

# **PART 3: UNITED KINGDOM**

## **LESSON 15: THE RISE AND FALL OF SOLOMON, 1 KINGS 1–11**

3. What charges does David give to Solomon? (1 Kgs 2:1-12)  
Whom does Solomon put to death (or banish), and why does he do so? (vv. 13-46) After internally securing his rule, with what outside nation does he make a marriage alliance? (3:1) (Ironic!)

4. Solomon, along with the rest of Israel, sacrifices on the high places for a time, but he eventually goes to what specific high place where the tabernacle was located? (2 Kgs 3:2-4; cf. 2 Chron 1:2-6) What does God ask Solomon there, and how does Solomon respond? (vv. 5-15) God grants the request of Solomon, and Solomon demonstrates his God-given wisdom how? (vv. 16-28)

5. The kingdom of Solomon expands to include numerous officials, an innumerable population, great wealth, and famous wisdom (1 Kgs 4:1-34; cf. Gen 15:18-21; 22:17-18; 32:11-12). With what foreign king does Solomon make a trade alliance, and for what purpose? (1 Kgs 5:1-18)

6. Describe the house (temple) that Solomon builds for God (1 Kgs 6:1-10, 14-36; 7:13-51). God promises to dwell among Israel on what condition(s)? (vv. 11-13) How long does it take Solomon to build the temple? (vv. 37-38)
  
7. Describe the house (palace) that Solomon builds for himself (1 Kgs 7:1-12). How long does it take Solomon to build his palace?

8. What sacred items does Solomon bring to the temple, and how does God demonstrate his approval? (1 Kgs 8:1-11)  
Summarize the dedication speech, prayer, benediction (blessing), and sacrifices of Solomon (vv. 12-66).  
(OPTIONAL: Solomon echoes what Old Testament promises in his dedication?) What promise(s) and warning(s) does God relate to Solomon? (9:1-9)

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