

SAUL, DAVID, & SOLOMON

Lessons In Faith





I KINGS

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THE END OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

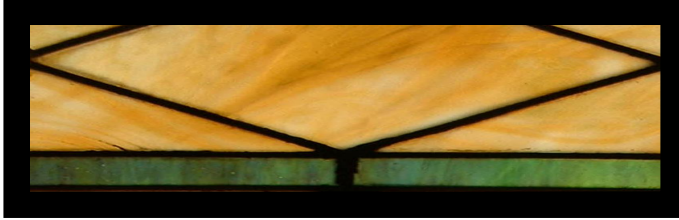


Solomon's Sin

1 Kings 11

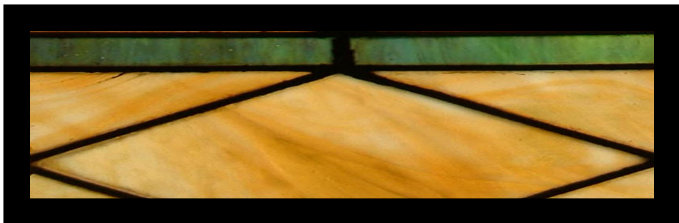
“¹But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; ²Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.”





1 Kings 11

“³And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.”





1 Kings 11

“⁴For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.”



How strange that Solomon, in his old age, should be ensnared with fleshly and youthful lusts.

How strange that Solomon, so famed for his wisdom would allow himself to be made such a fool by these heathen women.

How strange that Solomon, who himself had so plainly warned others of the danger of the love of women, would be so wretchedly bewitched.

1 Kings 11

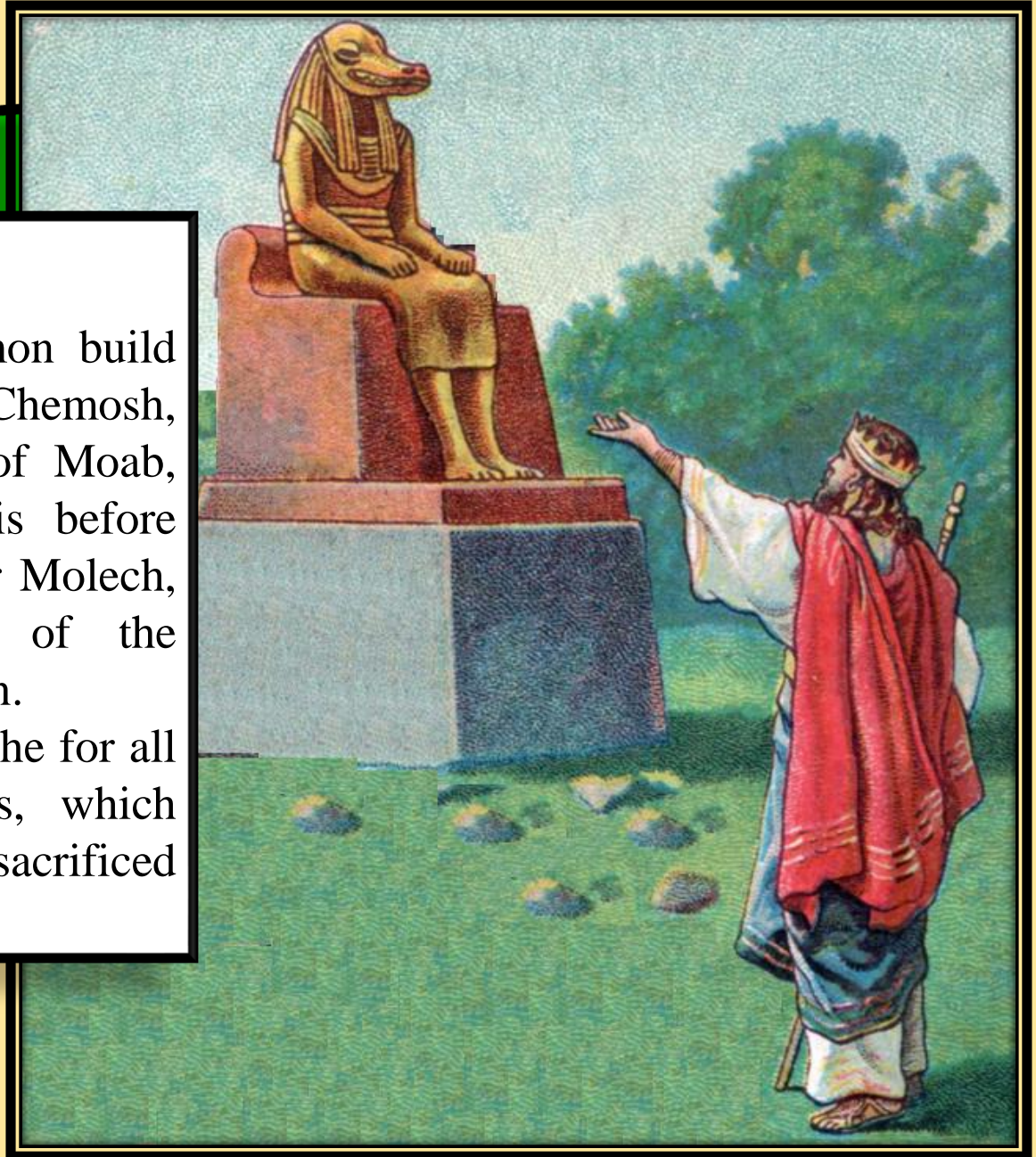
“⁵For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. ⁶And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father.”



