

## Study Aids

### Discussion Questions and Suggested Reading For “What’s the Message?” Lessons

#### Lesson 56

##### Questions:

The accounts of David and Solomon, found in the books of Kings and Chronicles, emphasize the preparations for and the building of the Temple, and parallel the construction of the Tabernacle under Moses (see Exodus, chapters 25 – 31). Note that God instructed Moses in the first case, then David in the second (see 1 Chronicles, 22). The actual detail of workmanship of the Tabernacle was done by Bezalel and Oholiab (Ex. 31), while the construction of the Temple was done by the direction of Solomon and Hiram-Abi (loaned by King Hiram of Tyre). See 1 Chronicles chapters 2-4. What is the purpose of tying these two events together in this manner?

Recall that Joshua followed Moses, and Solomon followed David. Are there other parallels, actual or implied, between these two pairs of men? What were the Israelites to see and understand at the dedication of the Temple? Was it meant to make them think of their beginnings and their history? What conclusions should they draw from that?

##### Suggested reading for further study:

Read chapter 11, pages 182-193 of Great People of the Bible, (previously recommended) for more of the historical background and events in the life of Solomon.