

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

PERIOD FIVE

ONE KINGDOM - SOLOMON

LESSON 22

Time	PERIOD FIVE ONE KINGDOM			
Main thought	THE MAKING OF A KINGDOM			
Great men	SAMUEL	SAUL	DAVID	SOLOMON
Chapters that tell of each part	1 Samuel 1:1 to 25:1	1 Chronicles 10:1-14 1 Samuel 9 to 31:13	1 Chronicles 11:1 to 29:30 1 Samuel 16:1 to 2 Kings 2:10	1 Chronicles 29:22 to 2 Chronicles 9:31 1 Kings 1:28 to 11:43
what this part tells about	Prophet, priest and judge. Made kings and kingdoms.	First king. A great warrior.	Second king. Made Jerusalem the capital of Israel. Won a war in his own country. Made Israel a strong nation. Took more land for Israel. Wrote some of the Psalms.	Was a king and lived like a king. Built the temple. Built a big house for himself. Was very wise. Wrote Proverbs, Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes.

In this lesson we want to study the life of Solomon as a king who was wise and rich, and as a king who turned away from God.

1 Kings 1:1 - 11:43;
2 Chronicles 1:1 - 9:31.

Outline of 1 Kings and 2 Chronicles where they speak of Solomon.

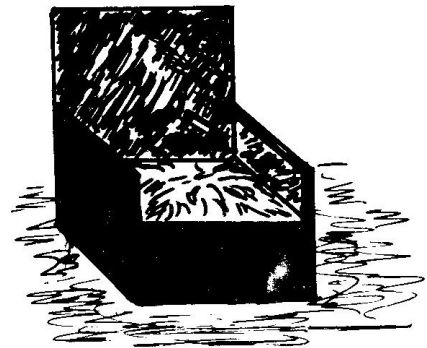
	1 Kings	2 Chronicles
1. SOLOMON BECAME KING OF ISRAEL	1:1 - 4:34	1:1-17
• He removed other rulers	1:1 - 2:46	
• He prayed for wisdom	3:1-15	1:1-13
• He showed wisdom in ruling	3:16 - 4:34	
• He made peace in the land		1:14-17
2. SOLOMON BECAME A BUILDER	5:1 - 9:25	2:1 - 8:16
• He built the temple	5:1 - 7:51	2:1 - 5:1
• He built his house	7:1-8	
• He dedicated the temple	8:1 - 9:9	5:2 - 8:16
• He paid Hiram, king of Tyre	9:10-25	
3. SOLOMON TRADED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES	9:26 - 10:29	8:17 -9:31
• He built very big boats	9:26-28	8:17-18
• He was visited by the Queen of Sheba	10:1-13	9:1-12
• He was visited by other kings	10:14-29	9:13-28
4. SOLOMON TURNED FROM GOD	11:1-43	
• He married wives from other countries	11:1-8	
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1. SOLOMON BECAME KING OF ISRAEL, 1 Kings 1:1 - 4:34; 2 Chronicles 1:1-17.

A. Solomon removed other rulers.

READ 1 KINGS 1:2 - 2:46.

David promised Bath-sheba that her son would be the next king (1 Kings 1:16,17,30).



Who tried to make himself king (1 Kings 1:5)?

When David heard this, he quickly made Solomon king. Adonijah came to bow down to Solomon. What did Solomon say to him (1 Kings 1:52,53)?

Later, Adonijah asked for Abishag to be his wife. Abishag was the girl who stayed with David when he was very old. Adonijah showed he still wanted to be king when he asked for Abishag. Solomon knew this. He had Adonijah killed (1 Kings 2:22-25). Abiathar, the priest, wanted Adonijah to be king (1 Kings 1:7). Solomon knew this. He did not let Abiathar work as priest any longer (1 Kings 2:27).

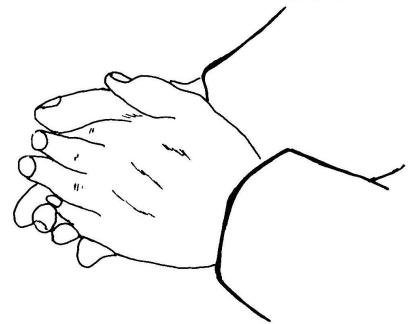
Joab and Shimei were killed. These men were killed because of the evil they did when David was king (1 Kings 2:28-46). With these men dead, there was no one left to take the kingdom from Solomon.