1 Kings 11

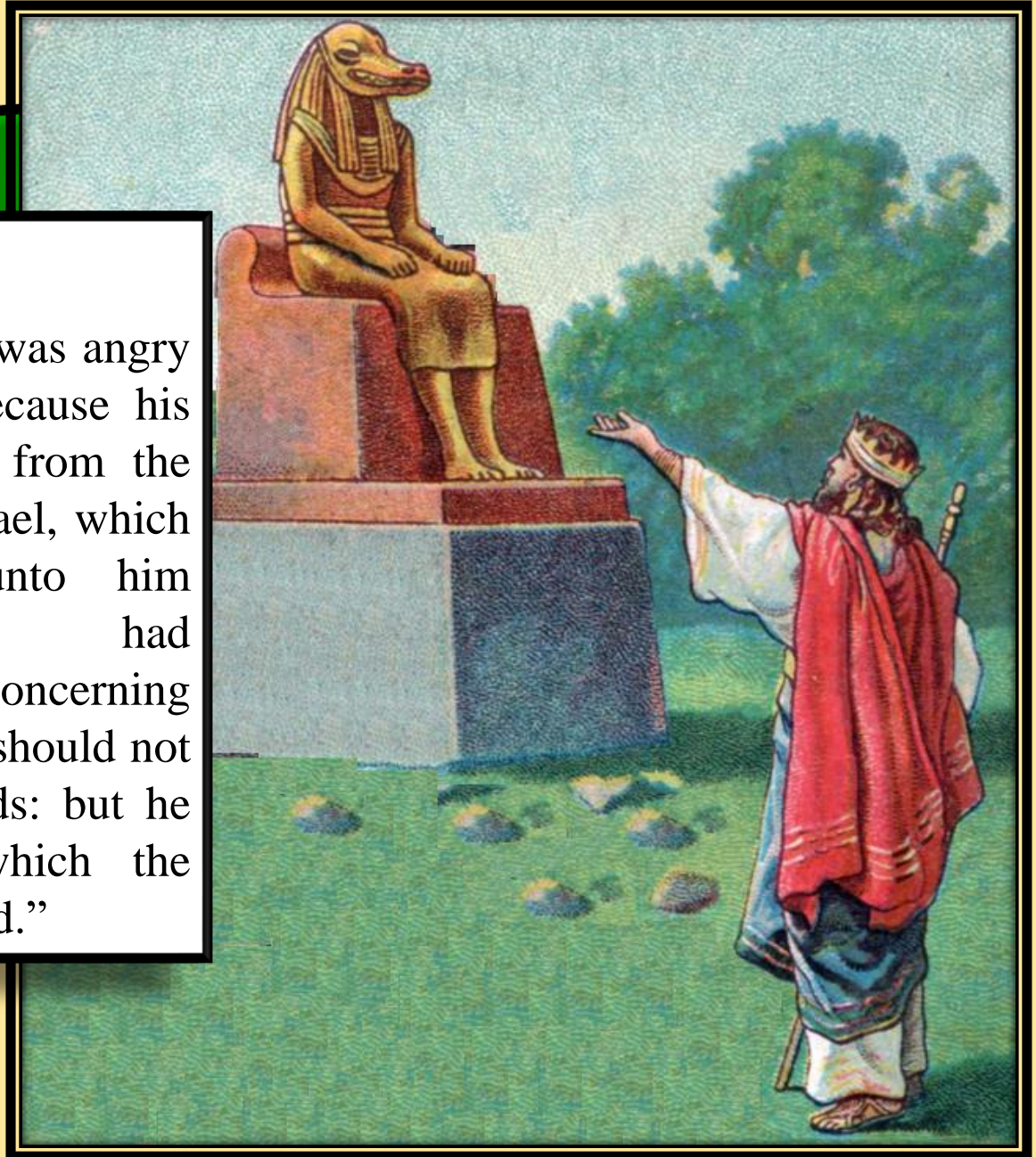
“⁷Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

