

Series: The Story of the Old Testament
Lesson: Solomon and the Division of Israel
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Solomon

The last king of united Israel

Solomon's Triumphs:

1. He builds the Temple.
2. He rules with great Wisdom.
3. He conducts massive building projects.
4. He brings incredible Wealth into the nation.

Solomon's Problems:

1. His building projects were wonderful, but They exacted a heavy toll in taxes and forced labor Solomon may have exceed his ability to pay for his projects.
2. He amassed a large army of horses and chariots. (I Kgs 10:26-29; Deut 17:16)
3. He married many foreign women. (I Kgs 10:1-8; Deut 17:17)

Solomon's Tragic Legacy: I Kgs 11:9-13

Because of his failures, the kingdom will be torn away from him and divided.

The Kingdom Divides

922 BCE

North: Israel
King: Jeroboam

South: Judah
King: Rehoboam

Reflection: Why does Solomon, his son Rehoboam, Jeroboam (and Saul) act the way they do? Do you ever struggle with the same problem?