



# The Kings of Israel

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Lesson #37

# In our last study:

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The Lord appears to Solomon a second time!

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Solomon's Other Acts

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The Queen of Sheba visits Solomon.

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Solomon's Great Wealth

In this  
study:

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Solomon turns his heart away  
from following the Lord!

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God raises up adversaries  
against Solomon.

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Solomon's reign comes to an  
end

Solomon turns his heart away  
from following the Lord!

## 1 Kings 11:1 – 3 (ESV)

*1 Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, 2 from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the people of Israel, “You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods.” Solomon clung to these in love. 3 He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart.*

## 1 Kings 11:4 – 6 (ESV)

*4 For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. 5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. 6 So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and did not wholly follow the LORD, as David his father had done.*

## 1 Kings 11:7 – 8 (ESV)

*7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Molech the abomination of the Ammonites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem. 8 And so he did for all his foreign wives, who made offerings and sacrificed to their gods.*

## 1 Kings 11:9 – 11 (ESV)

*9 And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice 10 and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods. But he did not keep what the LORD commanded. 11 Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, “Since this has been your practice and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant.*



## 1 Kings 11:12 – 13 (ESV)

*12 Yet for the sake of David your father I will not do it in your days, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son. 13 However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, but I will give one tribe to your son, for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem that I have chosen.”*

# God raises up adversaries against Solomon:

Hadad, the Edomite

- 1 Kings 11:14

Rezon, the son Eliada

- 1 Kings 11:23

Jeroboam, the son of Nebat

- 1 Kings 11:26

Solomon's reign comes to an end

## 1 Kings 11:41 – 43 (ESV)

*41 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the Book of the Acts of Solomon? 42 And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. 43 And Solomon slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.*

The image features three glass chess pieces on a white surface. In the center is a king piece with a cross-shaped top. To its left is a pawn piece with a rounded top. To its right is a queen piece with a crown-shaped top. The pieces are made of clear glass and are slightly out of focus, with the king piece being the most prominent. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

In our next study, we will move onto  
examining the period of the divided  
Kingdom!