⁸And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.”



1 Kings 11

“⁹And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, ¹⁰And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.”



1 Kings 11

“¹¹Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.”



1 Kings 11

“¹²Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father’s sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. ¹³Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant’s sake, and for Jerusalem’s sake which I have chosen.”



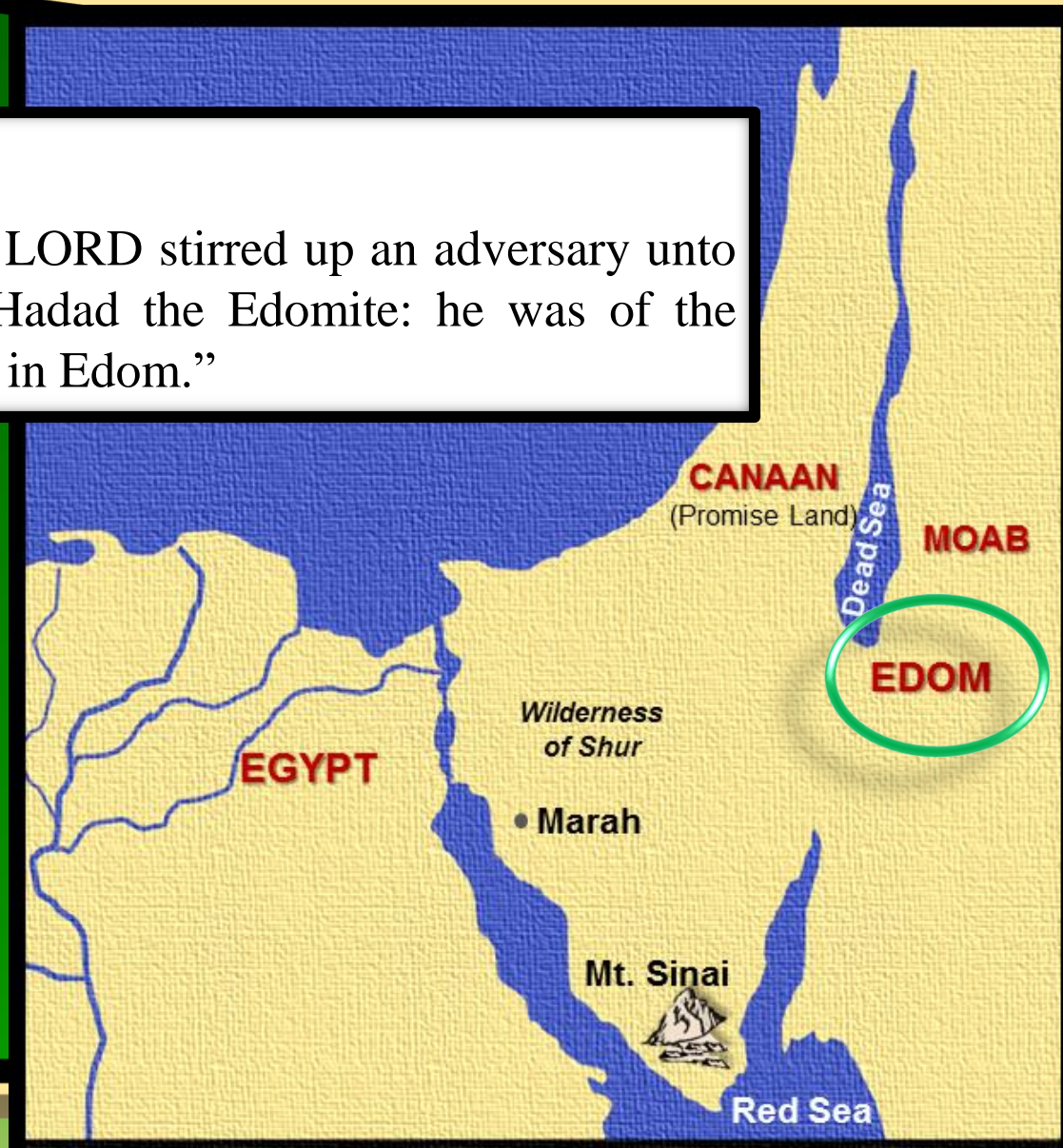
In verses 14 to 25 we will read how God stirred up adversaries against King Solomon.

