

God's Legacy of Covenant Faithfulness

1 Kings 6 — Solomon Builds the Temple

God's Legacy of Covenant Faithfulness (1 Kings 6)

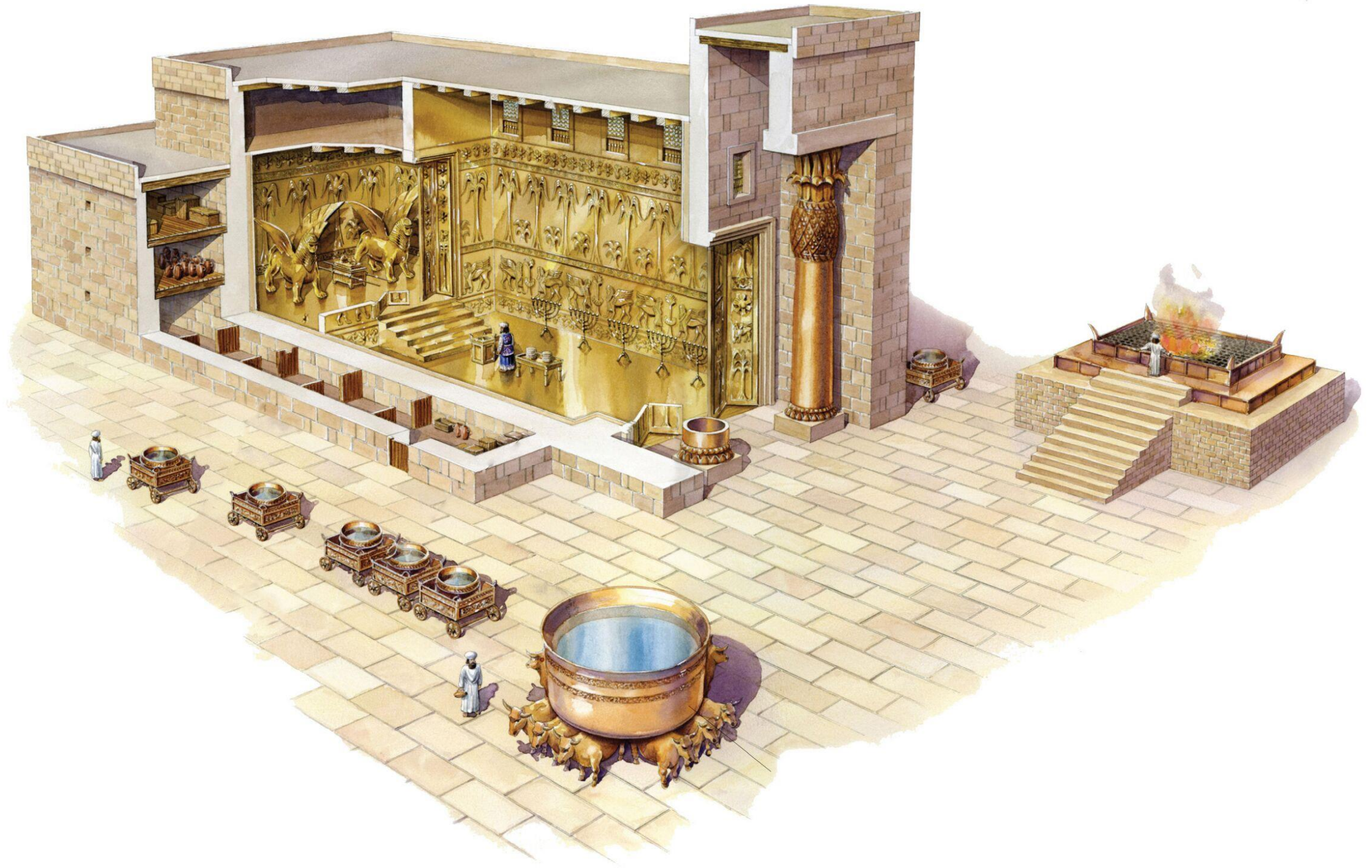
- Theme: God has given enduring signs of His covenant faithfulness.
- Three ways the temple displays God's covenant faithfulness:
 - I. The Construction of the Temple: Grandeur of the Timing, Dimensions, and Materials (1–10)
 - II. The Purpose of the Temple: God Reaffirms His Covenant with Israel (11–13)
 - III. The Adornment of the Temple: True Beauty Honors God (14–38)

I. The Construction of the Temple (1–10)

- The Timing of the Construction (1)
 - Begun in 4th year of Solomon's reign
 - 480 years after Exodus (Exod 15:17–18)
 - 1200 years after birth of Abraham (Gen 11:26)
 - Reminder of God's covenant faithfulness in the past.
- The Dimensions of the Temple (2–3)
 - Temple Proper — 60 cubits (90 feet) long; 20 cubits (30 feet) wide; 30 cubits (45 feet) high
 - Temple Porch — 20 cubits (30 feet) wide; 10 cubits (15 feet) deep

I. The Construction of the Temple (1–10)

- The Features of the Temple (4–10)
 - Windows with shutters (4)
 - Side chambers (5–6)
 - Unique construction process (7)
 - Rich finishes and structural designs (8–10)





II. The Purpose of the Temple (11–13)

- The Public Nature of the Proclamation (11)
 - “The word of the LORD came to Solomon”
 - Prophetic expression (cf. Jonah 1:1; Joel 1:1; Ezek 1:3)
- The Promise of Yahweh’s Presence (12–13)
 - Abrahamic Covenant
 - Davidic Covenant

III. The Adornment of the Temple (14–38)

- The Inner Adornment of the Rooms (14–22)
 - Walls covered with cedar (14–15)
 - Floors covered with cypress (15)
 - 20 cubits set apart for inner sanctuary (16–17)
 - Carvings of gourds and blooming flowers (18)
 - Inner sanctuary prepared for ark of covenant (19)
 - Inner sanctuary overlaid with pure gold (20)
 - Main part of temple overlaid with gold (21–22)

III. The Adornment of the Temple (14–38)

- The Cherubim (23–28; Ezek 1:5–11; 10:20–22)
 - General human form (Ezek 1:5)
 - Straight legs; calf's feet; gleaming (Ezek 1:7)
 - Four faces (human, lion, bull, eagle) (Ezek 1:6, 10)
 - Four wings, two covering the body (Ezek 1:6, 9)
 - Human hands beneath the wings (Ezek 1:8)

III. The Adornment of the Temple (14–38)

- Carvings and Other Goldworks (29–30)
- Ornate Doors (31–36)
- The House is Finished (37–38)
 - Totally complete before use
 - According to God-given plans (cf. 1 Chron 28:11–19)
 - God decides how His people are to worship Him

God's Legacy of Covenant Faithfulness (1 Kings 6)

- Theme: God has given enduring signs of His covenant faithfulness.
- Three ways the temple displays God's covenant faithfulness:
 - I. The Construction of the Temple: Grandeur of the Timing, Dimensions, and Materials (1–10)
 - II. The Purpose of the Temple: God Reaffirms His Covenant with Israel (11–13)
 - III. The Adornment of the Temple: True Beauty Honors God (14–38)

Applications

- Honor God with thoughtfulness in your worship.
- Honor God with beauty. It is NOT subjective!
- Honor God with holiness, the source of true beauty.
- God gives His people enduring signs of His covenant faithfulness; for the Church, our two chief signs are the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper.
Remember the covenant!