

B. Solomon Establishes His Kingdom (2:12-4:34)

1. What does Adonijah try to accomplish by going to Bathsheba (2:12-25)?
2. Evaluate Solomon's actions in 2:23-46.
3. How did Solomon form an alliance with Egypt (3:1-3)? Evaluate this against Deuteronomy 17:14-20.
4. Why does Yahweh give Solomon wisdom?
5. Why is Solomon's action in 3:16-28 a demonstration of great wisdom?
6. What is the significance of verse 4:20?
7. Describe Solomon's reign in 4:20-34 and evaluate in light of Scripture.

C. Solomon Builds the Temple and His Palace (5:1-8:66)

1. Why does Solomon want to build a temple for Yahweh in 5:1-6 (2 Samuel 7)?
2. Where did Solomon get the money and workers for the building of the temple?
3. What was Yahweh's expectation of Solomon in 6:11-13?
4. Why do you think this statement is included in the middle of the description of the building of the temple?
5. How long did it take Solomon to build the temple compared to his palace (6:37-7:1)?
6. Why do you think the building of Solomon's palace is mentioned in the middle of the building of the temple?
7. Describe the dedication of the temple.
8. State the main points of Solomon's dedication speech.
9. What is your opinion of Solomon based on chapters 1-8?

D. The Fruits of Solomon's Reign (9:1-11:43)

1. What is Yahweh's evaluation and message to Solomon in 9:1-9?
2. Are Solomon's actions right or wrong in 9:1-24?
3. For what reason is the Queen of Sheba story included here (10:1-13)?
4. Why did Solomon have so many wives and how did they lead him astray (11:18)?
5. What is Yahweh's judgment against Solomon for his sins in 11:9-13?
6. What is the significance of Hadad and Rezon's attacks on Solomon (11:14-25)?
7. What is the covenant that Yahweh makes with Jeroboam in 11:26-40?

II. The Kingdom Divides (12:1-16:34)

A. Rehoboam Loses His Kingdom (12:1-12:24)

1. What is the request of the people to Rehoboam in 12:1-5?
2. Whose advise does Rehoboam take and why (12:6-11)?
3. Why did Rehoboam oppress the people, according to the narrator (12:12-15)?
4. What is the significance of verse 12:16?
5. What is the response of the people to Rehoboam's pronouncement in 12:16-20?
6. How does Rehoboam respond to the people in 12:18-21?
7. How do Judah and Benjamin respond to the Lord's prophet in 12:22-24?