

Effective Prayer
2 Chronicles 7:11-22

I. TEMPLE: "the house of the LORD" (vv.11-16)

A. Success: "Solomon finished the house" (v.11)

B. Support: "Yahweh appeared to Solomon" (vv.12-14)

1. Approval: "I have heard your prayer...chosen" (v.12)
2. Alert: "If...no rain...locust...pestilence" (v.13)
3. Answer: "My people...humble...pray...seek...turn" (v.14)
4. Attention: "chosen and consecrated" (v.15-16)

II. TEST: "And as for you (Solomon)" (vv.17-20)

A. Ideal: "your father David" (vv.17-18)

1. Reverence: "if **you** walk before Me..." (v.17)
2. Reign: "then **I** will establish your royal throne" (v.18)

B. Idolatry: "serve other gods" (vv.19-20)

1. Apostasy: "if **you** turn away...forsake..." (v.19)
2. Annihilation: "then **I** will uproot you...cast out..." (v.20)

III. TERROR: "everyone...astonished" (vv.21-22)

A. Reaction: "Why has the LORD done thus?" (v.21)

B. Reason: "Because they forsook the LORD" (v.22)

Next Week: "Redeemer: Ruth Pursues Boaz"
Read: Ruth 3:1-18