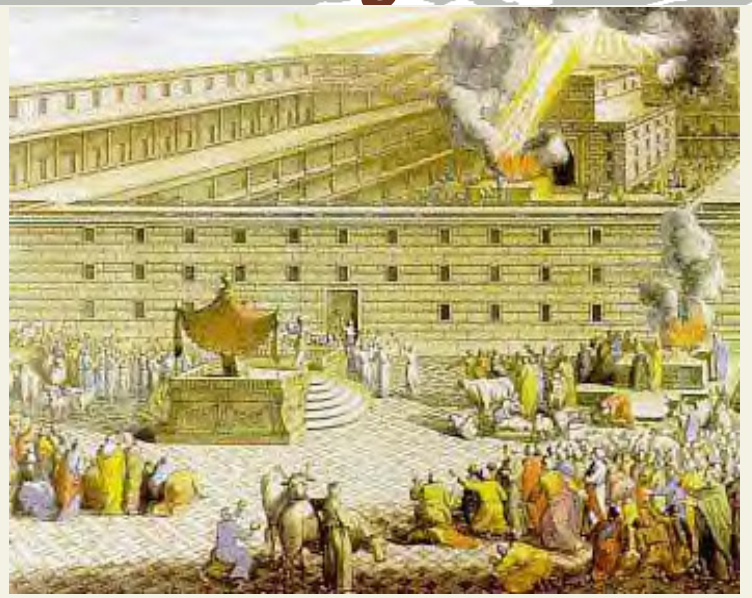
Interesting Facts About Solomon's Temple



- Israel's first Temple
- Israel had the Tabernacle for 400 years.
- David wanted to build the Temple but was forbidden because he was a man of war. 1 Chronicles 22:8
- David gave Solomon the architectural design for the temple. I Chronicles 28:11-12
- David accumulated treasures and building materials for the building of the temple. 1 Chronicles 29:2-6
- The cost of the temple in today's money is estimated to equal 3 to 6 billion dollars.
- Solomon began construction of the Temple 490 years after Israel came out of Egypt. 2 Chronicles 3:2
- The Temple site was located on Mt. Moriah where Abraham had offered Isaac. Genesis 22:2
- The temple was built of great stones, cedar beams and boards overlaid with gold. 1 Kings 6:14-22; 7:9-12
- The construction took 7 years.
- Dedication: 1 Kings 8:26-66; 2 Chronicles 7:4-11
  - Solomon offered;
    - 220,000 oxen
    - 120,000 sheep
  - A 14 day feast was held.
- The temple was built by:
  - 30,000 Israelites
  - 150,000 Canaanites
  - Phoenician artists
  - Craftsmen from Tyre
- The Temple faced east and was built after the general plan of the Tabernacle—but twice the size.
  - 90 feet long
  - 30 feet wide
  - 45 feet high
- The Temple itself:
  - The Holy Place was 60' long by 30' wide.
  - The Most Holy Place (Holy of Holies) was 30' by 30'.
  - The Most Holy Place was separated from he Holy Place by a veil.
- Furniture in The Holy Place, 1 Kings 6:23-28
  - Golden Altar of Incense
  - 5 golden Candlesticks on the north side
  - 5 golden Candlesticks on the south side
  - 5 tables of showbread on the north side
  - 5 tables of showbread on the south side
- Furniture in the Most holy Place (Holy of Holies)
  - The Ark of the Covenant
- The Bronze Altar was 30' square by 15' high
- The Brazen Laver (called a "sea") was 15' in diameter and 8' deep, and sat on 12 bronze oxen