

**GOD'S COVENANT WITH DAVID**  
**1 Chronicles 22; 28; 1 Kings 6; 2 Chronicles 5–7**

**Memory Verse:** *Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?* (1 Cor. 3:16 ESV).

**Background Helps:**

This week's readings tell the story of the building of the temple in Jerusalem by King Solomon. This building project was a partial fulfillment of the promises the LORD made to King David: "When your days are fulfilled to walk with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for me and I will establish his throne forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son" (1 Chron. 17:11-13a; cf. 2 Sam. 7:12-14a ESV). In this week's readings, you will find frequent reference to this promise: 1 Chron. 22:6-10; 28:1-10; 1 Kings 6:11-13; 2 Chron. 6:1-17; 7:17-18

The week's readings include the following:

- David's extensive advance preparations for the temple (1 Chron. 22; 28)
- Solomon's construction of the temple (1 Kings 6)
- The bringing of the ark of the covenant into the newly constructed temple (2 Chron. 5)
- The dedication of the temple, including Solomon's prayer (2 Chron. 6:1–7:11)
- The LORD's second appearance to Solomon (2 Chron. 7:12-22)

**Lesson Helps:**

Here are two possible aims for your lesson this week:

1. My students will learn about the construction of Solomon's temple, so that they will trust in God to keep his promises. This lesson would emphasize the promise of God to David that his son would build a temple in Jerusalem (1 Chron. 17) and the fulfillment of that promise in this week's readings. The application would be on trusting God to keep his promises. Of course, the ultimate fulfillment of this promise is in David's greater Son, Jesus, building his church as the "temple" of God. See the memory verse, repeated from Forecast #11.
2. My students will learn about the construction of Solomon's temple as God's dwelling place under the old covenant, so that they will value the church as God's dwelling place under the new covenant. This lesson emphasizes the temple as the place where the ark of the covenant was deposited as a symbol of God's presence (1 Chron. 22:19; 28:2; 2 Chron. 5; 6:1, 10-11; 7:1-3). Notice also the frequent reference to the temple as the dwelling place for God's "name," i.e., for God himself (1 Chron. 22:6-10, 22; 28:3; 2 Chron. 6:5-10, 20, 34, 38; 7:16, 20). Then highlight New Testament teaching concerning the church as God's dwelling place. See the same theme covered in Forecast #11, along with the same memory verse.

**Home Assignment:**

 Read 1 Kings 11–12; 15:1-5; 2 Chronicles 21:1-7; 2 Kings 20:1-11.

 Memorize 2 Thessalonians 3:3 ESV.