B. Solomon prayed for wisdom, 1 Kings 3:1-15, 2 Chronicles 1:1-13.

READ 1 KINGS 3:1-15; 2 Chronicles 1:1-13.

It is believed Solomon was about 20 years old when he began to rule Israel. How did he feel about God (1 Kings 3:3)?

Solomon found the tabernacle which Moses had made in the wilderness (2 Chronicles 1:1-6). It had disappeared when the Philistines captured the ark of God. Solomon went to the tabernacle at Gibeon. There he made a great sacrifice to the Lord.



While Solomon was at Gibeon, the Lord appeared to him in a dream. What did the Lord ask him (1 Kings 3:5)?

What did Solomon ask for (1 Kings 3:9)?

What did the Lord promise to give him (1 Kings 3:12-14)?

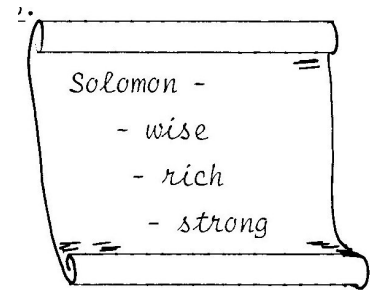
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C. He showed wisdom in ruling, 1 Kings 3:16 - 4:34.

- **Found the right mother, 1 Kings 3:16-28.**

READ 1 KINGS 3:16-28.

Two women came to Solomon. They argued as to who was the mother of the living baby. Both mothers said, "The living baby is mine." How did Solomon find the right mother (1 Kings 3:24-27)?



- **He provided food for all who were in his house, 1 Kings 4:1-24.**

Solomon divided his country into twelve provinces. Each month of the year a different province would provide food for the king and those in his house. How much food was needed to feed the king and those in his house (1 Kings 4:22,23)?

- **He kept a big army.**

How many stalls did Solomon have for his horses (1 Kings 4:26)?

How many horsemen did he have (1 Kings 4:26)?

- **He wrote many proverbs and songs.**

How many proverbs did Solomon write (1 Kings 4:32)?

How many songs did he write?

What is said about Solomon's wisdom (1 Kings 4:29-31,34)?

D. Solomon made peace in the land, 2 Chronicles 1:14-17.

Solomon placed men and horses in three cities. Two of these cities were called "chariot cities." The other city was Jerusalem. The army was used to keep other nations from bothering them.

1 Kings 4:25 tells us,
"So Judah and Israel lived in safety, every man under his vine and his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon." (New American Standard Bible)

2. SOLOMON BECAME A BUILDER, 1 Kings 5:1 - 9:25; 2 Chronicles 2:1 - 8:16.

A. Solomon built the temple, 1 Kings 5:1 -7:51; 2 Chronicles 2:1 - 5:1.

READ 1 KINGS 5:1 - 7:51; 2 CHRONICLES 2:1-5:1.

Solomon decided to build a house for the Lord. The Lord had told his father, David, "Your son will build Me a house."

How many men carried the things needed for building (2 Chronicles 2:2)?

How many men cut stones (2 Chronicles 2:2)?

How many men were foremen?

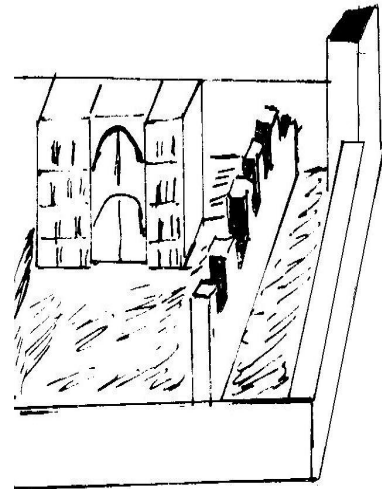
Hiram, king of Tyre, sent men to help Solomon. The men from Tyre knew how to work with metals. They knew how to work with wood and cloth. Some of these men were good workers in the forest. They cut the trees that were needed for the temple.

What was Solomon to give Hiram (Hiram) for pay (2 Chronicles 2:10)?

(A kor, cor or measure, is about 10 bushels. A bath is about 8 gallons.)

