

# Gospel Doctrine Sunday School Lesson

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Today's Word/Phrase: 40 Years

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## Lesson 26: "King Solomon: Man of Wisdom, Man of Foolishness"

### Are You:

- Reading Your Lessons Each Week?
- Saying Prayers Every Day with Your Family?
- Managing Your Resources Wisely?

### Today's Scriptures

1 Kings 3

1 Kings 5-11

### Next Week

Lesson 27

### "Wicked and Righteous Leaders"

1 Kings 12-14

2 Chron. 17

2 Chron. 20

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### Questions to Ponder

- What does it mean to have an understanding heart?
- What promise did the Lord give Solomon regarding the temple?
- How did Solomon use his increased blessings after the temple was built?

### Elder James J. Hamula:

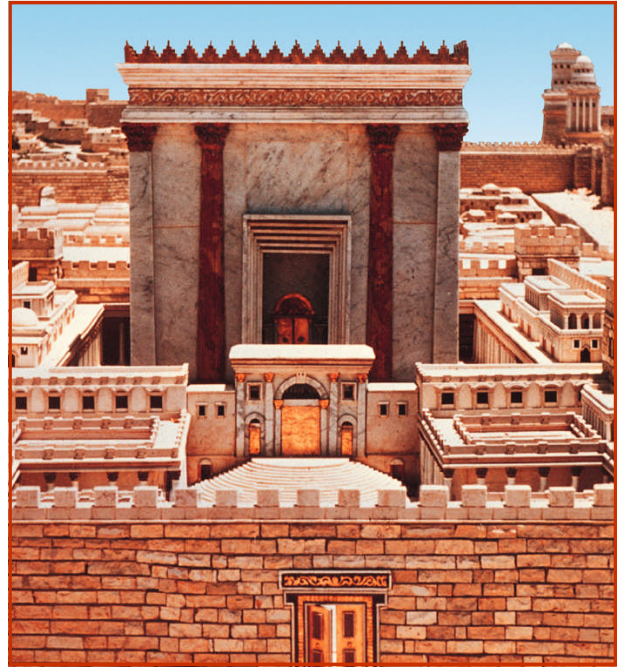
"Wisdom is the capacity to exercise sound judgment in applying general knowledge and principles to particular circumstances. Thus it consists of both a broad knowledge and understanding of things and the judgment to apply that knowledge properly. Without broad knowledge there cannot be wisdom. . . . Solomon recognized that something more was required for him to properly perform his duties. . . . essentially a gift of the Spirit." ("The Quest for Wisdom," *Ensign*, July 2002, 40)

"And he reigned for 40 years"—A phrase used frequently about Solomon's time on back through biblical history, probably not meant to be literal, but rather "a long time," or "a generation." After Solomon's reign, kingship spans thereafter began to be measured more by historical evidence than metaphor.

### 3 Modern Temples Modeled After Solomon's Temple

Supporting no towers or spires, these 3 temples resemble Solomon's temple of old:

- Laie, Hawaii (Top L)
- Cardston, Alberta (Bottom L)
- Mesa, Arizona (Bottom R)



### Elder Dallin H. Oaks:

"We generally think of Satan attacking us at our weakest spot. . . . But weakness is not our only vulnerability. Satan can also attack us where we think we are strong—in the very areas where we are proud of our strengths. He will approach us through the greatest talents and spiritual gifts we possess. If we are not wary, Satan can cause our spiritual downfall by corrupting us through our strengths as well as by exploiting our weaknesses" ("Our Strengths Can Become Our Downfall," *Ensign*, Oct. 1994, 12)



700—Number of Solomon's Wives  
 300—Number of Solomon's Concubines  
 7—Number of Years it Took to Build Solomon's Temple  
 13—Number of Years it Took to Build Solomon's Residence/Palace Complex  
 30,000—Number of Men Who Cut Down Trees to Build Temple

