

Bible Study – Outline

I Kings

How to Lose a Kingdom

Summary

As the King goes – so goes the nation.

Solomon was given the wisdom to govern a nation. But, did not use it to govern his own life.

Key People

David

Solomon

Shishak King of Egypt

Jezebel - was only person Elijah feared

Kings

Judah Rehoboam

Abijah

Asa

Jehoshaphat

Jehoram

Kings

Israel Jeroboam

Nadab

Baasha – kills Nadab 15:28

Elah

Zimri – kills Elah 16:10 and all of Baasha’s family

Omri – sinned more than all before him 16:25

Ahab – even worse than Omri 16:30

Ahaziah

Prophets

Shemaiah

Hanani

Abijah

Jehu

Micaiah

Elijah – confronts Ahab

Elisha

Key Scriptures

I Kings 3:9

Solomon asks for wisdom

I Kings 4:29-34

The wisdom God gave to Solomon

I Kings 9:2-5

Promise from God to Solomon

I Kings 10:24

“...to hear the wisdom God put in his heart”.

I Kings 11:4 – 11

The downfall of Solomon – wives turned his heart

I Kings 12:9

“Israel rebelled against the house of David until this day”

I Kings 12:28

King Jeroboam makes two golden calves (Ex.32)

I Kings 14	Egypt – King Shishak removes treasures
I Kings 18:21	“How long will you waver between two opinions..”
I Kings 19	Elijah shows the power of God and mocks the priests of Baal
I Kings 21	Nabaths vineyard and Jezebel

PROPHETS—FALSE AND TRUE

1 Kings 18:22-46

False Prophets

Worked for political purposes to benefit themselves

Held positions of great wealth

Gave false messages

Spoke only what the people wanted to hear

True Prophets

Worked for spiritual purposes to serve God and the people

Owned little or nothing

Spoke only true messages

Spoke only what God told them to say—no matter how unpopular

The false prophets were an obstacle to bringing God’s word to the people. They would bring messages that contradicted the words of the true prophets. They gave “messages” that appealed to the people’s sinful nature and comforted their fears. False prophets told people what they wanted to hear. True prophets told God’s truth.

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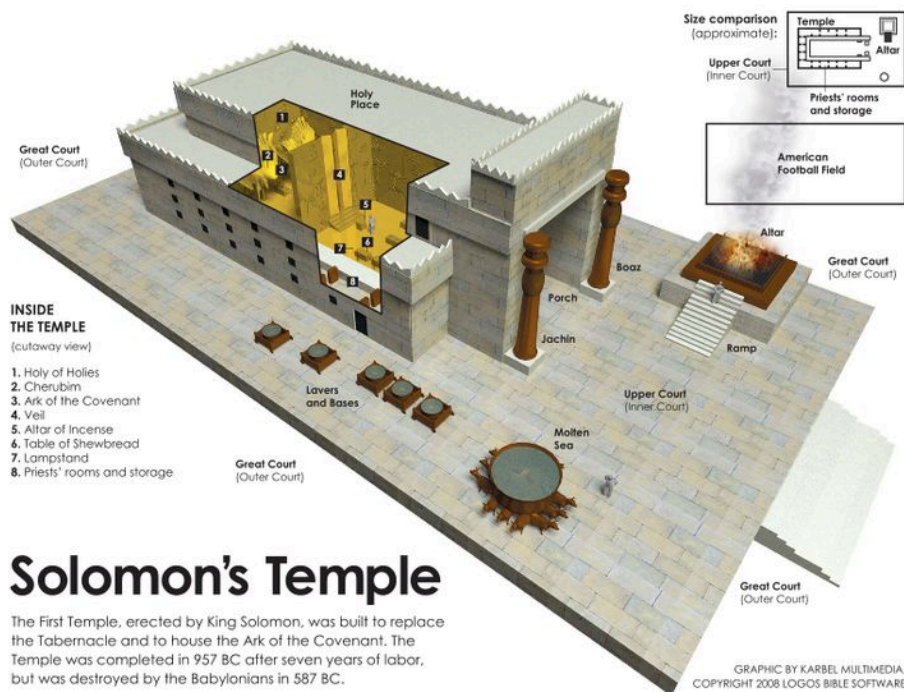
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Discussion Questions

The prosperity of Judah and Israel (I Kings 4:20-21)

Wisdom

I Kings 4: 29-34

Job 28:12-28 “..the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom..”

Psalm 111:10

James 1:5 “If any of you lack wisdom, he should ask God.”

James 1:19

James 3:17-18

What were the two things Solomon did that started his downfall? I Kings 3:1-3; 11:1-3.

Where did Solomon present his offerings before the Temple was built?

Solomon did not follow Ex. 34:16, Deu. 7:3-4 or his own advice Prov. 18:22

The heart of Solomon – I Kings 11:4 – was not perfect as was David’s. Where was Solomon’s heart after the Temple and his Palace were completed? I Kings 11:5-9

What caused the dividing of the Kingdom?

What role does Egypt perform and what does it represent?

What was it that Asa did that was right in the eyes of the Lord?

Was Joab a traitor?

The Appeal of Idols - then and now

Jeroboam had the opportunity to make Israel as great as Judah (I Kings 11:38) but instead he led Israel to its downfall. What was it that Jeroboam did to cause the downfall of Israel?.

How should we treat our leaders of today? 1 Tim. 2:1-2