

Skit: God's Great House

Attendant: King Solomon, what would you like us to do?

Solomon: Bring together in Jerusalem all the elders, heads of the tribes, and chief fathers of the children of Israel.

(Attendant brings in men)

Solomon: Men, your job is to go with the priests to bring the ark of the covenant and all the things in the tabernacle and place them in the new temple I have built.

(Men pick up items and place them in the temple. Priests place the ark behind a wall. The priests return from within.)

(Lights dim.)

(Men grumble about not being able to see because of the cloud.)

(Lights come back up.)

Solomon: Do not complain, for the Lord said He would dwell in the dark cloud. Now I have built the Lord a house and a place for the Lord to dwell forever.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel! Since bringing the Israelites out of Egypt, the Lord has never had a house built for Him. My father David wished to build a temple for the Lord. But the Lord told my father that I, his son Solomon, would build the temple. I have built a temple for the name of the Lord God of Israel as my father David wanted and as the Lord promised.

Inside the temple, the priests have placed the ark of the covenant that holds the tablets of the Law that God gave Moses.

(Solomon looks up)

Lord God of Israel, You are the only God, and you keep your promises and are kind to those who obey you. Let this temple be a holy place where You will bless, hear, and forgive Your people.

Now, priests, let us offer sacrifices to the Lord!

Priests: How many animals should we sacrifice?

Solomon: This is a great day, so let us make a great peace offering. We will sacrifice 22,000 bulls and 120,000 sheep! After the sacrifice is complete, all of Israel will celebrate for two weeks!

(Men all shout hoorays.)