Though they themselves were moved by principles of ambition or revenge, God made use of them to serve his design of correcting Solomon.



1 Kings 11

“¹⁴And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king’s seed in Edom.”



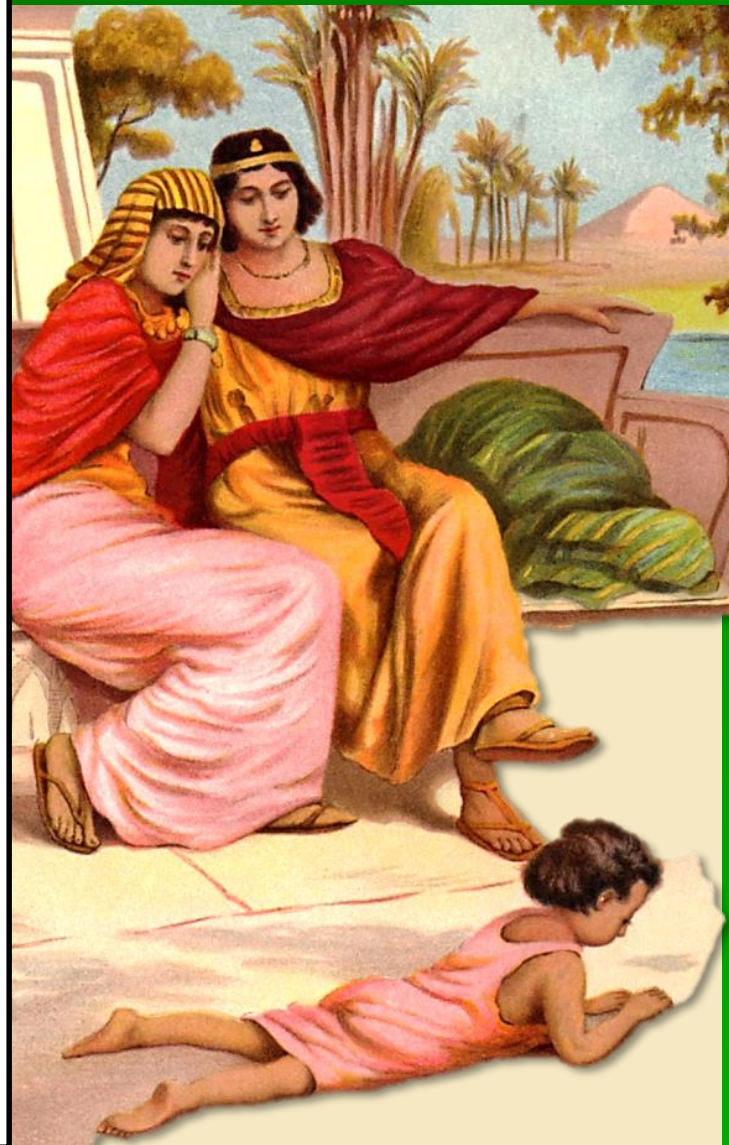
1 Kings 11

“¹⁵For it came to pass, (*or in the past*) when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom; ¹⁶(For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom:) ¹⁷That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father’s servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad being yet a little child.”



