

"Historical Books Of The Bible"

1 Kings 11:1-43

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1 Kings 11:1-10

Proverbs 19:3

1 Kings 9-11 – Disobedience Of Solomon Leads To The Dismantling Of The Kingdom.

1 Kings 11 Is a Reversal of many achievements of 1 Kings 2-10.

1. Verses 1-8 – Disobedience To God's Word

2. Verses 9-13 – Ignoring God's Warning

3. Verses 14-25 – Resisting God's Discipline

4. Verses 26-43 – Opposing God's Servant

1. Verses 1-8 – Disobedience To God's Word:

1 Kings 11:1

"Now King Solomon" – We left off in 1 Kings 10:14-29 which describes "Solomon's Splendor."

"Now King Solomon loved (to have an affection for) many foreign women"

Solomon's Marriage With Egypt: "along with the daughter of Pharaoh" – He secured a bride from Egypt, 1 Kings 3:1; 9:24.

Solomon purchased horses and chariots from Egypt – 1 Kings 4:26-28; 10:26-29.

Psalms 20:7

His marriages and his procuring of horses and chariots were in direct disobedience to the Lord's clear commands – Deuteronomy 17:16; 7:1-6; Exodus 23:31-33; 34:15-16; Joshua 23:12-13.

"Moabite, Ammonite," – were descendants of Abraham's nephew Lot, Genesis 19:30. The Moabites – worshiped Chemosh, the chief god of the Moabites.

Ammonites – worshiped the hideous god Molech and sacrificed their infants on his altars, Leviticus 18:21; 20:1-5; Jeremiah 7:29-34; Ezekiel 16:20-22.

"Edomite," – were the descendants of Esau. They became enemies of Israel.

"Sidonian, and Hittite women," – Ashtereth was the goddess of the people of Tyre and Sidon. As the goddess of fertility, her worship included "legalized prostitution", Deuteronomy 23:1-8; 1 Kings 14:24; 15:12; 22:46.

1 Kings 11:2

Solomon's bad example in choosing wives from pagan nations created problems for Ezra and Nehemiah over four centuries later, Ezra 9:2; 10:2-3; Nehemiah 13:23-27.

"You shall not associate with them, nor shall they associate with you, for they will surely turn your heart away after their gods." – This is a quote from the Second Law – Deuteronomy 7:3-4.

"Solomon held fast to these in love." – Solomon had exhorted the people to have hearts that were "perfect with the Lord", 1 Kings 8:61.

This was a direct violation of the first two commandments given at Sinai, Exodus 20:1-6; Isaiah 46:9.

1 Kings 11:3-4

His sensual love for his many wives was more compelling than his spiritual love for the Lord, the God of Israel.

1 Kings 11:5

At least 38X in Ecclesiastes, Solomon wrote, "Vanity of vanities."

1 Kings 11:6-8

2. Verses 9-13 – Ignoring God's Warning:

1 Kings 11:9

Solomon was turning his back on a wealth of blessing God had given to him and sinning against a flood of light.

"who had appeared to him twice," – Twice the Lord had appeared to Solomon, 1 Kings 3:5; 9:2.

1 Kings 11:10

Solomon certainly knew the terms of the covenant in Deuteronomy 28-30, for he referred to them in his prayer when he dedicated the temple.

1 Kings 11:11 – “tear” – Solomon would resist.

1 Kings 11:29-30

Kingdom Divided: 1 Kings 12:16-19

1 Kings 11:12-13

There is no evidence that Solomon took this warning to heart.

3. Verses 14-25 – Resisting God’s Discipline:

1 Kings 11:14

Verses 14-22 – Hadad attacked Solomon from the South: “Hadad the Edomite; he was of the royal line in Edom.”

Verses 15-16 – David Slaughters The Edomites.

1 Kings 11:17-22

This constant irritation from the south should have reminded Solomon that God was disciplining him and calling him back to a life of obedience.

Verses 23-25 – Rezon Attacks From The North: These constant attacks were not a war but an irritation; Guerrilla fighters.

4. Verses 26-43 – Opposing God’s Servant:

1 Kings 11:26

“Jeroboam” – who was a servant to Solomon, now rebels against Solomon.

1 Kings 11:27-28

Verses 29-39 – God Sends His Prophet: 1 Kings 11:29.

“Ahijah the Shilonite” – Prophets were “forth-tellers” more than “foretellers.”

1 Kings 11:30-31

Jeroboam would become king of the ten northern tribes of Israel. The tribes of Judah and Benjamin remained loyal to the House of David.

1 Kings 11:32-35

So God's discipline was to divide the Kingdom of Israel; 10 tribes of the North were given to Jeroboam.

1 Kings 11:36-38

1 Kings 11:39 – "Thus I will afflict the descendants of David for this, but not always." – How gracious of God to be longsuffering.

1 Kings 11:40 – "Solomon sought therefore to put Jeroboam to death;" – Classic expression "Shoot The Messenger."

"Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt" – Moses was raised in Egypt and now Solomon created his own Moses which is Jeroboam.

1 Kings 11:41 – Some books that we don't possess, including the Acts of Solomon (possibly an official register).

1 Kings 11:42-43

Application:

1. Solomon's sensual love for his many wives was more compelling than his spiritual love for the Lord, the God of Israel.
2. Solomon Was Given Great Wisdom From The Lord. Wisdom Like A Signpost Still Must Be Obeyed Or Practiced In Order For A Person To Benefit From It.
3. Solomon, Upon Hearing That Jeroboam Would Be King Over The Northern Kingdom, Should Have Fallen On His Face In Repentance, But Instead He Tried To Kill His Rival: Proverbs 29:1.