- vi. It was completed in the 11th year and 8th month of his reign (1 Kings 6:38).
- 8. When the temple was completed, he had the ark of the Lord taken from the tent in Jer and put in the Holy of Holies.
- 9. He dedicated the temple of the Lord.
- 10. After that, the Lord appears to Solomon a 2nd time.
 - i. The Lord said, "All you have to do is obey me. If you obey me, I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever as I promised David your father when I said to him, You shall never fail to have a man on the throne of Israel."
 - ii. But then he goes ahead to say that if Solomon disobeys him, the he will cut his descendants off from the land, they are going to be removed from the land and the Lord is going to reject the temple and no longer going to dwell in it.
- 11. Solomon turned away from the Lord (1 Kings 11).
 - i. Solomon had everything going for him, but turned away from the Lord.
 - ii. He married seven hundred wives.
 - a. A lot of those wives came from Canaan.
 - b. The Lord said, "Don't you marry from Canaan."
 - iii. He had three hundred concubines.
 - iv. He had 1,000 wives total.
 - v. The Lord said, "These wives will turn your heart away from me."
 - vi. And that's exactly what happened.
 - vii. Solomon ends up committing idolatry.
 - viii.He also sets up places of worship on a hill east of Jer so that his wives can worship their gods.
 - ix. And when this happened, the Lord is going to do to Solomon exactly what he said he would do.
 - a. Remember the Lord appeared to David and said, "Your son is going to build me a house. If your son sins, I will punish him by the rod of men with floggings inflicted by men."
 - b. Solomon had a peaceful reign up to this point.
 - c. But now in chapter 11, the Lord si going to punish him for his sin.
 - 1) Hadad the Edomite rises up against Solomon.
 - ;) @ 2) That's where the flogging inflicted by men begin.
 - 2) 3 Then Rezon, king of Zobah, comes on the scene as an adversary to Solomon.