

Passage: 1 Kings 1-11

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Discovered:

- David was old & could not get warm so they found a beautiful woman, Abishag to serve the King.
- Adonijah (second son) went around declaring himself King, he invited his brothers & royal officers + Joab out to Serpent's stone to offer sacrifices.
- Bathsheba was afraid of Adonijah & spoke with Nathan. Nathan told her to go to David and have him declare her son, Solomon, the future King. David told Nathan and Zadok to anoint Solomon as King. When Adonijah found out and was afraid and fled to the altar & only let go when Solomon told him he would only die if proven wicked. He pledged himself to Solomon.
- David's advice to Solomon: obey the Lord, honor Barzillai and execute Joab & Shimei for their crimes.
- David died after ruling 40 years: 7 years over Judah, 33 over all of Israel.
- Adonijah sent Bathsheba to request Abishag as a wife. Solomon saw through his attempt to claim the throne & had him executed. Solomon expelled Abiathar from priesthood, killed Joab & Shimei.
- Solomon formed an alliance with Egypt by marrying Pharaoh's daughter.
- The Lord appeared to Solomon @ Gibeon and told him to ask for anything since he obeyed & walked with God. Solomon asked for wisdom. The Lord also blessed him with riches & honor.
- Solomon wisely judges which woman the living child belongs to by offering to cut it in half to share. The mother offers her son to the woman with the dead child if his life is spared.
- Judah & Israel were at peace, all were happy & everything was plentiful.
- Solomon got cedar & cypress from Hiram, King of Tyre. He had forced laborers of 30,000, 70,000 burden bearers, 80,000 stone cutters & 3,300 chief officers. Solomon sent Hiram wheat & oil.
- 480 years after the exodus, 4 years into Solomon's reign, he began work on the temple
 - ↳ 120 cubits (cubit = 18 inches) long, 20 cubits wide, 30 cubits tall, took 7 years to build
- At the same time, Solomon constructed his house: 100 cubits x 50 cubits x 30 cubits high
- Hiram from Tyre, part Naphtali to make all the metal furnishings for the temple.
- Solomon moved the ark into temple and Lord moved in → appeared as a cloud - filled the temple
- Solomon dedicates the temple - asking the Lord to be with them always, judge his servants, forgiving those who repent, hear the foreigner so his name may spread. Celebrated with a 7 day feast
- Lord appears before Solomon a 2nd time: gives him a blessing of throne of Israel if he walks with the Lord and a warning that if he serves other gods, he will destroy Solomon's house and cut off Israel.
- Solomon gave King of Tyre 20 cities in Galilee but Hiram thought they were worthless.
- Solomon built up a navy with Hiram sending him seamen → imports/exports
- Queen of Sheba came to visit and was amazed that everything she had heard about Solomon's wisdom, wealth & honor were true and under told.
- Solomon allowed his foreign wives to worship their gods and began to worship them as well.
- God warned Solomon that if he strayed he would take away kingdom leaving him only one tribe.
- Lord sent adversaries of Solomon: Hadad the Edomite, Rezon & Jeroboam.
- Jeroboam was a servant that met Ahijah in the wild and was given a prophecy: I will give 10 tribes to you. Solomon found out & tried to kill him, he fled to Egypt.
- Solomon died after reigning 40 years. Rehoboam ruled in his place.

Help me to remember:
that there are 2 sides:
obedience & disobedience each with
its own path as Solomon discovered
through his blessings received and
adversaries raised against him.
Lord, I ask that

I have just a fraction of the wisdom that was given to Solomon.

Heavenly Father, I am thankful for . . .
the ability to learn and the curiosity
to seek wisdom.