

### **Lesson 3**

#### **Solomon Reigns Over Israel – Part 3**

( 1 Kings 9:1 – 11:43; 2 Chronicles 1:14-17; 7:11 – 9:31 )

#### **Questions**

1. What did the Lord say to Solomon in response to his prayer and what did the Lord say would happen if Solomon obeyed the Lord and if Solomon (and Israel) disobeyed the Lord (1 K. 9:1-9; 2 Chron. 7:11-22)?
2. What did Solomon give Hiram king of Tyre (1 K. 9:10-14; 2 Chron. 8:1-2)?
3. What did Solomon use forced labor to do (“levy”, KJV, ASV) and what did he use the children of Israel to do (1 K. 9:15-23; 2 Chron. 8:3-10)?
4. What did Solomon have built for Pharaoh’s daughter, what did he do in the temple, and where did he keep his navy of ships (1 K. 9:24-28; 2 Chron. 8:11-13, 17-18)?
5. What did Solomon appoint for the priests and the Levites (2 Chron. 8:14-16)?
6. What did the Queen of Sheba hear concerning Solomon, why did she come to see him, what did she give Solomon, and what did she get from Solomon (1 K. 10:1-10, 13; 2 Chron. 9:1-12)?
7. What are some of the riches of Solomon listed in 1 Kings 10:11-12, 14-29, and in 2 Chronicles 1:14-17 and 9:13-28 (see also 1 K. 4:21)?
8. What did Solomon do that caused him to turn his heart away from the Lord and fall away (1 K. 11:1-8)?

9. How did the Lord feel about Solomon's apostasy and what did he say to Solomon about it (1 K. 11:9-13)?
  
10. Who, from Edom, did the Lord stir up to be an adversary to Solomon (1 K. 11:14-22)?
  
11. Who, from Syria, did the Lord stir up to be an adversary to Solomon (1 K. 11:23-25)?
  
12. Who, among Solomon's servants, would lift up his hand against Solomon (1 K. 11:26-28)?
  
13. What did Ahijah the prophet tell Jeroboam concerning Jeroboam's future role in the kingdom (1 K. 11:29-40)?
  
14. How long did Solomon reign over Israel and who reigned in his place when he died (1 K. 11:41-43; 2 Chron. 9:29-31)?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. Where in the book of Jeremiah did Jeremiah speak words similar to those in 1 Kings 9:8-9?
  
2. Who was Pharaoh king of Egypt (1 K. 9:16)?
  
3. How do you reconcile 1 Kings 9:22 with 1 Kings 5:13-14 concerning the Israelites being used as servants?

4. What did Jesus say about the Queen of Sheba (1 K. 10:1-13)?
  
5. What did Solomon write in Ecclesiastes 2 about his building projects (1 K. 9:10-28) and wealth (1 K. 10:14-29)?
  
6. What did Josiah do to Solomon's places of idolatry (1 K. 11:1)?
  
7. What did Nehemiah say about Solomon's wives who caused him to sin (1 K. 11:1-8)?
  
8. What two times in 1 Kings did the Lord appear to Solomon (1 K. 11:9)?
  
9. Where in 2 Samuel are we told about David fighting in Edom (1 K. 11:15-16) and in Syria (1 K. 11:24)?
  
10. When did Shishak rule as king of Egypt (1 K. 11:40)?
  
11. Locate on a map the following: Tyre (1 K. 9:11-12), Millo (1 K. 9:15, 24; 11:27), Gezer (1 K. 9:16-17), Sheba (1 K. 10:1, 13), Ezion-geber (1 K. 9:26), and Ophir (1 K. 9:28; 10:11).

### **Applications for Today**

1. Obeying the Lord will bring his blessings and disobeying the Lord will bring his punishments (1 K. 9:3-9; 2 Chron. 7:11-12; Gen. 22:18).
2. Godly wisdom given to others will be a blessing to them (1 K. 10:8-9; Prov. 21:20; Eccl. 7:19; 10:2).
3. Love for the wrong persons or the wrong things will cause one to turn his heart away from the Lord (1 K. 11:1-8; Jn. 3:19; 2 Tim. 4:10; 1 Jn. 2:15-17).

4. Make sure that when you give godly wisdom to others that you apply it to yourself as well – practice what you preach (1 K. 11:1-8; Prov. 8:33; 14:16; 26:12).
5. You have to stay faithful to the Lord even when you are old (1 K. 11:4; 2 Tim. 4:6-8).
6. The Lord gets angry at sin and will punish his children who fall away from him (1 K. 11:9-13; 2 Pet. 2:19-21).
7. Don't let your heart be turned away from serving the Lord (1 K. 11:9; Mt. 22:37).
8. The Lord keeps his word and does not give idle threats (1 K. 11:11; Mt. 25:46).
9. Your godly life today can influence how God responds to your descendants in the future (1 K. 11:12-13, 34; 1 Tim. 4:8).
10. Obedience and disobedience to the Lord are key factors in determining one's spiritual success or failure with the Lord (1 K. 11:11, 33, 38; Josh. 1:7-8; Heb. 4:6).