

## Doctrine of the Temple

1. The Temple was turned E and W. It stood on a platform.
2. There were two court yards, an inner courtyard and an outer one. The bronze altar was designated for the burnt offerings and stood in the inner court.
  - *1 Kings 8:22 And Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:*
  - *1 Kings 8:64 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the Lord: for there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brazen altar that was before the Lord was too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.*
  - *1 Kings 9:25 And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the Lord, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before the Lord. So he finished the house.*
3. The bronze altar stood 36 feet square and 18 feet high.
  - *2 Chronicles 4:1 Moreover he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof.*
4. Between the bronze altar and the porch was the bronze laver holding water for ritual washings. This great basin was 18 feet in diameter. It rested on four groups of four brazen oxen facing the four directions of the Earth.
5. At the dedication of the Temple, Solomon stood on a bronze platform.
  - *2 Chronicles 6:12 And he [Solomon] stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands:*
6. A flight of steps led up from the inner court to the porch. The entrance was guarded by two pillars named Jachin and Boaz.

7. The porch to the Temple was 18 feet long and 36 feet wide as it rose at least 30 feet high.
  - *2 Chronicles 3:4 And the porch that was in the front of the house, the length of it was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height was an hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold.*
8. Inside this massive artifice was the holy place. It was shut off from the porch by double doors of cypress wood. Latticed windows near the ceiling lighted the holy place.
  - *2 Chronicles 3:8 And he made the most holy house, the length whereof was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred talents.*
9. Here stood the golden incense, the altar, the table for shewbread, and fire pans of lampstands together with the instruments of sacrifice.
10. The double doors of cypress led to the inner sanctuary which was opened to the high priest only during the Day of Atonement.
11. The inner sanctuary was a perfect cube of 36 feet.
12. Within, stood two wooden angelic figures side by side, 18 feet high. Two of their wings met in the center above the Ark of the Covenant and the other wings of each touched the North and South walls respectively.
  - *1 Kings 6:23 And within the oracle he made two cherubims of olive tree, each ten cubits high. 24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits. 25 And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubims were of one measure and one size. 26 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub. 27 And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. 28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.*
13. In this most holy place the presence of God was shown by a cloud.
  - *1 Kings 8:10 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord,*

14. Once more the Shekinah glory had come to Israel. Each room in the Temple was paneled with cedar wood. The floor was planked with cypress.
15. The walls and the doors were covered with flowers, palm trees and cherubim and overlaid with gold.
16. No stone work was visible within the Temple.