1 Kings 11

“¹⁸And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land. ¹⁹And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen. ²⁰And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh’s house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh’s household among the sons of Pharaoh.”



SUMMARY

Hadad was a child when he was taken to Egypt to escape King David's war against Edom.

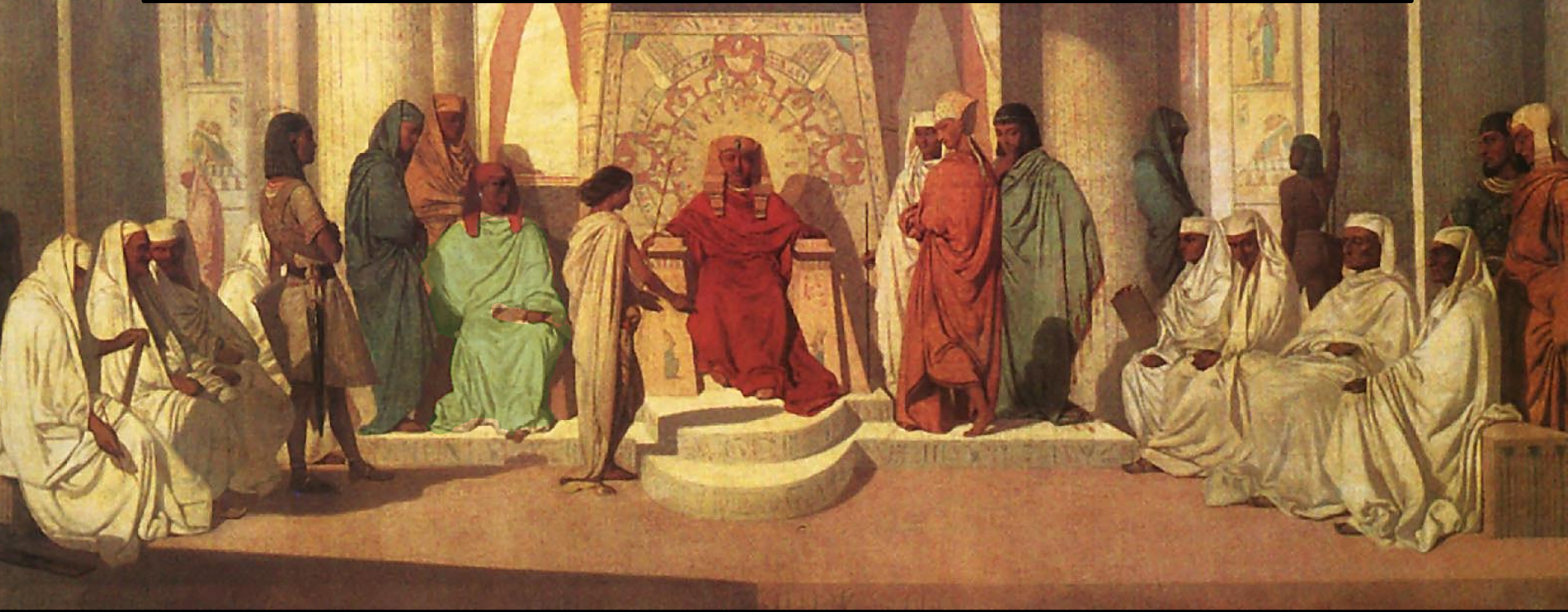
Pharaoh treated Hadad, a prince of Edom, with kindness.

He stayed in Egypt and even married Pharaoh's wife's sister and raised their child among Pharaoh's children.



