

**EXCELLENCE**  
**1 Kings 5-10**  
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1 Kings 5:1–6.  
 1 Kings 6:1-3  
 1 Kings 6:14-38  
 1 Kings 7:13-14  
 1 Kings 7:40-51

**THE TEMPLE OF SOLOMON DID THREE THINGS**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God.

1 Kings 8:13 (NRSV)  
<sup>13</sup>I have built you an exalted house,  
 a place for you to dwell in forever.”

1 Kings 8:17–20 (NRSV)  
<sup>17</sup>My father David had it in mind to build a house for the  
 name of the LORD, the God of Israel. <sup>18</sup>But the LORD said to  
 my father David, ‘You did well to consider building a house  
 for my name; <sup>19</sup>nevertheless you shall not build the house,  
 but your son who shall be born to you shall build the house  
 for my name.’ <sup>20</sup>Now the LORD has upheld the promise that  
 he made; for I have risen in the place of my father David; I sit  
 on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built  
 the house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ focused the peoples lives on God.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ witnessed to those who saw it of God’s majesty.

1 Kings 10:1–9 (NRSV)  
 Visit of the Queen of Sheba  
**10** When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon,  
 (fame due to the name of the LORD), she came to test him  
 with hard questions. <sup>2</sup>She came to Jerusalem with a very  
 great retinue, with camels bearing spices, and very much  
 gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon,  
 she told him all that was on her mind. <sup>3</sup>Solomon answered  
 all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king that  
 he could not explain to her. <sup>4</sup>When the queen of Sheba had  
 observed all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had  
 built, <sup>5</sup>the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and  
 the attendance of his servants, their clothing, his valets, and  
 his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of the LORD,  
 there was no more spirit in her.  
<sup>6</sup>So she said to the king, “The report was true that I heard in  
 my own land of your accomplishments and of your wisdom,  
<sup>7</sup>but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own  
 eyes had seen it. Not even half had been told me; your

wisdom and prosperity far surpass the report that I had heard. <sup>8</sup>Happy are your wives! Happy are these your servants, who continually attend you and hear your wisdom! <sup>9</sup>Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD loved Israel forever, he has made you king to execute justice and righteousness.”

**WHAT EIGHT THINGS THE QUEEN OF SHEBA OBSERVED IN SOLOMON’S HOUSE?**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Solomon,
2. The house that he had \_\_\_\_\_,
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his table,
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his officials,
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his servants,
6. Their \_\_\_\_\_,
7. His \_\_\_\_\_,
8. His \_\_\_\_\_ that he offered at the house of the LORD,

**WHAT HAPPENED TO THE QUEEN OF SHEBA AFTER OBSERVING ALL THESE THINGS?**

There was no more \_\_\_\_\_ in her.

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