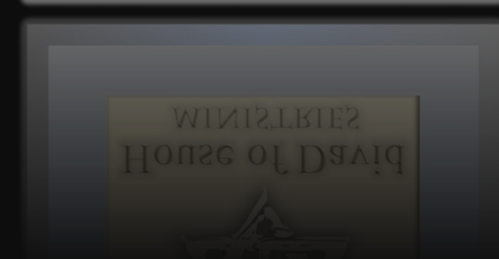
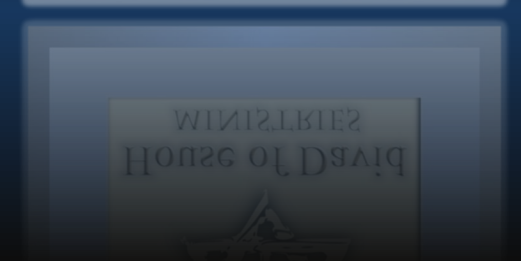


# The Fall of King Solomon

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Part 1  
1 Kings 11:1-43



# Solomon Did Evil



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✚ “When Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David... Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not fully follow the LORD, as did his father David” (1 Kings 11:4 & 6).

# The Lord Became Angry



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✚ “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 11:9).

# I Will Tear the Kingdom from You



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✚ “Therefore the LORD said to Solomon,  
‘Because you have done this, and have not kept  
My covenant and My statutes, which I have  
commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom  
away from you and give it to your servant’”

(1 Kings 11:11).

# The 1<sup>st</sup> Adversary



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✂ “Now the LORD raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was a descendant of the king in Edom” (1 Kings 11:14).

➤ <https://www.thehouseofdauid.org/writings/2021/9/1/edom-and-the-last-days>

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Adversary



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✚ “And God raised up another adversary against him, Rezon the son of Eliadah... He was an adversary of Israel all the days of Solomon (besides the trouble that Hadad caused); and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria” (1 Kings 11:23 & 25).

# The 3<sup>rd</sup> Adversary



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✚ “Then Solomon's servant, Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite from Zereda, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, also rebelled against the king” (1 Kings 11:26).



# The Prophecy of Ahijah



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✂ “Now it happened at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite met him on the way” (1 Kings 11:29 & 31).

# Thus Says the Lord



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✚ “And he said to Jeroboam... thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and will give ten tribes to you” (1 Kings 11:31).

# I Will Give One Tribe



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✚ “And to [Solomon’s] son I will give one tribe, that My servant David may always have a lamp before Me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for Myself, to put My name there”

(1 Kings 11:36).

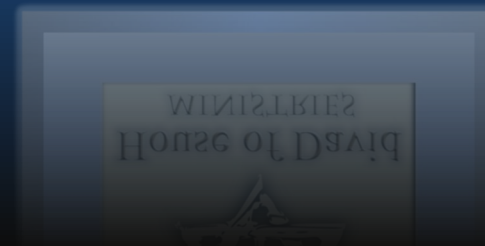
# Solomon's Reign



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✚ “The period that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. Then Solomon rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place” (1 Kings 11:42-43).

*Part 2*  
*Ecclesiastes 1-6*



# Vanity of Vanities



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✚ “The words of the Preacher, the son of David [Solomon], king in Jerusalem. Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; Vanity of vanities, all is vanity” (Ecclesiastes 1:1-2).

# To Seek Out Wisdom



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✚ “I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven... I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind” (Ecclesiastes 1:13-14).

# Much Grief



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✂ “For in much wisdom is much grief, And he who increases knowledge increases sorrow”

(Ecclesiastes 1:18).



# Gratify My Flesh



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✂ “I searched in my heart how to gratify my flesh with wine, while guiding my heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the sons of men to do under heaven all the days of their lives” (Ecclesiastes 2:3).

# My Eye's Desires



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✂ “Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my reward from all my labor”

(Ecclesiastes 2:10).

# No Remembrance



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✂ “For there is no more remembrance of the wise than of the fool forever, Since all that now is will be forgotten in the days to come. And how does a wise man die? As the fool!” (Ecclesiastes 2:16).

# I Hated Life



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✚ “Therefore I hated life because the work that was done under the sun was distressing to me, for all is vanity and grasping for the wind. Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me” (Ecclesiastes 2:17-18).

# Eternity in Our Hearts



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✚ “[God] has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end” (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

# We Die Like Animals



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✘ “For what happens to the sons of men also happens to animals... as one dies, so dies the other. Surely, they all have one breath; man has no advantage over animals, for all is vanity. All go to one place: all are from the dust, and all return to dust” (Ecclesiastes 3:19-20).

# All The Oppression



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✚ “Then I returned and considered all the oppression that is done under the sun: And look! The tears of the oppressed, But they have no comforter—On the side of their oppressors there is power, But they have no comforter”

(Ecclesiastes 4:1).

# Severe Evil



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✂ “As [man] came from his mother's womb, naked shall he return, To go as he came; And he shall take nothing from his labor Which he may carry away in his hand. And this also is a severe evil—Just exactly as he came, so shall he go”

(Ecclesiastes 5:15-16).



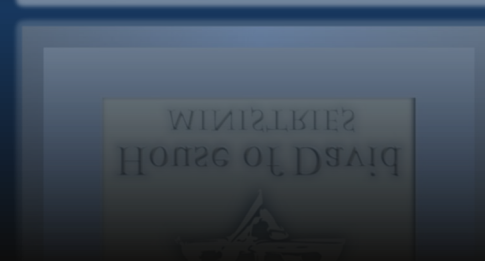
# The Soul Not Satisfied



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✚ “All the labor of man is for his mouth, And yet the soul is not satisfied” (Ecclesiastes 6:7).

*Part 3*  
*Questions & Discussion*





1. In what way did King Solomon turn away from the Lord?

✂ “Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the Lord your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish” (Deuteronomy 8:19).



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**α** “Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry”

(1 Corinthians 10:14).



## 2. Why do you think he did so?

α “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?” (Matthew 16:26).

α “For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world” (1 John 2:16).



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α “Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries”

(Galatians 5:19-21).



3. Why was all of Israel punished for Solomon's evil?

✂ “And he did evil in the sight of the Lord. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, but walked in them” (2 Kings 13:11).



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α “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9)

α “If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (1 John 2:1)





4. Why did the Lord *not* remove the tribe of Judah from the kingship?

✠ “In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice”

(Genesis 22:18).



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✠ “I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom... And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever” (2 Samuel 7:12 & 16).



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5. What can we learn about our own lives from the rise and fall of King Solomon?

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