



# 1 KINGS

Rogues and Ruffians

1 Kings 11:1 – 12:24



# 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 11:1-13 ESV

<sup>1</sup> Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, <sup>2</sup> from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the people of Israel, “You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods.” Solomon clung to these in love. <sup>3</sup> He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart.



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<sup>4</sup> For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

<sup>5</sup> For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. <sup>6</sup> So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and did not wholly follow the LORD, as David his father had done. <sup>7</sup> Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab,

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and for Molech the abomination of the Ammonites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem. <sup>8</sup> And so he did for all his foreign wives, who made offerings and sacrificed to their gods. <sup>9</sup> And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice <sup>10</sup> and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods. But he did not keep what the LORD commanded.



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<sup>11</sup> Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, “Since this has been your practice and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant.

<sup>12</sup> Yet for the sake of David your father I will not do it in your days, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son. <sup>13</sup> However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, but I will give one tribe to your son, for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem that I have chosen.





# 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:11-12 ESV

<sup>11</sup> “Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.”

# Proverbs 6:32 ESV

“He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself.”



*“Resist every little sin as if your life depended on it. The puritans sometimes compared little sins to baby snakes wriggling out of the nest: they are tiny, but deadly, and if they are not put to death when they hatch, they will grow into huge serpents. So whenever we see even the littlest sin that could turn our lives into a tragedy, we should fight against it with all the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

## **Philip Graham Ryken**

Philip Graham Ryken, 1 Kings, Reformed Expository Commentary, ed. Richard D. Phillips, Philip Graham Ryken, & iain M, Duguid, (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2011), 297.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 11:29-39 ESV

<sup>29</sup> And at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him on the road. Now Ahijah had dressed himself in a new garment, and the two of them were alone in the open country. <sup>30</sup> Then Ahijah laid hold of the new garment that was on him, and tore it into twelve pieces. <sup>31</sup> And he said to Jeroboam, “Take for yourself ten pieces, for thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Behold, I am about to tear the kingdom from the hand of Solomon



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and will give you ten tribes <sup>32</sup> (but he shall have one tribe, for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel), <sup>33</sup> because they have forsaken me and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the Ammonites, and they have not walked in my ways, doing what is right in my sight and keeping my statutes and my rules, as David his father did.



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<sup>34</sup> Nevertheless, I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, but I will make him ruler all the days of his life, for the sake of David my servant whom I chose, who kept my commandments and my statutes. <sup>35</sup> But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand and will give it to you, ten tribes. <sup>36</sup> Yet to his son I will give one tribe, that David my servant may always have a lamp before me in Jerusalem, the city where I have chosen to put my name. <sup>37</sup> And I will take you,

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and you shall reign over all that your soul desires, and you shall be king over Israel. <sup>38</sup> And if you will listen to all that I command you, and will walk in my ways, and do what is right in my eyes by keeping my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did, I will be with you and will build you a sure house, as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you. <sup>39</sup> And I will afflict the offspring of David because of this, but not forever.”



# Hebrews 12:5b-6 ESV

<sup>5b</sup> “...My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. <sup>6</sup> For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

# 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 12:1-15 ESV

<sup>1</sup> Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. <sup>2</sup> And as soon as Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), then Jeroboam returned from Egypt. <sup>3</sup> And they sent and called him, and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Rehoboam, <sup>4</sup> “Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke on us, and we will serve you.”



# 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 12:1-15 ESV

<sup>5</sup> He said to them, “Go away for three days, then come again to me.” So the people went away. <sup>6</sup> Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father while he was yet alive, saying, “How do you advise me to answer this people?” <sup>7</sup> And they said to him, “If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants forever.”



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<sup>8</sup> But he abandoned the counsel that the old men gave him and took counsel with the young men who had grown up with him and stood before him. <sup>9</sup> And he said to them, “What do you advise that we answer this people who have said to me, ‘Lighten the yoke that your father put on us’?” <sup>10</sup> And the young men who had grown up with him said to him, “Thus shall you speak to this people who said to you, ‘Your father made our yoke heavy, but you lighten it for us,’ thus shall you say to them,

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‘My little finger is thicker than my father's thighs. <sup>11</sup> And now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.’” <sup>12</sup> So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king said, “Come to me again the third day.” <sup>13</sup> And the king answered the people harshly, and forsaking the counsel that the old men had given him, <sup>14</sup> he spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men,

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saying, “My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.” <sup>15</sup> So the king did not listen to the people, for it was a turn of affairs brought about by the LORD that he might fulfill his word, which the LORD spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

*“grew up in the golden age of [Solomon’s] reign,  
[and who] have embraced a view of the kingship  
based on privilege and power rather than godliness  
and service.”*

**J Gary Millar**

J Gary Millar, “1-2 Kings” in *ESV Expository Commentary Vol 3: 1 Samuel – 2 Chronicles*, ed. Iain M. Duguid, James M. Hamilton Jr., & Jay Sklar, (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2019), 612.



*“Spiritual abuse is when a spiritual leader – such as a pastor, elder, or head of a Christian organization – wields his position of spiritual authority in such a way that he manipulates, domineers, bullies, and intimidates those under him as a means of maintaining his own power and control, even if he is convinced he is seeking biblical and kingdom-related goals.”*

**Michael J. Kruger**

Michael J. Kruger, *Bully Pulpit: Confronting the Problem of Spiritual Abuse in the Church*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Reflective, 2022),



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*“Maybe we have hired men more eager to call down thunder than to don the servant’s towel and wash people’s feet.”*

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