

## 5 – SOLOMON'S LATTER YEARS (1 KINGS 9:10-11:43; 2 CHRONICLES 8:1-9:31)

### I. Solomon's Achievements & Success (1 Kings 9:10-10:29; 2 Chronicles 8:1-9:31)

#### A. Solomon's Achievements (1 Kings 9:10-28; 2 Chronicles 8:1-18)

##### 1. Solomon's & Hiram (1 Kings 9:10-14; 2 Chronicles 8:1-2)

- The writer of Kings records that Solomon gave Hiram, King of Tyre, 20 cities in Galilee.
- Hiram was disappointed with the cities since they were near unproductive land or Cabul.
- Hiram gave Solomon 120 talents of gold.
- The Chronicler records that Solomon settled cities that Hiram had given him.

##### 2. Pharaoh's Gift of Gezer (1 Kings 9:15-19; 2 Chronicles 8:3-6)

- The writer records that Pharaoh went up and seized Gezer from the Canaanites.
- After burning it, Pharaoh gave it to Solomon as a dowry for his daughter.
- Solomon rebuilt Gezer and built up storage cities throughout Israel as well.

##### 3. Forced Labor (1 Kings 9:20-23; 2 Chronicles 8:7-10)

- From all of the Canaanite peoples who were left in the land, they became forced labor.
- Solomon did not make any from Israel to do forced labor since they served in the army.

##### 4. Solomon's Reach (1 Kings 9:24-28; 2 Chronicles 8:11-18)

- The writer records that three times a year Solomon offered sacrifices on the alter he built.
- Solomon built is fleet of ships on the shore of the Red Sea in the land of Edom.
- Hiram supplied Solomon with sailors to work with the Israelites.
- With the ships, Solomon acquired 420 talents of gold from Ophir.

#### B. Solomon's Glory (1 Kings 10:1-29; 2 Chronicles 9:1-31)

##### 1. The Queen of Sheba (1 Kings 10:1-13; 2 Chronicles 9:1-12)

- The Queen of Sheba heard of Solomon's fame and visited him to test him.

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- She arrived in Jerusalem with a large company and brought many precious gifts.
- She spoke with Solomon about everything on heart and he answered every question.
- After seeing his wisdom and all of his grandeur, she proclaimed that the reports were true.
- She gave Solomon 120 talents of gold and spices in great quantity and precious stones.
- In turn, Solomon gave her anything that she wanted and she returned to her country.

## 2. An Abundance of Gold (1 Kings 10:14-23; 2 Chronicles 9:13-21)

- Solomon received a yearly allotment of 666 talents of gold.
- Solomon made 200 shields of hammered gold that were 600 shekels for each shield.
- He made an additional 300 shields of gold and put them in the House of Forest of Lebanon.
- He made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with gold.
- All of Solomon's drinking vessels were made of gold.
- Silver was not used for anything since it was seen as worthless in the days of Solomon.
- Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

## 3. Solomon's Greatness (1 Kings 10:24-25; 2 Chronicles 9:22-24)

- People from all over the world sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom.
- Each man brought Solomon a present of some good at rate that had been set each year.

## 4. Solomon's Chariots (1 Kings 10:26-29; 2 Chronicles 9:25-28)

- Solomon's merchants imported horses and chariots from Egypt and sold them to others.

## II. Solomon's Apostasy (1 Kings 11:1-43; 2 Chronicles 9:29-31)

### A. Solomon's Wives Turn His Heart (1 Kings 11:1-8)

- The writer records that Solomon loved many women from the surrounding nations.
- He did this in spite of the Lord's command not to intermarry with them.
- The Lord warned that they would turn Solomon's heart toward their foreign gods.
- Solomon rejected this because he clung to his wives in love.

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- Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines, who turn his heart away from the Lord.
- Solomon went after the gods of the nations around him and built them altars.

## B. The Lord's Anger (1 Kings 11:9-13)

- The Lord became angry because Solomon turned away from the one who appeared to him.
- The Lord told Solomon that he will tear the kingdom out of the hand of his son.
- However, he will leave one tribe for the sake of his promise to David.

## C. God Raises Up Adversaries (1 Kings 11:14-40)

### 1. Hadad the Edomite (1 Kings 11:14-22)

- The Lord raised up Hadad, a descendent of the King of Edom, as an adversary.
- As a child Hadad fled to Egypt when Joab killed every male in Edom.
- Hadad found favor in the house of Pharaoh and married into the Pharaoh's family.
- Hadad requested to be released to return when news came that David and Joab were dead.

### 2. Rezon (1 Kings 11:23-25)

- The Lord also raised up Rezon who troubled Solomon as a raider out of Syria.

### 3. Jeroboam (1 Kings 11:26-40)

- Jeroboam, an Ephraimite, rebelled against the Solomon.
- While Jeroboam served Solomon as an officer, he was visited by the prophet Ahijah.
- Ahijah met him wearing a new garment and he tore it into twelve pieces.
- He gave Jeroboam 10 pieces and prophesied that the Lord will take 10 tribes from Solomon.
- The Lord was doing this because they had forsaken the Lord to worship other gods.
- The Lord stated that he was giving the 10 tribes to Jeroboam and he will become king.
- The Lord called Jeroboam to walk in his ways as David did.
- If Jeroboam walked in the Lord's way, he would become a dynasty.
- Jeroboam fled to Egypt, because Solomon sought to kill him.

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### D. Solomon's Death (1 Kings 11:41-43; 2 Chronicles 9:29-31)

- The writer records where the acts of Solomon were recorded.
- Solomon reigned over Israel in Jerusalem for 40 years.
- Solomon died and his was buried in the City of David.
- Solomon's son Rehoboam reigned in his place.