The MESSage "Solomon"

TALE OF 3 KINGS: Saul- did evil David-Sinned greatly but kept his heart right!

-Now……SOLOMON!

1 Kings 3:5-9 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "<u>Ask for whatever you want me to give you</u>." 6 Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because <u>he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart.</u> You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. 7 "Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But <u>I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties.</u> 8 Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. 9 <u>So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong</u>. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

-STARTING OFF WITH A HUGE WIN!!!

1 Kings 3:10-14 <u>The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this.</u> 11 So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, 12 I will do what you have asked<u>. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.</u> 13 Moreover, <u>I will give you what you have not asked for--both riches and honor--so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings.</u> 14 And if you <u>walk in my ways and obey my statutes and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."</u>

#WINNING!!

SOLOMON WROTE MOST OF THE PROVERBS

EXPANDED THE BORDERS OF ISRAEL

EXPANDED WEALTH & PALACES

-1 Kings 4:26 says that Solomon has 4000 stalls for his Chariot Horses and 12000 horses.

BUILT THE TEMPLE

RULED MORE PEOPLE THAN EVER!

1 Kings 4:20-28 The people of Judah and Israel <u>were as numerous as the sand on the seashore; they ate, they drank and they were happy</u>. 21 And Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the Euphrates River to the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt. These countries brought tribute and were Solomon's subjects all his life. 22 Solomon's daily provisions were thirty cors[a] of the finest flour and sixty cors[b] of meal, 23 ten head of stall-fed cattle, twenty of pasture-fed cattle and a hundred sheep and goats, as well as deer, gazelles, roebucks and choice fowl. 24 For he ruled over all the kingdoms west of the Euphrates River, from Tiphsah to Gaza, and had peace on all sides. 25 During Solomon's lifetime Judah and Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, <u>lived in safety, everyone under their own vine and under their own fig tree.</u> 26 Solomon had <u>four[c] thousand stalls for chariot horses, and twelve thousand horses.[d]</u> 27 The district governors, each in his month, supplied provisions for King Solomon and all who came to the king's table. <u>They saw to it that nothing was lacking.</u> 28 They also brought to the proper place their quotas of barley and straw for the chariot horses and the other horses.

"LIFESTYLES OF THE RICH & FAMOUS"

1 Kings 4:29 God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore. 30 <u>Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the men of the East, and greater than all the wisdom of Egypt.</u> 31 He was wiser than any other man, including Ethan the Ezrahite--wiser than Heman, Calcol and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And <u>his fame spread to all the surrounding nations.</u> 32 He <u>spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs numbered a thousand and five.</u> 33 He described plant life, from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of walls. He also taught about animals and birds, reptiles and fish. 34 <u>Men of all nations came to listen to Solomon's wisdom, sent by all the kings of the world, who had heard of his wisdom</u>.

2 Chronicles 9:22-28 **[22]King Solomon was greater in riches and wisdom than all the other kings of the earth. [23]All the kings of the earth sought audience with Solomon to hear the wisdom God had put in his heart. [24]Year after year, everyone who came brought a gift—articles of silver and gold, and robes, weapons and spices, and horses and mules. [25]Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horses, which he kept in the chariot cities and also with him in Jerusalem. [26]He ruled over all the kings from the River to the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt. [27]The king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar as plentiful as sycamore-fig trees in the foothills. [28]Solomon's horses were imported from Egypt and from all other countries.**

SOLOMON WAS A "BIG DEAL"

SOME OF SOLOMON'S FAMOUS ADVICE:

Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

SO LET'S SEE HOW HIS STORY ENDED UP?

LET'S UNPACK THIS IN 5 MINUTES:

-In Deuteronomy 17 Moses tells of explicit instructions that God gave about picking a king for Israel.

Deuteronomy 17:15-17 Be sure to appoint over you the king the LORD your God chooses. He must be from among your own brothers. Do not place a foreigner over you, one who is not a brother Israelite. [16]The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the LORD has told you, "You are not to go back that way again." [17]He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold.

