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- 2 Chronicles 5 discusses events that took place in the early years of Solomon's reign, specifically from his 4th to 11th year as king.

- Solomon was king for 40 years according to 1 Kings 11:42, from approximately 1015-975 B.C.

Key Characters

- **Solomon** – Son of David and the 3rd king of God's people in the Promised Land.

- **Levitical Priests** – Only certain priests were allowed to carry the Ark of the Covenant. In this chapter they moved the Ark into the new Temple.

- **Singers** – Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their families oversaw the music at the Temple.



Where

- The capital of the Kingdom of Israel and Judah was Jerusalem.

- The Temple was built in Jerusalem at the location where Araunah's threshing floor once stood on Mount Moriah (2 Sam 24; 1 Chron 21:18; 2 Chron 3:1)

Outline

- **THE TEMPLE IS FINISHED AND THE ARK OF THE COVENANT IS PUT INSIDE (5:1-14):**
 - + Solomon finished the Temple and filled it with all the treasures he and his father had stored up in preceding years.
 - + All the people assembled in Jerusalem to see the Ark of the Covenant brought into the Temple.
 - + Solomon and the people offered so many sacrifices they couldn't be counted.
 - + For some time, the Ark had been kept in a special tent David created for it (2 Sam 6:17). The Levite priests took it from the tent and carried it into the Temple.
 - + The Ark was put in the Most Holy Place, under the wings of the two golden Cherubim.
 - + The Tabernacle, the original tent built by Moses in the wilderness, was also stored in the Temple.
 - + When the Ark was in place, the Levite singers started singing as they were accompanied by 120 trumpeters and other instruments.
 - + They sang, "For He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever" (5:13).
 - + When God heard the song, a cloud filled the Temple, and "the glory of the Lord filled the house" (8:11).

Application

- I have the tendency to think in the short-term. I want to work on something and complete it in one day or one week. I want to see results quickly.
- I imagine many of you are the same way.
- But imagine what we could accomplish in the Kingdom of God if we thought long-term.
- It took Solomon 7.5 years to build the Temple, not including the preliminary planning done by David.
- It took a long time, but in the end, he was able to build something incredible.
- Short term thinking doesn't always bear the best fruit. Congregations and individual members should be thinking about long-term plans that can generate a better harvest.