

Ladies Bible Class
1 Kings 9 and 10 Handout

Video: King Solomon: The Wisest King Who Ever Lived? (11 mins.)

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Read: The Lord Appears to Solomon

1 Kings 9: 1-9

1. What did Solomon do after his achievements? Where did he go to do this? Why did he go there?

2. Why does God reappear to Solomon (v. 4-5)? What are the warnings and promises in 8:25?

Read: 1 King 8:25 Now LORD, the God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, 'You shall never fail to have a successor to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your descendants are careful in all they do to walk before me faithfully as you have done.

3. Compare God's words to Solomon with Solomon's words to Israel? (See v. 4 compared to 8:61).

Read: 1 Kings 8: 61 And may your hearts be fully committed to the LORD our God, to live by his decrees and obey his commands, as at this time.

4. Is God more present in the temple than anywhere else? How so?

Application

5. Is God's love conditional? Are we afraid of rejection by God because our wrong doings? Why or why not?

Read: Solomon's Other Activities

1 Kings 9: 10-14

1. Hiram provided Solomon with many supplies for the temple and the palaces. Why was Hiram unhappy with Solomon's repayment? (120 talents of gold=4-1/2 tons)

9:13 The name Cabul was a pun meaning "like nothing," an allusion to Hiram's assessment of the region.

Read: 1 Kings 9: 15-23

2. Describe the fortification of the kingdom.



Solomon's Building Projects

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9:15 The "supporting terraces"; literally "the Millo" or "Filling." It was probably a system of terraced embankments on the enormous gulf between the City of David on the southeast hill and the Orphel "bulge" to the northeast, east of Solomon's palace. This was likely the site of the barracks of the praetorian guard of professional soldiers so important to the Davidic dynasty

9:16 At this time Israel and Egypt were the major powers in the Near East. For many years Egypt had retained control of Gezer, even though it was in Israelite territory. In Solomon's time the Pharaoh gave the city to his daughter, whom Solomon married, putting Gezer under Israelite control. Intermarriage among royal families was common, but it was not endorsed by God (Deuteronomy 17:17)

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Read: 1Kings 9: 24-26

1. What are the three festivals referred to?

Read Deut. 16: 16¹⁶ Three times a year all your men must appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose: at the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks and the Festival of Tabernacles. No one should appear before the LORD empty-handed:

2. In the midst of all this glory and splendor, what critique does the author make about Solomon?

Also see **Read: 1 Kings 10:26-29**

Especially compare verse 29 with Deuteronomy 17:15-17¹⁵ be sure to appoint over you a king the LORD your God chooses. He must be from among your fellow Israelites. Do not place a foreigner over you, one who is not an Israelite.¹⁶ The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the LORD has told you, “You are not to go back that way again.”¹⁷ He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold

Read: 1 Kings 9: 26-28

1. What occurred in this reading? What was the significance of this delivery of gold? (240 talents=16 tons)

Read: The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon

1Kings 10: 1-10

1. Where is the queen of Sheba from? Who is she?

2. What did the queen want from Solomon?

Read: Proverbs 9: 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

3. Describe the gifts she brought Solomon. What “gift” did Solomon give the Queen?

Read: Luke 11: 28 He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it. 31 The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the people of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon’s wisdom; and now something greater than Solomon is here.

Matt. 12: 42⁴The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon’s wisdom, and now something greater than Solomon is here.

Matt. 28: 19-20 ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

4. What is the point of the story of the Queen of Sheba?

Application

1. What wisdom do we possess? What are we do with that wisdom?

Read: 2 Tim. 3: 15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Read: Isaiah 60:6 Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense, and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

Read Solomon’s Splendor

1King 10: 11-13

1 King 10: 14-25

1 Kings 10: 26-29

1. Describe the acquisitions Solomon made. Were these acquisitions a problem? (Deut. 17:16-17)

666 talents=25 tons

Application

1. What can we learn from Solomon and these chapter?

Read: Matt 6:33 ³³ But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

2. Is wealth a sign of God’s favor today? Is it right for Christian’s to accumulate wealth?

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