

THE END OF SOLOMON'S REIGN

1 Kings 11

During the reign of Solomon, Israel was the most powerful nation on earth. The city of Jerusalem was the most splendid city in all the world, and the Temple was the most beautiful and costly building in existence. Read now to see what was to be the future of this glorious nation, and what determined the course of its history:

A. Solomon's Wives: Read 1 Kings 11:1-8

1. Whom did Solomon first marry? 1 Kings 3:1b

2. For what reason did he probably marry her? 1 Kings 3:1a (Look up "affinity" in a dictionary)

3. What other women did Solomon later marry? 1 Kings 11:1

4. What had God commanded concerning the people of these nations?
1 Kings 11:2a

5. Why had God given this command? 1 Kings 11:2b

6. How many wives did Solomon have in all? 1 Kings 11:3

7. What did Solomon do for each of his wives? 1 Kings 11:7, 8

8. What did this cause Solomon to do? 1 Kings 11:3b, 4, 6

B. God's Message to Solomon: Read 1 Kings 11:9-13

1. How did the Lord feel about what Solomon had done? 1 Kings 11:9a

2. For what special reason should Solomon have known better than to do this? 1 Kings 11:9b, 10

3. What did God say He would do because of Solomon's sin?
1 Kings 11:11b

4. When would God do this? 1 Kings 11:12

5. How much of the kingdom would Solomon's descendants be able to keep? 1 Kings 11:13a

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6. For whose sake would they be able to keep this part? 1 Kings 11:13b

C. Solomon's Later Reign: Read 1 Kings 11:14-43

1. What had been the chief characteristic of Solomon's earlier reign?
1 Kings 4:24b, 25, 5:4

2. Toward the end of Solomon's reign, what did God do? 1 Kings 11:14a, 23a

Name the two who fought against Solomon, and locate their countries on a map. 1
Kings 11:14b, 23b, 24

4. Who was a third enemy of Solomon? 1 Kings 11:26a, c

5. What position did this man have at first? 1 Kings 11:26b

6. What position had Solomon given him when he was repairing the city of
Millo? 1 Kings 11:28

7. As Jeroboam was going about this work, who met him one day in a field?
1 Kings 11:29a

8. What did this prophet do? 1 Kings 11:29b-31

9. What did Jeroboam do after this? 1 Kings 11:26c

10. What did Solomon try to do as a result? 1 Kings 11:40a

11. Where did Jeroboam go after this? 1 Kings 11:40b

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What caused the great contrast between the beginning of Solomon's reign and the end of
it? (See Isaiah 59:1, 2)

2. What must I do to make sure that my life and work on earth do not end in such a pathetic
way as did Solomon's? (See 1 Samuel 12:24)
