

1 Kings 9:1-9 **God's response to Solomon's prayer Dedicating the Temple**

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4 Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, 5 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.'

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6 But if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, 7 then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight. Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

8 And as for this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and will hiss, and say, 'Why has the Lord done thus to this land and to this house?'

9 Then they will answer, 'Because they forsook the Lord their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore the Lord has brought all this calamity on them.'"

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- ✧ Yahweh appeared to Solomon at Gibeon when Solomon first became king of Israel and asked for wisdom. [1 Kings 3:1-15]
- ✧ Yahweh appeared to Solomon the second time when Solomon finished the Temple and his Dedication of it. [1 Kings 8:1-66, 9:1-9]

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- ✧ God heard Solomon's prayer of Dedication.
- ✧ Yahweh accepted and consecrated the Temple by the SHEKINAH Glory cloud of His presence. [1 Kings 8:10-11, 9:3]

- ✧ The Temple is the place where the Name of Yahweh will abide forever and the world will recognize as the Temple of Yahweh Elohey (the Lord God of) Israel.
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- ✧ Solomon's prayer of dedication focused on the Temple he had built for the Name of Yahweh.
- ✧ God's focus is on the heart of the people, the king and his descendants and the need for their faithful obedience to His commandments.
- ✧ Faithfulness on the part of Solomon and his descendants will result in his kingdom being established forever and the fulfillment of the promise to David that "You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel." [1 Kings 2:1-4, 8:25-26, 29:4-5]
- ✧ Faithfulness on the part of the king has been required from the beginning when God gave the requirements for a king in Israel. [Deuteronomy 17:14-20]

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- ✧ Failure on the part of Solomon or his sons to faithfully follow the commandments of God will certainly result in the Judgment of God.
- ✧ Israel will be cut off from the land.
- ✧ The Temple will be cast out of the sight of God.
- ✧ Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples of the earth.
- ✧ Everyone who passes by will be astonished and ask 'Why has the Lord done thus to this land and to this house?'
- ✧ The only answer is to confess that "Because they forsook the Lord their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore the Lord has brought all this calamity on them."