

I. Solomon's Story

- A. In books of the Kingdom – 1 Kings 1-11
- B. In Chronicles - 2 Chronicles 1-9

II. Key Reasons Solomon is Remembered

- A. Solomon's Wisdom - Proverbs
- B. King of peace and splendor - Matthew 6
- C. King who built the Temple - 2 Chronicles
- D. *King who led to the division of the kingdom*

III. Requirements for a King – Deuteronomy 17:14-20

- A. Must be an Israelite
- B. Shall not multiply horses
- C. Shall not multiply wives
- D. Shall not multiply wealth
- E. Must write a personal copy of the law and read it regularly

IV. Why Horses?

- A. Because it will lead them back to Egypt
- B. Attractive because of the visible strength they indicate

Assignment:

Read 1 Kings 12-14.

Both Rehoboam and Jeroboam had great opportunities to glorify God. How did each fail? What was the motivation behind each of their actions?

V. The Description of Solomon's Reign in 1 Kings

- A. 1 Kings 1-8 recounts the story of God's blessing on Solomon**
- B. 1 Kings 9-11 recounts the excesses of Solomon**
 - 1. Report of the excesses begins with a record of the building of fortresses
 - a. David knew God personally
 - 2. Leads to excesses of wealth
 - 3. Finally to the excessive number of wives
 - 4. Ends with the acts of idolatry that brought God's judgment

VI. What Causes the Division of the Kingdom?

- A. Spiritually, it comes because of Solomon's idolatry**
- B. Practically, it comes because of the oppressive tax burden necessary to maintain Solomon's glory**