The temple was laid out like the tabernacle. The temple was two times as big as the tabernacle. Many patterns were the same as those in the tabernacle. Most of the inside of the temple was covered with gold. It was very beautiful.

How long did it take to build the temple (1 Kings 6:38)?

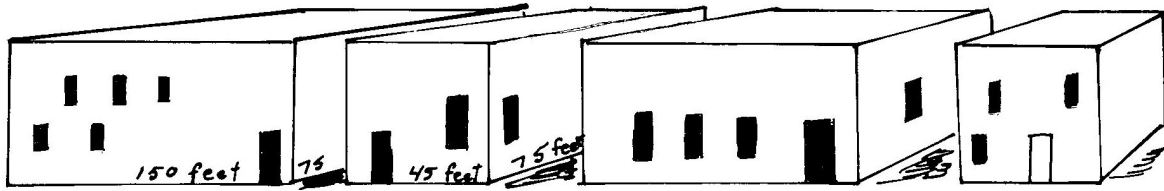


SOLOMON A BUILDER
temple
houses

B. Solomon built his house, 1 Kings 7:1-8.

READ 1 KINGS 7:1-8.

How long did it take Solomon to build his house (1 Kings 7:1)?



House of the
Forest of Lebanon

Throne Hall

Solomon's house

House for
Egyptian wife

Solomon built his house in four parts.

The first part was called the "House of the Forest of Lebanon." It was about 150 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. This building was used to store the weapons and riches of Solomon.

Next was a hall. It was 75 feet long by 45 feet wide. Solomon had his throne in this hall. The throne is where the king sits. His special visitors came to this hall.

The third building was Solomon's own house. We are not told how big his house was. His house had to be big because he had many wives and servants.

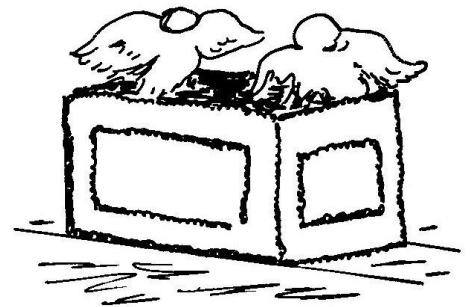
The fourth building was a house for his Egyptian wife.

All these buildings were very beautiful. They were made with stones and cedar wood. They used much gold and silver

C. Solomon dedicated the temple, 1 Kings 8:1 - 9:9.

READ 1 KINGS 8:1 - 9:9.

When the temple was finished, Solomon moved the ark of God into it. What happened when the priests came out of the holy place (1 Kings 8:10,11)?



Solomon prayed a long prayer. He asked the Lord to bless the temple (1 Kings 8:29-54). He prayed that good would come to them. Then Solomon spoke to the people. He warned them not to turn from the Lord (1 Kings 8:55-61).

Solomon made a great sacrifice to the Lord. How many animals were used (1 Kings 8:63)?

The Lord told Solomon that one of his descendants would rule over Israel forever. But if Solomon or his sons would turn away from the Lord, they would lose part of the kingdom. The Lord said He would even destroy the temple (1 Kings 9:2-9).

For many years Israel has not had a king. Jesus Christ will return to be King of Israel.

D. Solomon paid Hiram, king of Tyre, 1 Kings 9:10-25.

What did Solomon give Hiram (Hiram) for the cedar, fir trees and gold (1 Kings 9:11)?

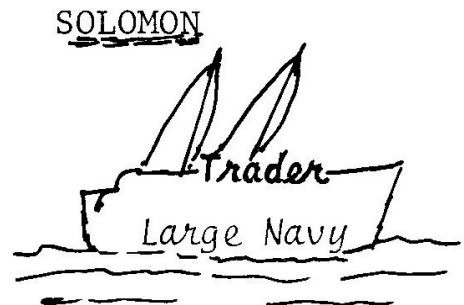
Did Hiram like what Solomon gave him (1 Kings 9:12)?

3. SOLOMON TRADED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, 1 Kings 9:26 - 10:29; 2 Chronicles 8:17 - 9:31.

A. Solomon built very big ships, 1 Kings 9:26-28; 2 Chronicles 8:17,18.

READ 1 KINGS 9:26-28; 2 CHRONICLES 8:17,18.

