

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

1 KINGS 8

I Kings 8

First Kings eight is so full of critical narrative that all we can do is hit the highlights in this four-hundred-word commentary. First the Ark of the Covenant is methodically moved from Mt. Zion, just below Mt. Moriah, where King David had built a temporary shelter for it when he brought it from Kiryat Jearim. The priests took care to bring it up the hill to the crest of Mt. Moriah where it would find its resting place until nearly 375 years later when the Babylonians would destroy the beautiful temple described in the Kings and Chronicles.

"And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD." (I Kings 8:10-11)

Solomon spoke of his father David and his desire to build the great house for God. God forbid him from doing it and told David He knew his heart and that was good enough. David prepared all the materials and left his great wealth to build a "dwelling place" for the God of all the earth.

In verse twenty-two Solomon prays a prayer of dedication and in his prayer, he acknowledges that no house on earth can contain him and that it is only built as a witness and act of worship to the God of heaven and earth.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built! Yet regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O LORD my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You today: that Your eyes may be open toward this temple night and day, toward the place of which You said, 'My name shall be there,' that You may hear the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place. And may You hear the supplication of Your servant and of Your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear in heaven Your dwelling place; and when You hear, forgive." (I Kings 8:27-30)

Prayer and Action Steps

According to I Corinthians 6:19, every follower of Jesus is the "Holy of Holies" where God dwells. Lord, Fill my life with you. Amen

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?