Rules for the King of Israel:

1) he must not acquire many horses for himself
2) he must not import horses from Egypt
3) he must not take many wives
4) he must not get much gold or silver

Things King Solomon did:

1. 2 Chronicles 9:25 Solomon had 12000 horses and 4000 stalls for chariots
2. 2 Chronicles 9:28 Solomon's horses were imported from Egypt
3. 2 Chronicle 9:13 Solomon received 666 talents (25 tons) of Gold yearly
4. 1 Kings 11:13 Solomon had 700 wives

SOLOMON DECIDED TO DO IT HIS WAY!

1 Kings 11:3-4 He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. As Solomon grew old, his wives turned <u>his heart</u> after other gods, and <u>his heart</u> was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been.

THE RESULT……..

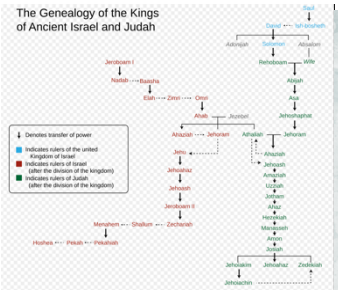
1 Kings 11:9 says, "The Lord became angry with Solomon because <u>his heart</u> had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice."

NOTICE.....IT IS A HEART ISSUE!

IT'S A SLOW FADE!!!!!

-Most great Falls DON'T happen with ONE decision!

THE KINGDOM SPLIT INTO 2!



The Kings of Israel (NORTH, 10 TRIBES)

Name	Date of Reign BC	Relation to Predecessor	Yrs. of Reign	Character	Manner of Death	1 Kings	2 Chronicles
Jeroboam	931–910		22	Bad	Stricken by God	11:26–14:20	9:29–13:22
Nadab	910–909	Son	2	Bad	Murdered by Baasha	15:25–28	
Baasha	909–886	none	24	Bad	Died	15:27–16:7	16:1-6
Elah	886–885	Son	2	Bad	Murdered by Zimri	16:6-14	
Zimri	885	Captain of Chariots	7 days	Bad	Suicide	16:9-20	
Omri	885–874	Army Captain	12	Bad	Died	16:15-28	
Ahab	874–853	Son	22	Bad	Wounded in battle	16:28–22:40	18:1-34
Ahaziah	853–852	Son	2	Bad	Fell through lattice	22:40–2 Kings 1:18	20:35-37
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Jehoram*	852–841	Brother	12	Bad	Murdered by Jehu	3:1–9:25[1]	22:5-7
Jehu	841–814	none	28	Bad	Died	9:1–10:36	22:7-12
Jehoahaz	814–798	Son	17	Bad	Died	13:1-9	
Jehoash**	798–782	Son	16	Bad	Died	13:10–14:16	25:17-24
Jeroboam II	793–753	Son	41	Bad	Died	14:23-29	
Zechariah	753–752	Son	6 mo.	Bad	Murdered by Shallum	14:29–15:12	
Shallum	752	none	1 mo.	Bad	Murdered by Menahem	15:10-15	
Menahem	752–742	none	10	Bad	Died	15:14-22	
Pekahiah	742–740	Son	2	Bad	Murdered by Pekah	15:22-26	
Pekah	752–731	Army Captain	20	Bad	Murdered by Hoshea	15:27-31	28:5-8
Hoshea	731–722	none	9	Bad	Deposed to Assyria	15:30–17:6	

The Kings of Judah (SOUTH, 2 TRIBES)

