangling ourselves from everything which might distract or divert us.” MH

### Application:

- What is God preparing you for during this time in your life?
- Are we being impatient in wanting to move forward with God’s plans?

## II. Description of the Temple (v. 2-10)

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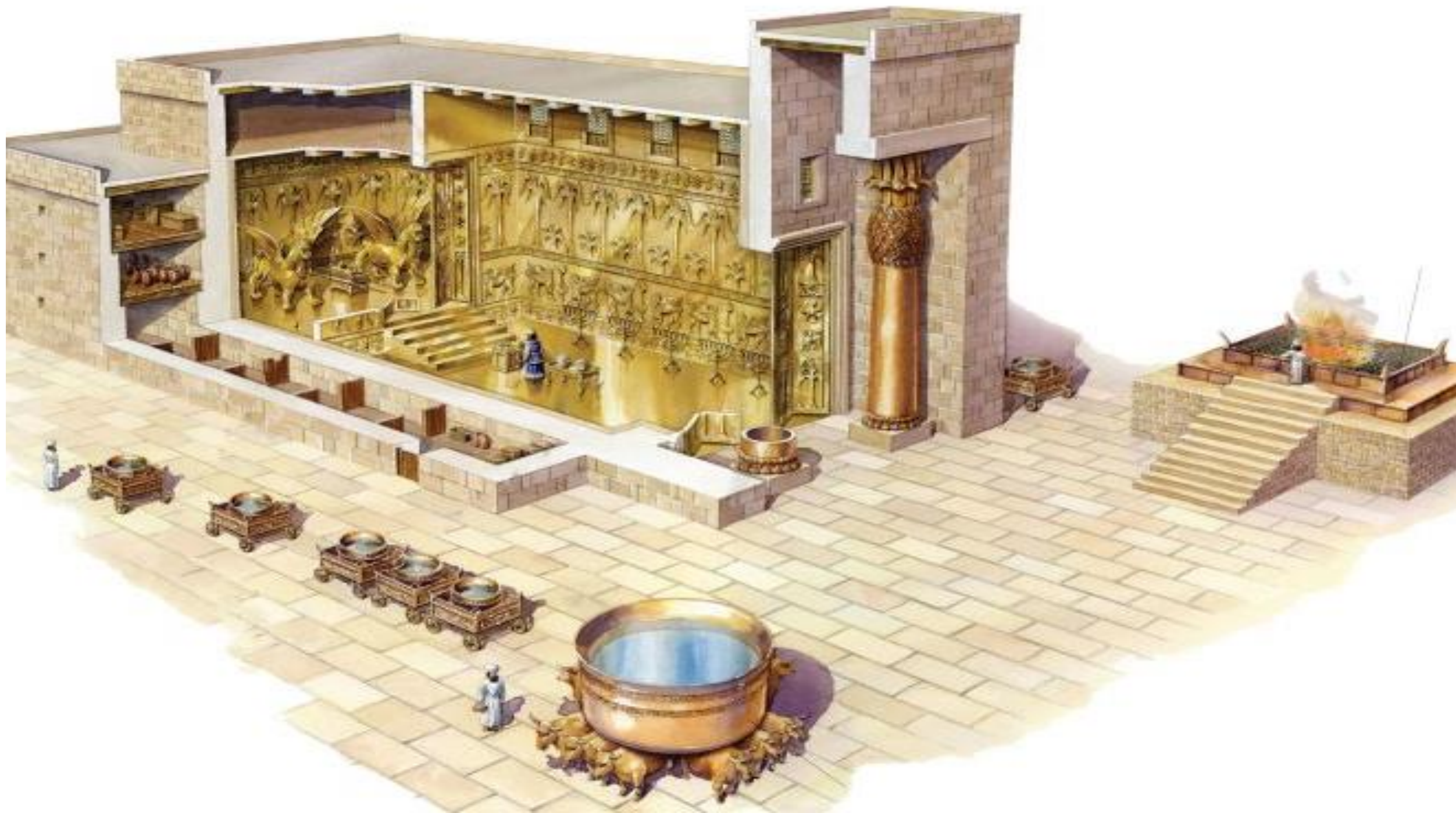
### A. The Temple's Predecessor: the Tabernacle

1. Detailed plans given to Moses (Ex 25:9)
2. What was the purpose? (Ex 25:8, 40:34-38, 29:34-35)

➤ God wanted His people to SEE and EXPERIENCE His Presence!

