

1st Kings (part 1)

Outline

The Solomonic Era (1-12) – [prefigures Messiah's Millennium].

- Solomon's succession to the Throne (1:38-40).
- Solomon consolidates power, 'removes' enemies (1:5-8, 2:13-17, 23-26).
- Solomon's (Divinely gifted) Wisdom (3:4-9).
- Solomon's Administration (12 Governors [Apostles] 4:7).
- Solomon's (Israel's) Prosperity (4:29-34).
- Solomon builds & dedicates Yahweh's Temple (6:1, 8:12-21).
- Solomon's Fame (Queen of Sheba) & Fortune (Gold) (10:1-9, 27).
- Solomon's Folly
 - Enslaves rather than ejects Canaanites (9:20-22) burdens Israel (12:4).
 - Multiple gentile wives, accommodates wives idolatry, engages in idolatry (11:1-8).

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Personal Application

The Solomonic Era (1-12) – [prefigures Messiah's Perfect Rule/Example].

- Solomon's succession – Christ must sit upon the throne of our hearts.
- Solomon consolidates power – Recognise our 'older man'.
- Solomon's (Divinely gifted) – Divine Wisdom over Earthly wealth,
- Solomon's Administration – God's Structure (doctrine over excitement).
- Solomon's (Israel's) Prosperity – Godly growth, according to God's pattern
- Solomon builds & dedicates Yahweh's Temple – being dedicated to being the abode, dwelling place of the Word of the Covenant.
- Solomon's Fame & Fortune – God's fame and fortune, from His Wisdom.
- Solomon's Folly (our old nature will always compromise, to the end.
 - Enslaves rather than ejects Canaanites (+ enslaves fellow Hebrews).
 - Multiple gentile wives, accommodates wives idolatry, engages in idolatry.

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Key Themes

- Kingship – Good & evil.
 - David is the archetypal King (after God's heart).
 - Solomon is the typological king, for Good and Evil.
- Elements of a thriving (growing) Kingdom.
- Elements that undermine and Divided the Kingdom.
- The Prophetic Voice – As the Royal Conscience.
- Worship – Yahwism V's Baal worship.
 - Religious Apostacy.