

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

Lesson 14

1 Kings Chapters 4 - 11



This week we will finish a quick look at the book of 1 Kings, and Solomon's life, as we prepare to move into the "wisdom" section of the Bible, beginning with the book of Psalms. In Psalms, we will look at hymns and praises, many of which can still be found in the worship and praise songs that we sing today, just as David and his followers did in seeking and worshipping God. So let's take a close look at Solomon's life, and reflect on both David and Solomon to see what we can discern as we study God's word together.

For this week we will be covering such a large section of scripture that, rather than have you read ahead before you answer any questions, the reading assignments for the week are referenced with each question below.

1. Read 1 Kings Chapters 4-8 and summarize the life of Solomon. List some of the insights that this passage gives us regarding his day-to-day living and what he accomplished.
2. What is significant about Chapter 9 verses 6 and 7?
3. Why did God divide the kingdom in 931 BC?
4. Read 1 Kings Chapters 10 and 11. Why did Solomon fall into apostasy, even though he had all this wisdom?

5. Having now studied both David and Solomon, compare their personalities.

6. How did Solomon's sin affect later generations?

As we conclude our study of God's three kings and the rise and fall the united kingdom of Israel, there is much we can learn from looking at the lives of Saul, David, and Solomon – and the lives affected by them during and after their reigns.

Next week, we will begin a look at the wisdom books and consider topics such as prayers, poetry, hymns, and praising and worshipping God.

As we close this lesson, consider what Solomon teaches us: "There is nothing new under the sun". So let's commit this week to follow God so that we do not repeat the mistakes of these three Kings as we face similar challenges to our faith and walk. We can see that our country also faces many challenges and struggles ahead in the coming years. With these challenges will also come opportunities.

During these days of uncertainty and promise, may God grant us His eternal peace and instill within us a strong desire to go in search of others needing to know Christ.

Have a great week everyone.

In Christ,

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