

# Manual for Kings

## How to treat your nation's greatest symbol

Remember that, as king, how you treat your nation's greatest symbol will speak volumes about your reign. Here is how five of Israel's most beloved rulers left their mark on the temple; imitating any one of them would be an excellent choice.

### a. David

Commissioned the building of the temple, sparing no expense (1 Chronicles 22).

### b. Solomon

Completed the construction of the temple with great precision (2 Chronicles 3).

### c. Hezekiah

Cleansed the temple and organized a great number of sacrifices and national celebrations in honor of it (2 Chronicles 29).

### d. Josiah

Repaired and rebuilt the temple, instituting reforms (2 Kings 22–23).

### e. Judah Maccabee

Overthrew Israel's oppressors and cleansed the temple of their pagan defilement. Instituted a holiday in honor of it (intertestamental event).