

LESSON 31

Name _____

Solomon: From Glory to Disaster

Directions: Read the cited scripture passages and related biblical footnotes to help you to fill in the blanks for each item.

1. The first eleven chapters of the book of 1 Kings has to do with David's successor, the son of David and Bathsheba, named _____.
2. The text in 1 Kings 3 shows just how far the Israelites have come. About 250 years before, they had been held as slaves by the Egyptians. Now the Israelites see their king marrying the daughter of _____, king of Egypt.
3. When Solomon became king and realized how hard it would be to rule well, he asked God for one thing, the gift of _____. (1 Kgs 3:9)
Later, Solomon used his wisdom to decide a difficult case. Read 1 Kings 3:16-28.
4. The case involves two women, both of whom claimed that _____.
5. The predicament for Solomon is how to determine who the mother of the living child is. Solomon depends on the real mother's _____ of her child. Solomon threatens to divide the child, knowing that the real mother will give up her child rather than _____.
6. The lying woman, however, tells Solomon to _____.
7. Thus, Solomon determined who the mother of the living child was. When all Israel hears of the case, they know that Solomon has in him _____. (1 Kgs 3:28)
8. Solomon continues his glorious reign by announcing several building projects, including:
 - A. _____ (5:19)
 - B. _____ (7:1)
 - C. _____ (9:26-27)
 - D. _____ (10:26)
9. As these projects cost a great deal of money, Solomon levies taxes on the people and also cuts cost by using _____. (1 Kgs 9:15)
10. As with the sanctuary, the most important object in the Temple is the _____. (1 Kgs 8:6)
11. The construction of the Temple takes _____ years. (1 Kgs 6:37-38)
12. The Palace, however, takes how many years to complete? _____ (1 Kgs 7:1)

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13. The Palace has three sections or divisions:
- A. _____ (7:7)
 - B. _____ (7:8)
 - C. _____ (7:8b)
14. Chapter 10 describes the great wealth of Solomon. Israel has so much gold at this time that silver _____ . (1 Kgs 10:21)
15. Lest Solomon become too arrogant due to his accomplishments and wealth, God warns him with these words: (1 Kgs 9:6-7)
- _____
- _____
- _____
16. Solomon, however, fails to listen to God's warning and soon he falls from his glorious reign by turning to _____ . (1 Kgs 11:4-6)
17. Read 1 Kings 11:9-13. God becomes angry with Solomon and tells him he will lose the kingdom to his _____ but that this will only occur after his death. Actually, the one who lost most of the kingdom was Solomon's _____. The servant who will gain most of the kingdom will be _____. (1 Kgs 11:26)
18. Solomon rules Israel for _____ years (1 Kgs 11:42) and was succeeded by his son _____. (1 Kgs 11:43)
19. All Israel, demoralized by Solomon's policies of forced labor and heavy taxes, comes to Rehoboam and asks for him to end these policies. Rehoboam's answer is to do what? (1 Kgs 12:14)
- _____
20. This was the opportunity Jeroboam is waiting for and he starts a rebellion which splits the country in two. Jeroboam is proclaimed king over all Israel except for the people of the tribe of _____. (1 Kgs 12:20)
21. Jeroboam leads the people into idol worship and makes them worship _____. (1 Kgs 12:28)
22. What a contrast this is between the beginnings of Solomon's reign and the time of Rehoboam and Jeroboam:
- A. At the beginning of the book of Kings, the people worshiped _____ and now they worship _____.
 - B. There is not one king, but _____.
 - C. The country is not unified, but _____.
 - D. There is no longer peace and prosperity, but _____.