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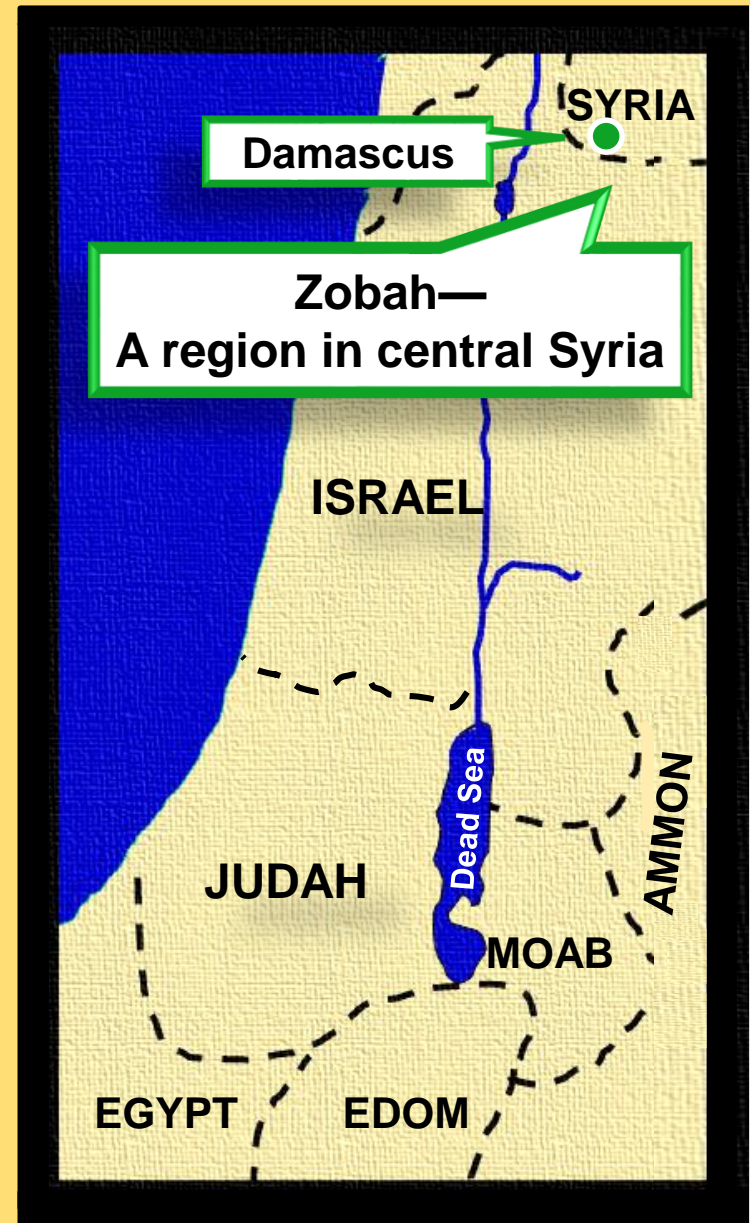
“²¹And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country. ²²Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.”



REZON ANOTHER ADVERSARY OF SOLOMON'S

1 Kings 11

“²³And God stirred him up another adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of **Zobah**: ²⁴And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them of **Zobah**: and they went to **Damascus**, and dwelt therein, and reigned in **Damascus**. ²⁵And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.”



