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Chapters 1-11

Bible Survey II

Chap 1 - 11

King Solomon

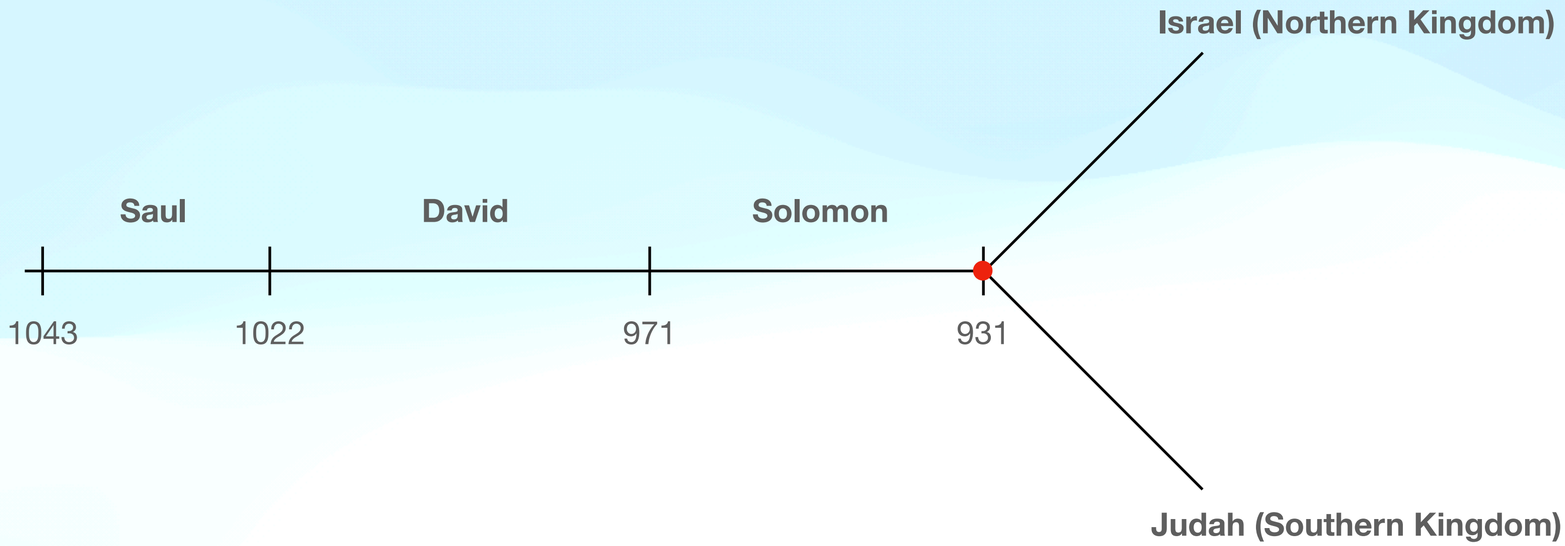
40 years



Chap 1 - 11

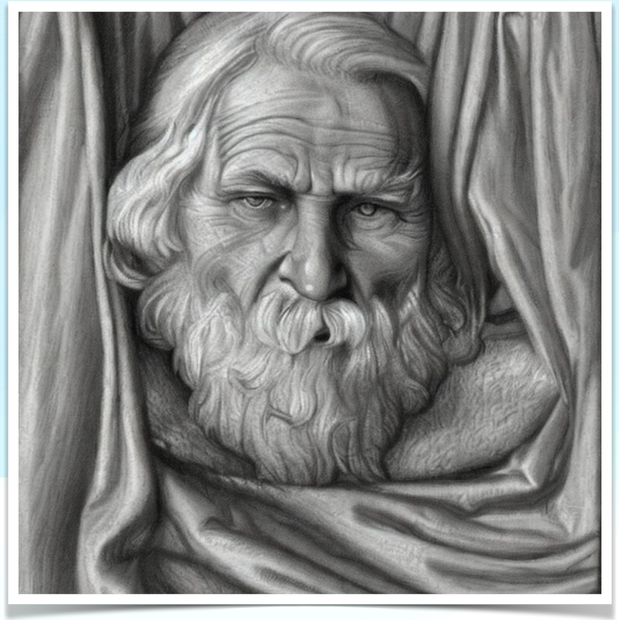
United Kingdom

Israel in relative tranquility



Solomon established as king

1:1 - 2:46



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- King David is in decline
- Plot for Adonijah to be king
- Nathan & Bathsheba speak to David
- David’s instructions for Solomon to be king

David’s charge to Solomon

2:1-9



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- Be strong
- Walk in God’s ways, keep His statutes
- So that God can carry out His promise c.f. 2:4
- But… there’s one more thing c.f. 2:8,9
- David dies

