

(OLD TESTAMENT)

KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

**From his palace of cedar, King David gave thanks, praising God's holy name
And requested to build, a dwelling in kind, so God would have the same
God promptly revealed, through Nathan the prophet, what he most clearly felt
Being on the move, from place to place, a tent was where he dwelt.**

**A peacemaker He chose, not a warrior, to build His house of prayer
Future King Solomon, son of David, the choice he did declare
The people of Yahweh were unprepared for the splendor they would see
For Solomon's Temple, with its breath-taking beauty, no grander place would be.**

**The cherubim and altar were rich and lavish, completely overlaid with gold
While beautiful carvings of cherubs and flowers presented a sight to behold
A permanent place to worship God since peace was in the land
An exhilarating moment, for His followers, saved by God's own hand.**

**It's easy to think of a dwelling so fine as God's center of presence and power
Contained not in temples, but within each soul, He's ready with love to shower
In Gothic cathedrals or homeless shelters, our God we all can find
Through Jesus, our Savior came life eternal, a gift for all mankind.**



(“Solomon Builds the Temple” painted by Doris Cox)

1 Kings 6: 11

The word of the Lord came to Solomon: “As for this temple you are building, if you follow my decrees, carry out my regulations and keep all my commands and obey them, I will fulfill through you the promise I gave to David your father. And I will live among the Israelites and not abandoned my people Israel.”