

#### Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7:12-16)

12 When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

<sup>14</sup> I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, <sup>15</sup> but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took *it* away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. <sup>16</sup> Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.

## 1 Kings 1-11: King Solomon

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- an ideal picture of God's kingdom under His wise and just king
- ends badly with Solomon's fall (11:1-13)
- the latter years of his reign (11:14-43)

## The Latter Years (11:14-43)

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<sup>14</sup> Then the LORD raised up an adversary to Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was of the royal line in Edom.

<sup>23</sup> God also raised up *another* adversary to him, Rezon the son of Eliada, who had fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah.

<sup>26</sup> Then Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, also rebelled against the king.

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## The Latter Years (11:14-43)

<sup>41</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Solomon and whatever hedid, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon? <sup>42</sup> Thus the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. <sup>43</sup> And Solomon slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of his father David, and his son Rehoboam reigned in his place.

## The Latter Years (11:14-43)

- 1. The Adversaries the Lord Uses
  - in His providence, God raises up rulers (enemies) for His divine purposes
  - He uses adversaries/adversity to discipline His people (cf. Heb. 12:5-11)

#### The Latter Years (11:14-43)

- 2. The Promise the Lord Maintains
  - His judgment does not nullify His promise to David and His choice of Jerusalem

<sup>6</sup> For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders;

And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

(Isaiah 9:6-7)

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<sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; <sup>33</sup> and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

(Luke 1:30-33)

The Latter Years (11:14-43)

- 2. The Promise the Lord Maintains
  - His judgment does not nullify His promise to David and His choice of Jerusalem
  - Jesus Messiah and His end-time temple, the New Jerusalem, is the ultimate fulfillment of this promise

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# The Latter Years (11:14-43)

- 3. The Legacy Solomon Leaves
  - wisdom (skill, gifts) in many areas of life does not automatically lead to godliness
  - a failure to "listen to/heed" God's word leads to a failure in true wisdom

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. (Prov. 9:10)

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