

2 CHRONICLES 6-11

WEEK IN REVIEW + FAMILY GUIDE

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In 2 Chronicles, King Solomon gathered all the Israelites to honor the temple he had built for God. During the ceremony, Solomon prayed a meaningful prayer, asking God to always listen to His people when they offered prayer to Him, no matter the circumstance. After Solomon's prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the offerings. God's glory filled the temple. The people bowed down and praised the Lord, thankful that His presence was with them. God then appeared to Solomon and promised that if the people obeyed Him and abided in His path, He would bless their land. However, if they decided to disobey God and stray off His path, trouble would follow.

After the temple dedication, Solomon set his mind on strengthening Israel. He built cities, organized workers, and made sure the temple and palace were well kept. His fame spread enormously, and even the Queen of Sheba came to visit him. She was in awe of his wisdom, his wealth, and the way he honored God. She praised the Lord for blessing Israel with such an honorable king. Solomon grew richer and more powerful, and Israel enjoyed peace and prosperity during his reign. When Solomon died, his son Rehoboam became king.

When Rehoboam took the throne, the people asked him to lighten the heavy taxes and hard work that Solomon had expected of them. Rehoboam asked for advice. Wise elders told him to be gentle and less demanding, but his younger friends told him to be tougher. Unfortunately, Rehoboam followed the unwise advice. Thus, the kingdom split in two: ten tribes followed Jeroboam in the North (Israel), and only Judah and Benjamin stayed with Rehoboam in the South (Judah). Though things were divided, God still cared for His people and continued to work through the kings of Judah to sustain His promises.

FAMILY GUIDE

BIG IDEA:	● God blesses His people when they obey Him, but disobedience and pride lead to division, conflict, and hardship
KEY STORIES:	● Solomon Dedicates the Temple ● The Lord's Response ● The Queen of Sheba ● The Kingdom Divided ● Rehoboam
KEY VERSES:	● 2 Chronicles 7:14 ○ "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." ● 2 Chronicles 6:14 ○ "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven or on earth—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way." ● 2 Chronicles 7:17–18 ○ "As for you, if you walk before me faithfully as David your father did, and do all I command, and observe my decrees and laws, I will establish your royal throne."
WORDS TO KNOW:	● Temple ○ The holy ground/building that Solomon built to honor God's presence. ● Covenant ○ God's overarching promise to bless those who stay faithful to Him.

Reflection Questions

1.	God's presence was revealed in the temple that Solomon built for Him. How can we invite God's presence into our lives every day?
2.	How can we ask God to help us make the right choice before we decide what to do?