Hiram sent men to Solomon. These men knew how to sail on the oceans. Solomon's boats sailed out of the Red Sea into the Indian Ocean. They went to a place called Ophir. No one knows where Ophir was. There was much gold there.



These boats brought back about \$12,000,000 worth of gold every trip. It took about 3 years to make one trip. These boats also brought special kinds of wood, precious stones, silver, gold and ivory. They brought apes and peacocks for pets (1 Kings 10:11,22).

B. Solomon was visited by the Queen of Sheba, 1 Kings 10:1-13; 2 Chronicles 9:1-12.

READ 1 KINGS 10:1-13; 2 CHRONICLES 9:1-12.

The Queen of Sheba came to visit Solomon. She came to see if it was true that Solomon was very rich and wise. She asked many questions. Was Solomon able to

answer all her questions (1 Kings 10:3)?

What did the queen say after she saw all Solomon had (1 Kings 10:6,7)?

What did the queen give to Solomon (1 Kings 10:10)?

C. Solomon was visited by other kings, 1 Kings 10:14-29; 2 Chronicles 9:13-28.

READ 1 KINGS 10:14-29 and 2 CHRONICLES 9:13-28.

Why did the kings want to see Solomon (2 Chronicles 9:23)?

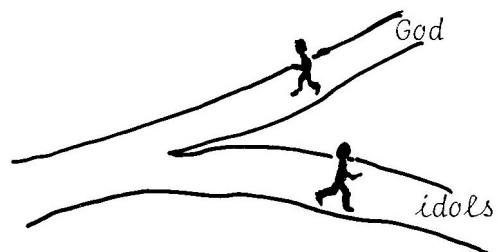
What did these kings bring Solomon (2 Chronicles 9:24)?

4. SOLOMON TURNED FROM GOD, 1 KINGS 11:1-43.

A. Solomon married many wives from other countries, 1 Kings 11:1-8.

READ 1 KINGS 11:1-8.

It is hard to understand why Solomon turned from following the Lord. Solomon was like Samson. His love for women led him away from the Lord. How many wives did Solomon have (1 Kings 11:3)?



How many concubines did Solomon have?

From what countries did these wives come (1 Kings 11:1)?

What did the Lord say about taking wives from other countries (1 Kings 11:1,2)?

B. Solomon started to worship idols.

Solomon tried to worship God and idols. God was not pleased with Solomon because

of this. What did Solomon build for his wives (1 Kings 11:7,8)?

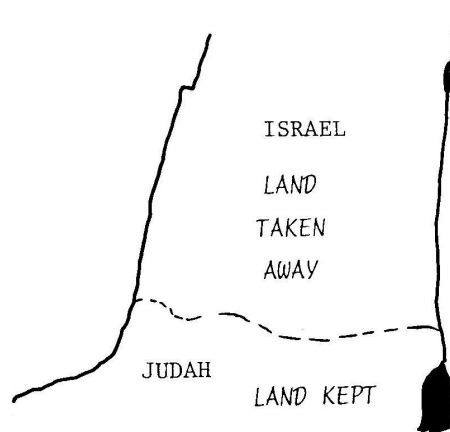
C. God told Solomon of coming punishment, 1 Kings 11:9-43.

READ 1 KINGS 11:9-43.

Because Solomon worshipped other gods, God was angry. He told Solomon he was going to lose part of his kingdom (1 Kings 11:11,12).

Who was to get part of the kingdom (1 Kings 11:31)?

How long did Solomon rule over Israel (1 Kings 11:42)?



5. IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

Solomon was the wisest man that lived. God gave him this wisdom. Solomon used his wisdom to make Israel a great nation.

But, Solomon was a person like you and me. He could choose between right and wrong. Solomon chose the wrong thing when he chose wives who worshipped idols. These wives led Solomon away from the Lord.

We should be careful to choose the right way. We cannot live for God and for idols at the same time.

WORDS TO LEARN

1. bath - about 8 gallons.
2. dedicate -to set something apart or someone apart for a special reason; to give something or someone to God.
3. kor - cor - measure - about 10 bushels.
4. provide - to make ready.
5. stall - a room in a barn where animals are kept, usually these animals are tied in a stall.
6. trade - to buy and sell.
7. wisdom - using what we know in the right way.