

1 Kings 11

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(The downfall of Solomon)

11 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites: (strange women = foreign women) (God told Solomon not to do this. HE even told Joshua to wipe out the Hittites and Zidonians <Canaanites>) Deuteronomy-7, Exodus-34:16

(These foreign women were of heathen tribes. They brought in their false gods into Jerusalem. Eventually, the Israelites followed suit and fell into idol worship)

²Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. Deuteronomy-4:4, Deuteronomy-7:3→on

³And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. (They turned him away from God, unto their false deities. Solomon started worshipping the heathen idols of his foreign wives. He even allowed them to bring their idols into the temple of God)

⁴For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. (David made big mistakes at the end of his reign also, but he never turned away from God, as Solomon did. This caused Solomon to die younger than David. It also caused Israel to be divided and his son to lose the 10 northern tribes)

⁵For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. (Milcom = Molech – The god that they sacrificed their own children to, in the fire – human sacrifice. God said that He never imagined that people would go so low; as to sacrifice their own children by fire. That was one of the reasons that He ordered Moses and Joshua to kill all Canaanites as they entered the Promised Land. They didn't. The other reason was that they mated with the fallen angels and produced giant hybrid offspring)

(We will see women mating again with the fallen angels when they return with antichrist in the end days. Jesus said – it will be as in the days of Noah) Matthew-24:37-38

(Ashtoreth = Ishtar – Phoenician goddess of love and fertility; this is where Easter comes from. Their rituals to Ishtar were a lot like our celebrations of Easter, today; Rolling eggs and the bunny; Morning rituals in the rising sun – signs of fertility; Dressing up all the young women, etc) (Except that they also added a town-wide orgy to their festival)

⁶And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father. (He replaced his love for God with his love for earthly comforts and perversions. Power and wealth can corrupt any man. That is why God should be our King; not man)

⁷Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. (Chemosh the sun god; Molech the god of human sacrifice) (He built altars to these false gods. They practiced human sacrifices by fire at these altars)

Deuteronomy-4:27 (God said HE would scatter Israel if they worship other gods. They did, so He did)

⁸And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. (He built idol altars everywhere around Jerusalem)

⁹And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, (angry= anath<Hebrew> – Divine anger; an anger that is forced on someone that God loved – a deep betrayal)

2Samuel-12:25 (A prophet said you will call him Jedediah – beloved of God)

¹⁰And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded. (After God did so much for Solomon, he turned against God)

¹¹Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and

will give it to thy servant. (After Solomon died, his son lost 10 tribes to Jeroboam – his former servant)

¹² Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. (God did that because Solomon's son also went after false gods, as Solomon did. Rehoboam was no victim. He was as foolish as Solomon was)

¹³ Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen. (Judah will be Rehoboam's. Benjamin decided, on their own, to stay with Judah)

¹⁴ And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king's seed in Edom. (Here comes the wrath of God, against Solomon. It's all down hill from this time forward)

¹⁵ For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom; (Males of fighting age, not all males) (Prophecy in Numbers-24:18-19 partially fulfilled)

¹⁶ (For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom:)

¹⁷ That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad being yet a little child. (Back when Hadad was a child)

¹⁸ And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land. (God blessed Hadad, because He was angry at Solomon's idolatry. So the leader goes, so goes the country. Israel had fallen into idolatry and perversion)

¹⁹ And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.

²⁰ And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh. (Genubath = theft)

²¹ And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country. (Back to Edom)

²² Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise. (God stirred him up)

²³ And God stirred him up another adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah: (God is getting Solomon's attention so he can repent and return to God. It won't help.) (So the king went, so went the people of Israel. They had turned into worshippers of false gods. Hadad will attack from the south. Rezon will attack from the north)

²⁴ And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them of Zobah: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

²⁵ And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

²⁶ And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman, even he lifted up his hand against the king. (an Ephrathite = of Ephraim) (Jeroboam= the people will contend: Strongs Concordance OR whose people are many: Smith's Bible Dictionary)

²⁷ And this was the cause that he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breaches of the city of David his father. (Not a good translation – When Solomon built the walls around all of Jerusalem, he also included the temple mount within three new walls. This took a massive amount of forced labor by the people of Israel at no pay. The people resented Solomon for taking away their freedom for years at a time. This gave rise to people like Jeroboam who would fight to end the forced labor & free the people to improve their own property)

(Ephraim and Judah had always been in competition for the king line of Israel. It didn't take much to set them against each other. God said He would break up Israel, because of Solomon's idolatry)

²⁸ And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph. (Ephraim and Manasseh) (He oversaw the forced labor of the people of Ephraim and Manasseh)

²⁹ And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field: (Shilonite – he was from Shiloh)

³⁰ And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces:

³¹ And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee: (This is the prophecy that God revealed. Solomon's idolatry and perversion cost his descendants the kingdom)

³² (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:) (In Joshua, when allotments of land were given out; Jerusalem was on the border of Judah and Benjamin, inside of Benjamin. Probably why Benjamin will choose to go with Judah when Israel is divided)

³³ Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father. (Ashtoreth= Ishtar the goddess of love and fertility of the Phoenicians< Zidonians> – They held orgies to Ishtar in the spring; Chemosh – the god of the sun; Milcom = Molech – to whom they burned their own children as human sacrifices)

(Even today, so-called Christians have replaced Passover with Easter. They are rolling Easter Eggs in the groves on Easter morning. This is all taken from the heathen worship of Ishtar. The only part that was dropped was the orgy that would accompany the Ishtar ritual. That's where the Easter Bunny comes from)

³⁴ Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake,

whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes:
(God didn't take Solomon out, because of His love for David, his father)

³⁵ But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes. (Rehoboam – Solomon's son)

³⁶ And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.

³⁷ And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel. (God knew that Jeroboam wanted to rule over Israel. HE gave him the 10 northern tribes)

³⁸ And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee. (Jeroboam will fail miserably, as Solomon did)

³⁹ And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever. (Jesus came from the progeny of David, through Nathan, not through Solomon)

Ezekiel-37&38 (Israel will be re-joined as one nation under Jesus Christ at the Millennium)

⁴⁰ Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

⁴¹ And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon? (This is one of the books that make up this Book of Kings) Appendix-47 in the Companion Bible

⁴² And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. (His life was cut short because he didn't do what God had asked, in return for long life. He pretty much violated every command that God gave him)

⁴³ And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

(Rehoboam = enlarger of the people – that won't happen because of the split up of the 10 northern tribes)