

Background History for the Kings & Prophets

* The information with an asterisk beside it needs to be put on your Historical Review Sheet

The Extent of the United Kingdom of David & Solomon

David:

- Subdued the Philistines 2 Sam. 5:17-25, 8:1
- Defeated Moab 2 Sam. 8:2
- Defeated King of Zoab at Euphrates 2 Sam. 8:3
- Defeated Syrians at Damascus 2 Sam. 8:5
- Received tribute from King Hamoth 2 Sam. 8:9
- Defeated Edom 2 Sam. 8:13-14
- Defeated Ammon 2 Sam. 8:12, 11:1ff
- Defeated Amalek 2 Sam. 8:12
- Had alliance with King of Tyre 2 Sam. 5:11

Extent of the Kingdom's boundaries: 1 Kings 4:21 & 24

Fulfilled the promise to Abraham: Gen:15:17-21

Division of the Kingdom

David's attitude toward his kingship: "And David perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of His people Israel." 2 Sam. 5:12

Solomon's failure in his kingship: Deut. 17:16-17 is the 'measuring rod' for a king.

Let's see how Solomon measured up.

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| 1. Not multiply horses | 1 Kings 4:26 | 40,000 horses |
| 2. Not go to Egypt to get horses | 1 Kings 10:28 | horses from Egypt |
| 3. Not multiply wives | 1 Kings 11:1 | 700 wives, 300 concubines (cause him to serve Ashtoreth, Milcom, Chemosh & Molech) |
| 4. Not multiply silver & gold | 1 Kings 10:14 | Gold received in a year = 666 talents
= 50,349 lbs = 22.5 tons = \$250,000,000 |
| | 1 Kings 10:16 | 200 shields @ 600 shekels = 15lbs = \$72,960 |
| | 1 Kings 10:17 | 300 shields at 3 minas gold
= 50 shekels = 3 3/4 lbs = \$18,240
(Calculations based on: gold @ \$304.15/oz) |
| | 1 Kings 10:25 | plus he received taxes, trade & gifts |

Solomon let power corrupt him - leaders need to guard against this or it can lead to their downfall.
Result: Part of the kingdom (10 tribes) will be torn away – 1 Kings 11:9-13 This happens after Solomon's death.

Kingdom Divided in *931BC

- The Kingdom is divided:** 1 Kings 12:16 - The northern tribes break away & become Israel
- Had 19 kings
 - *First king - Jeroboam - Solomon's servant
 - *Jeroboam - set up golden calves
- 1 Kings 12:21 - Judah & Benjamin stay together & become Judah
- Had 20 kings
 - *First king - Rehoboam - Solomon's son

Rehoboam's attitude toward his Kingship:

1 Kings 12:1-15 (note vs 7 & 8) - was not like David