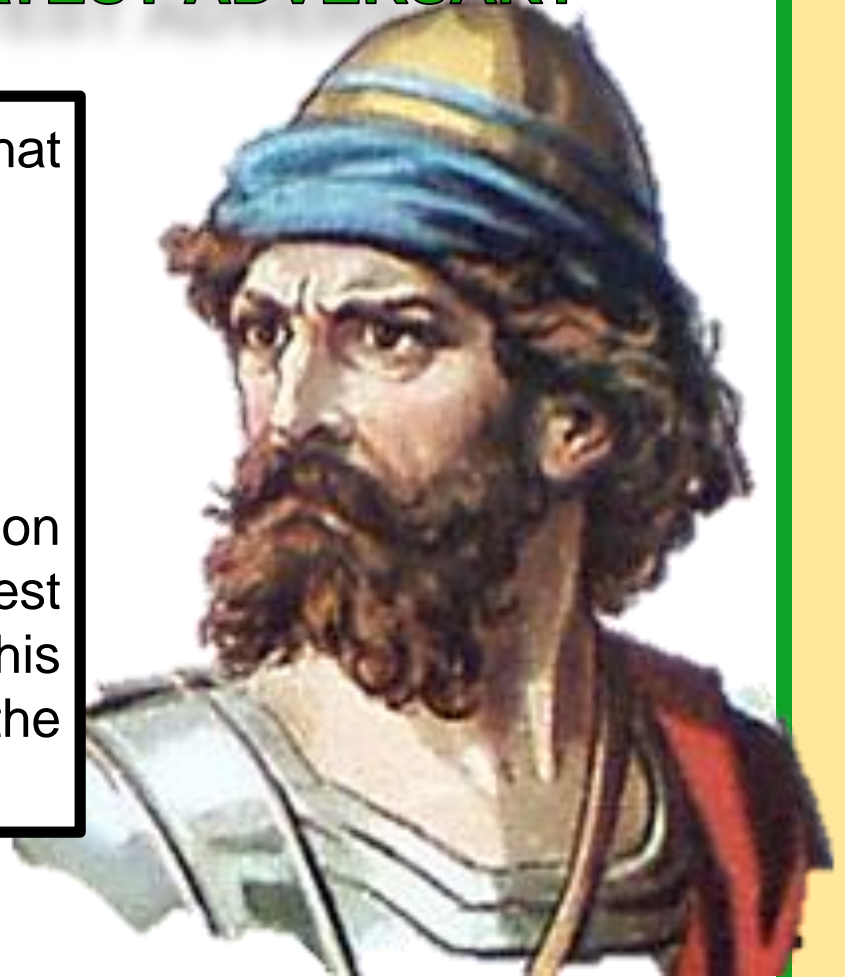
JEROBOAM

SOLOMON'S GREATEST ADVERSARY

Here is the first mention of that infamous name--

**JEROBOAM THE SON OF
NEBAT THAT MADE
ISRAEL TO SIN.**

God had expressly told Solomon that he would give the greatest part of his kingdom to his servant, and Jeroboam was the man he referred to.