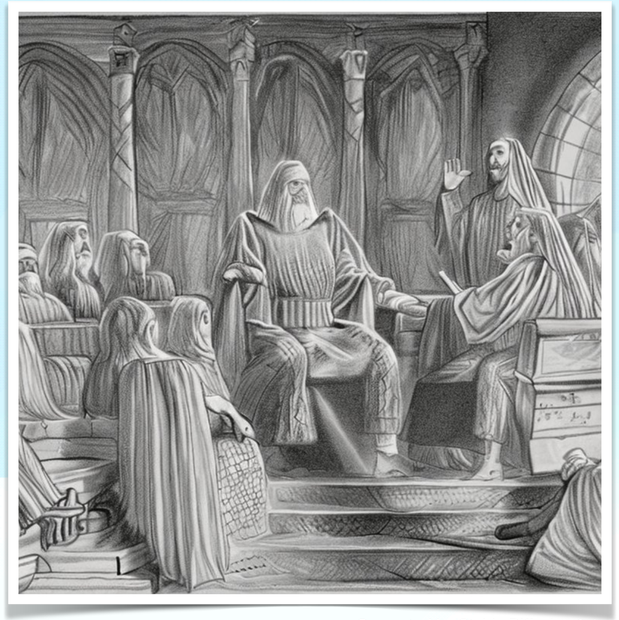
The kingdom purged

2:13-36

- Adonijah is executed c.f 2:13-25
- Abiathar is removed c.f. 2:26,27
- Joab is executed c.f. 2:28-35
- Shimei is executed c.f. 2:36-46

The rise of King Solomon

3:1 - 8:66



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- Marriage alliance
- Request for wisdom from God c.f. 3:3,10
- Solomon’s wisdom on display c.f. 3:16
- Solomon’s wisdom recognized c.f. 3:28
- Solomon’s administration
  - 11 Princes
  - 12 Governors
  - Solomon ruled with wisdom c.f. 4:29

Solomon’s constructions

5:1 - 8:66



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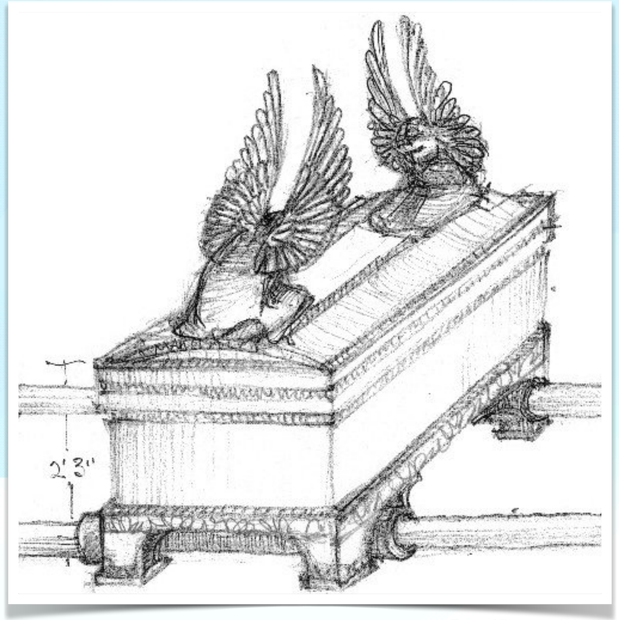
- Construction of the Temple
  - Forced labor? c.f. 5:13
  - 480 years after Israel came out of Egypt c.f. 6:1
  - Silent, respectful construction c.f. 6:7
  - Detailed description of the temple
    - 60 cubits by 20 cubits by 30 cubits
    - 7 years
- There was another construction c.f. 7:1,2
  - 100 cubits by 50 cubits by 30 cubits
  - 13 years

Dedication of the Temple

8:1-66



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- The Ark returns c.f. 8:1-6
- The Shekinah returns c.f. 8:10,11
- Solomon addresses the people c.f. 8:12
- Solomon's prayer c.f. 8:22-61
  - "But will God indeed dwell on the earth?…"
  - Benediction and blessings… "wholly devoted"

Solomon’s decline

9:1-11:43



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- God’s promise and warning (again) c.f. 9:1-9
- Financing cities c.f. 9:10-14
  - Redeemed? c.f. 2 Chron 8:2
  - Canaanites enslaved c.f. 9:15-28
  - Queen Sheeba’s visit c.f. 10
  - Wealth accumulation
    - Gold, horses

Solomon’s decline

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- Intermarriage with foreign woman c.f. 11:1-3
  - His heart was turned away from God
  - Canaanite gods c.f. 11:5-8, Deu 17:17
  - God’s prohibition c.f. Lev 20:3
- Solomon chastised c.f. 11:9-40
- Death of Solomon c.f. 11:41-43

Solomon’s decline

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God’s Commands	Solomon’s Actions
Do not serve other gods c.f. Deu 17:2, Lev 20:3	Solomon turned away from God to serve the Canaanite gods c.f. 1Ki11:5
Do not multiply horses c.f. Deu 17:16	Returns to Egypt for horses c.f. 1Ki 10:29
Do not multiply wives c.f. Deu 17:17	Many foreign wives (that turned his heart away from God) c.f. 1Ki 11:1
Do not greatly increase silver and gold for yourself c.f. Deu 17:17	Increased his treasures c.f. 1Ki 10:14-22

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

2 Timothy 4:7