

HISTORY

IN 1 & 2 KINGS

Solomon

The Wisest Fool Who Ever Lived

It's Not Just How You Start
It's How You Finish

1 Kings 3-11

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The Wisest Fool Who Ever Lived

Start Out Right

Solomon Started Out With a Heart Devoted to God

1 Kings 3:3

Solomon loved the LORD by walking in the statutes of his father David,



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1 Kings 3:5-14

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask. What should I give you?" ⁶And Solomon replied, "You have shown great and faithful love to your servant, my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, righteousness, and integrity. You have continued this great and faithful love for him by giving him a son to sit on his throne, as it is today. ⁷"LORD my God, you have now made your servant king in my father David's place. Yet I am just a youth with no experience in leadership. ⁸Your servant is among your people you have chosen, a people too many to be numbered or counted. ⁹So give your servant a receptive heart to judge your people and to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of yours?"

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¹⁰Now it pleased the Lord that Solomon had requested this. ¹¹So God said to him, "Because you have requested this and did not ask for long life or riches for yourself, or the death of your enemies, but you asked discernment for yourself to administer justice, ¹²I will therefore do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has never been anyone like you before and never will be again. ¹³In addition, I will give you what you did not ask for: both riches and honor, so that no king will be your equal during your entire life. ¹⁴If you walk in my ways and keep my statutes and commands just as your father David did, I will give you a long life."

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Knowledge
The ability to learn, know and explain the precious truths of God's Word.

Wisdom
The ability to have insight into the truth of God's Word and apply it to a certain situation.

Knowledge

Wisdom

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1 Kings 4:29-30

²⁹God gave Solomon wisdom, very great insight, and understanding as vast as the sand on the seashore. ³⁰Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the people of the East, greater than all the wisdom of Egypt.

1 Kings 4:32-34

³²Solomon spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs numbered 1,005. ³³He spoke about trees, from the cedar in Lebanon to the hyssop growing out of the wall. He also spoke about animals, birds, reptiles, and fish. ³⁴Emissaries of all peoples, sent by every king on earth who had heard of his wisdom, came to listen to Solomon's wisdom.

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Matthew 6:33

Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.

James 1:5
Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him.



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Go Big for Jesus

Solomon's Crowning Achievement Was the Temple

1 Kings 6:37-38
³⁷The foundation of the LORD's temple was laid in Solomon's fourth year in the month of Ziv. ³⁸In his eleventh year in the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the temple was completed in every detail and according to every specification. So he built it in seven years.



1 Kings 8:27
But will God indeed live on earth? Even heaven, the highest heaven, cannot contain you, much less this temple I have built.

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Solomon's Crowning Achievement Was the Temple

1 Corinthians 6:19

Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own.






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1 Kings 10:1
The queen of Sheba heard about Solomon's fame connected with the name of the LORD and came to test him with difficult questions.

1 Kings 10:4-7
⁴When the queen of Sheba observed all of Solomon's wisdom, the palace he had built, ⁵the food at his table, his servants' residence, his attendants' service and their attire, his cupbearers, and the burnt offerings he offered at the LORD's temple, it took her breath away. ⁶She said to the king, "The report I heard in my own country about your words and about your wisdom is true. ⁷But I didn't believe the reports until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, I was not even told half. Your wisdom and prosperity far exceed the report I heard."

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Finish Faithful

The Wisest Man Became the Worst Fool

1 Kings 11:1-6

¹King **Solomon loved many foreign women** in addition to Pharaoh's daughter: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women ²from the nations about which the LORD had told the Israelites, "You must not intermarry with them, and they must not intermarry with you, because they will **turn your heart away** to follow their gods." To these women Solomon was deeply attached in love.

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³He had seven hundred wives who were princesses and three hundred who were concubines, and they turned his heart away. ⁴When Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away to follow other gods. He was not wholeheartedly devoted to the LORD his God, as his father David had been. ⁵Solomon followed Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, and Milcom, the abhorrent idol of the Ammonites. ⁶Solomon did what was evil in the LORD's sight, and unlike his father David, he did not remain loyal to the LORD.

You Can Be Wise, Gifted, and Blessed and Still Fall if You Don't Guard Your Heart

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A Good Finish Is Better Than a Great Start

Never Lose a Sense of Challenge

Little Compromises Lead to Great Ruin

Solomon Failed, God's Plan Never Fails

Matthew 12:42

The queen of the south will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and look—something greater than Solomon is here.

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Solomon Built a Throne of Gold
JESUS SITS ON THE THRONE OF GRACE

Solomon Ruled a Nation
JESUS RULES THE UNIVERSE

Solomon Offered Wisdom
JESUS IS WISDOM

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