Solomon’s Legacy

Divided Kingdom

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God raises up adversaries to Solomon.
1 Kings 11:14

14 Then the LORD raised up an adversary to Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was of the royal line in Edom.
1 Kings 11:23-25

23 God also raised up another adversary to him, Rezon the son of Eliada, who had fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah.
24 He gathered men to himself and became leader of a marauding band, after David slew them of Zobah; and they went to Damascus and stayed there, and reigned in Damascus.
1 Kings 11:23-25

25 So he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, along with the evil that Hadad *did*; and he abhorred Israel and reigned over Aram.
God tells Jeroboam that he will be over 10 tribes.
1 Kings 11:26-28

26 Then Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, Solomon’s servant, whose mother’s name was Zeruah, a widow, also rebelled against the king.
27 Now this was the reason why he rebelled against the king: Solomon built the Millo, and closed up the breach of the city of his father David.
Now the man Jeroboam was a valiant warrior, and when Solomon saw that the young man was industrious, he appointed him over all the forced labor of the house of Joseph.
29 It came about at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him on the road. Now Ahijah had clothed himself with a new cloak; and both of them were alone in the field.
30 Then Ahijah took hold of the new cloak which was on him and tore it into twelve pieces.

31 He said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces; for thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and give you ten tribes"
1 Kings 11:40

40 Solomon sought therefore to put Jeroboam to death; but Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt to Shishak king of Egypt, and he was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.
Solomon dies after 40 years as king.
1 Kings 11:42-43

42 Thus the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years.

43 And Solomon slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of his father David, and his son Rehoboam reigned in his place.
We learn that the Israelites felt overworked from Solomon’s reign.
Then Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king.
Now when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it, he was living in Egypt (for he was yet in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of King Solomon).
Then they sent and called him, and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,
1 Kings 12:1-5

4 “Your father made our yoke hard; now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you.”

5 Then he said to them, “Depart for three days, then return to me.” So the people departed.
Rehoboam listens to the wrong people, and the kingdom splits.
1 Kings 12:12-16

12 Then Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day as the king had directed, saying, “Return to me on the third day.”
1 Kings 12:12-16

13 The king answered the people harshly, for he forsook the advice of the elders which they had given him,
1 Kings 12:12-16

14 and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, “My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.”
1 Kings 12:12-16

15 So the king did not listen to the people; for it was a turn of events from the LORD, that He might establish His word, which the LORD spoke through Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.
1 Kings 12:12-16

16 When all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, “What portion do we have in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse; To your tents, O Israel! Now look after your own house, David!”
Epilogue: What Solomon Left Behind
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1) His **wealth** would be **taken**.
1 Kings 14:25-27

25 Now it happened in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, that Shishak the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem.
1 Kings 14:25-27

26 He took away the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king’s house, and he took everything, even taking all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.
27 So King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place, and committed them to the care of the commanders of the guard who guarded the doorway of the king’s house.
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2) His **buildings** would be **burned**.
8 Now on the seventh day of the fifth month, which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.
2 Kings 25:8-10

9 He burned the house of the LORD, the king’s house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; even every great house he burned with fire.
2 Kings 25:8-10

10 So all the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard broke down the walls around Jerusalem.
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3) His **writings** continue to **strengthen** God’s people.
1 Kings 4:32

32 He also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005.
Proverbs 3:5-7

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight.

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.
4) His story continues to challenge us.
Revelation 2:10

10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.
A Final Lesson From His Life:

God wants to bless us, let’s stay faithful!
John 10:10

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.