### B. The Temple

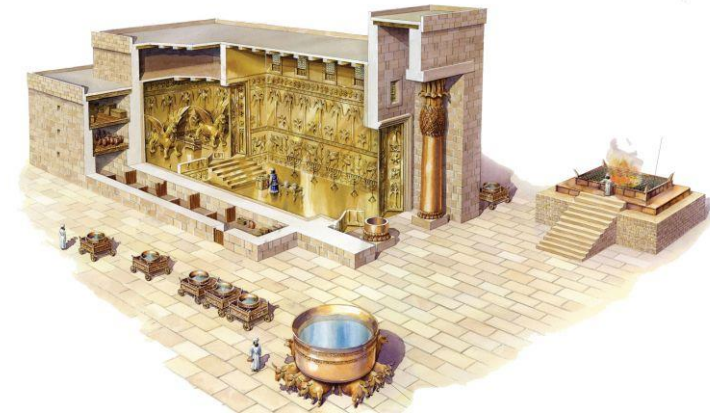
1. Size of the Temple (v. 2-3)
2. Functionality of the Temple (v. 4-6a, 8-10)
3. Sanctity of the Temple (v. 6b-7)





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### C. The Bigger Picture of the Temple

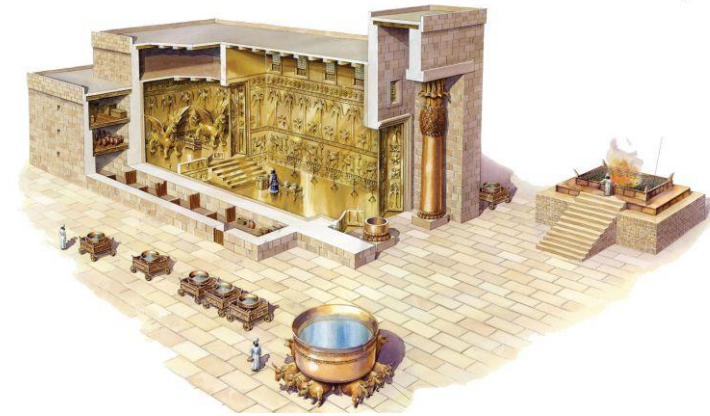
1. The Garden (Gen 3:8)
2. The Tabernacle
3. The Temple(s)
4. The Messiah! Jesus (John 2:18-21, Heb 10:19-22)
5. The Church!
  - It's you! (1 Cor 3:16, 1 Cor 6:19)
  - It's us = the church! (Eph 2:19-22, 2 Cor 6:16)

### Application:

- We should understand and appreciate God's Heartfelt Desire to dwell with His people
- Are we living in a way that shows God's visible presence to those around us?

# III. God's Conditional Promise (v. 11-13)

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## A. God outlines an IF...THEN... situation

1. Family blessings to David were conditional (1 Kings 2:4)
2. Personal blessings for Solomon were conditional (1 Kings 3:14)
3. National blessings for Israel were conditional (1 Kings 9:6-7)

## B. God's personal Presence does not equal Perpetual Blessings

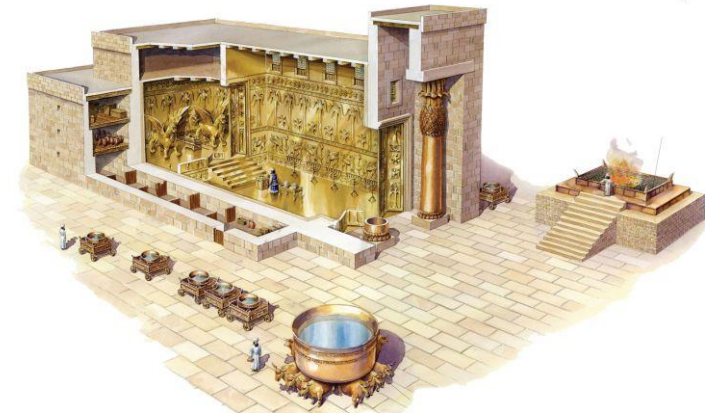
### Application

- Our salvation is unconditional based on God's mercy and grace, but the quality of our relationship is conditional on our obedience/idolatry



# IV. The Temple's Interior (v. 14-38)

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## A. Cherubim: Guardians of God's Presence (v. 23-28)

1. Present in every iteration of the Temple in Scripture

### Application:

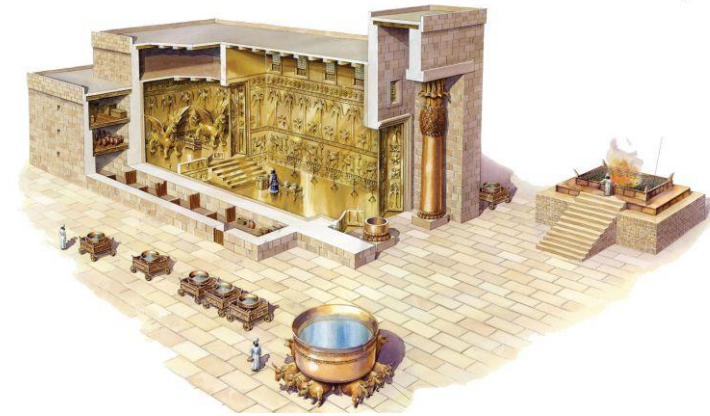
- If Cherubim are present, proclaiming and protecting God's Holiness in every temple, and we are the Temple...then they are with the Church as well.

## A. Internal Magnificence and Costliness (v. 14-22, 29-38)

1. Displayed God's Holiness (1 Chron 22:14, 29:3)
2. Displayed the Cost of our Salvation (Mark 15:34)

# The Final Iteration: God's Goal

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## A. Rev 21:22

“And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.”

B. God will restore a fully-realized, personal Father-to-child, face-to-face relationship that requires no limited presence!