

# Solomon



**English Meeting**

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## First Kings – Author (unknown / Jeremiah?)

**Chapter 1 - 11** - United kingdom

**Chapter 12 - 22** - Divided kingdom

## Life of Solomon

**Chapter 1 - 2**

**- Establishment of Solomon**

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**- Rise of Solomon**

**Chapter 10 - 11**

**- Decline of Solomon**

## Establishment of Solomon

### Chapter 1

King David getting old / Adonijah's plot

Anointing of Solomon / Submission of Adonijah

### Chapter 2

David's charge to Solomon / David's death

Adonijah's execution / Abiathar is removed

Joab is executed / Shimei is executed

## Spiritual Lessons

### Chapter 1

God's grace and mercy / Chosen and raised up /  
Protection

### Chapter 2

Rule = according to God's way  
Thankful heart and fear God

## Rise of Solomon

### Chapter 3

Request of wisdom / Display of Wisdom

### Chapter 4

Officials / Governors / Prosperity / Proverbs

## Spiritual Lessons

### Chapter 3

King's heart = Servant heart / Humble to serve

### Chapter 4

Strength / Wealth / Wisdom from God

## Rise of Solomon

### Chapter 5 - 6

Building the temple

### Chapter 7

Construction of palace / Furnishings of the temple

### Chapter 8

Ark returns / Shechinah returns / Prayer

### Chapter 9

Lord's appearance / Multiplication of wealth



## Spiritual Lessons

### Chapter 5 - 6

Exalt God > leading people to God

### Chapter 7

Worship God in His way / Seeking God

### Chapter 8 - 9

God's Presence / Blessing

## Decline of Solomon

### Chapter 10

Queen of Sheba / Multiplication of horses

### Chapter 11

Pagan wives / Idol worship

The rebuke of God / The chastisement of God

## Spiritual Lessons

### Chapter 10

Wealth / Wisdom / Horses / Wives

#### Deut 17: 16-17

<sup>16</sup> But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the LORD has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.' <sup>17</sup> Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.

### 1 Kings 10:24

<sup>24</sup> Now all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

### 1 Kings 10:26-28

<sup>26</sup> And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; he had one thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup> The king made silver *as common* in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar trees as abundant as the sycamores which *are* in the lowland.

<sup>28</sup> Also Solomon had horses imported from Egypt and Keveh; the king's merchants bought them in Keveh at the *current* price.

## Spiritual Lessons

### Chapter 11

Pride / Slow to repent

#### 1 Kings 11:9

<sup>9</sup> So the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice

### 1 Kings 11:13-14

<sup>13</sup> However I will not tear away the whole kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen.”

<sup>14</sup> Now the LORD raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he *was* a descendant of the king in Edom.

1 Kings 11:40

<sup>40</sup> Solomon therefore sought to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt, to Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.