Name	Date of Reign BC	Relation to Predecessor	Yrs. of Reign	Character	Manner of Death	1 Kings	2 Chronicles
Rehoboam	931–913	Son	17	Bad	Died	11:42–14:31	9:31–12:16
Abijam***	913–911	Son	3	Bad	Died	14:31–15:8	13:1-22
Asa	911–870	Son	41	Good	Died	15:8-24	14:1–16:14
Jehoshaphat	873–848	Son	25	Good	Died	22:41-50	17:1–20:37
						2 Kings	
Jehoram	853–841	Son	8	Bad	Stricken by God	8:16-24	21:1-20
Ahaziah	841	Son	1	Bad	Murdered by Jehu	8:24–9:29	22:1-9
Athaliah	841–835	Mother	6	Bad	Murdered by army	11:1-20	22:1–23:21
Joash	835–796	Grandson	40	Good	Murdered by servants	11:1–12:21	22:10–24:27
Amaziah	796–767	Son	29	Good	Murdered	14:1-20	25:1-28
Azariah****	792–740	Son	52	Good	Stricken by God	15:1-7	26:1-23
Jotham	750–732	Son	16	Good	Died	15:32-38	27:1-9
Ahaz	735–716	Son	16	Bad	Died	16:1-20	28:1-27
Hezekiah	716–687	Son	29	Good	Died	18:1–20:21	29:1–32:33
Manasseh	697–643	Son	55	Bad	Died	21:1-18	33:1-20
Amon	643–641	Son	2	Bad	Murdered by servants	21:19-26	33:21-25
Josiah	641–609	Son	31	Good	Wounded in battle	22:1–23:30	34:1–35:27
Jehoahaz	609	Son	3 mo.	Bad	Deposed to Egypt	23:31-33	36:1-4
Jehoiakim	609–598	Brother	11	Bad	Died in siege?	23:34–24:5	36:5-7
Jehoiachin	598–597	Son	3 mo.	Bad	Deposed to Babylon	24:6-16	36:8-10
Zedekiah	597–586	Uncle	11	Bad	Deposed to Babylon	24:17–25:30	36:11-21

WRAP THIS UP: quick history lesson on the people of Israel:

42 Kings over 464 Years

Stats: -7 did good!
-3 started good….ended bad!
-32 did evil in the eyes of the Lord.

-1 of 6 did evil in the eyes of the Lord

Israel's first King appointed by the prophet Samuel around 1050 BC.
-1 Samuel 10……Saul became the first King of Israel

2 Samuel tells the story of King David who reigned from 1010 BC to 970BC

1 Kings tells the stories of King Solomon who reigned from 970 BC to 930BC.
-the wisest man that ever lived

THEN: -the country split! ISRAEL & JUDAH

-Israel (Northern Kingdom) 10 of the tribes…….Capitol was Samaria

-Had 19 Kings in 200 just over years! Not one followed God

-Conquered by the Syrians in 722 BC

-Judah (Southern Kingdom) 2 tribes...Judah & Benjamin Capitol was Jerusalem

-20 Kings in almost 350 years 6 good….. 2 Started good….ended bad

-Conquered by the Babylonians in 586 BC

-Destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem built by Solomon

ISRAEL WAS NO MORE……..IN EXILE AND BACK AS SLAVES W/O A HOME!

-IN THE BOOKS OF KINGS AND CHRONICLES:

WHEN IT ALL CAME DOWN TO IT…….there was a little history, then

"He did evil in the eyes of the Lord"

or…….

"He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord."

THEN: THERE WAS 400 YEARS OF SILENCE!

-GOD DIDN'T SPEAK TO HUMANITY!

-So they made up their own playbook!

NOT A GREAT ENDING……BUT THEN…….."KING JESUS"

SOLOMON HAD IT ALL……..WISEST MAN EVER!

-YET HE DECIDED TO DO IT HIS WAY!

ARE YOU FOLLOWING SOLOMON'S FAMOUS ADVICE:

Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

1) **At some point……Solomon's heart became callous.**

-Slippery slope!

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

2) **At some point…….Solomon thought His ideas were BETTER than God's.**

-Ignored the warnings! Thought he was so smart…..He was above the rules!

-We will either Humble ourselves…..or God will do it!

SOLOMON ENDED UP ON THE "NAUGHTY LIST" OF KINGS!

SEARCH YOUR HEART:

Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.