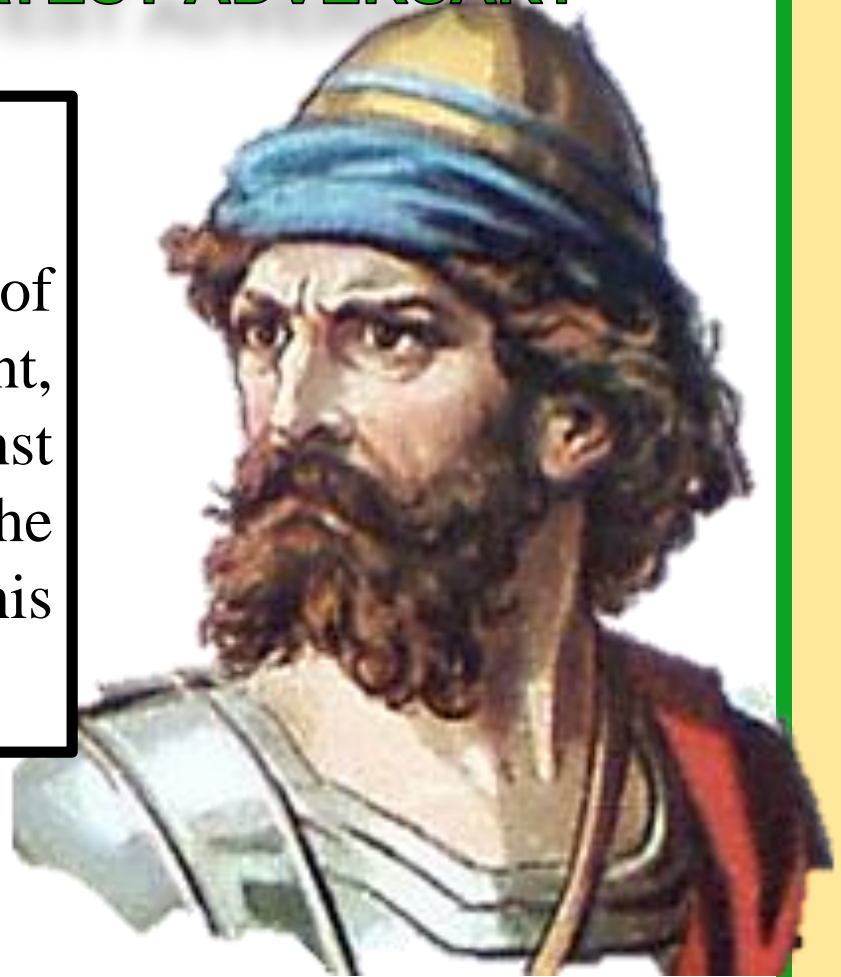


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1 Kings 11

“²⁶And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, . . . Solomon’s servant, . . . lifted up his hand against the king. ²⁷And this was the cause that he lifted up his hand against the king . . .”



1 Kings 11

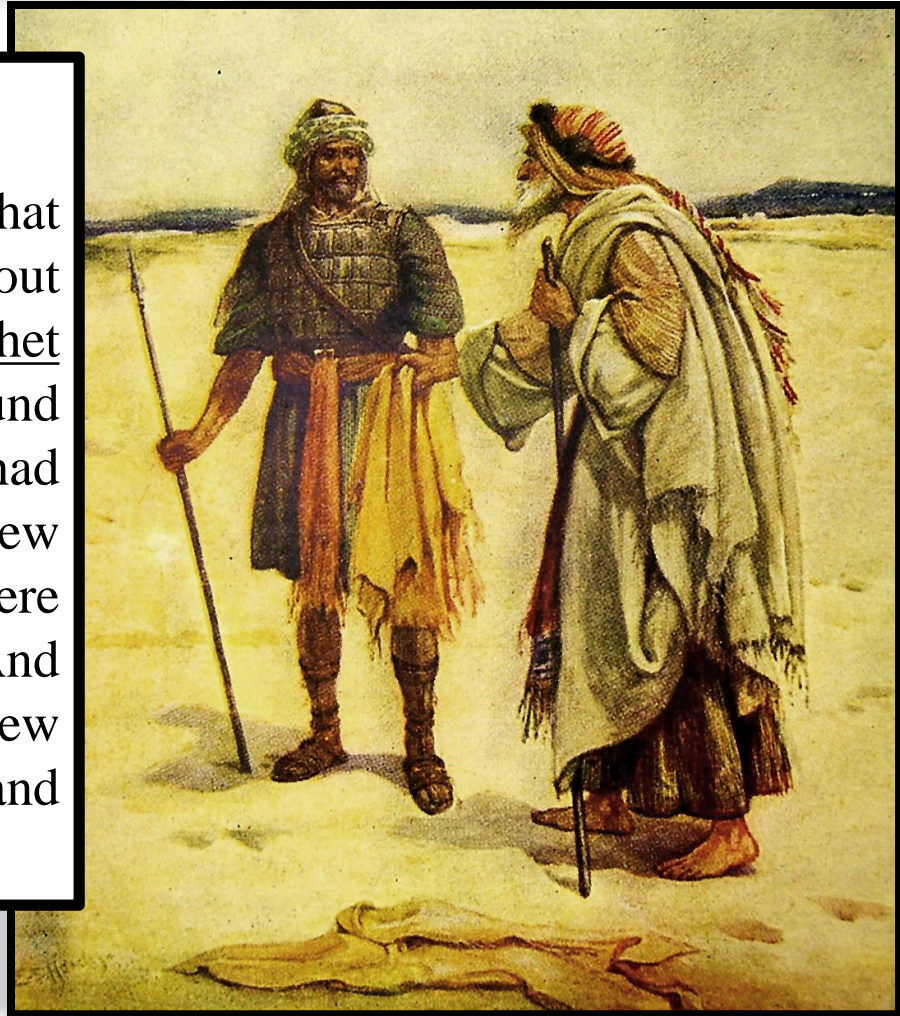
“27. . . Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breaches of the city of David his father. 28 And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph.”



The Prophecy Of Ahijah

1 Kings 11

“²⁹And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field: ³⁰And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces.”

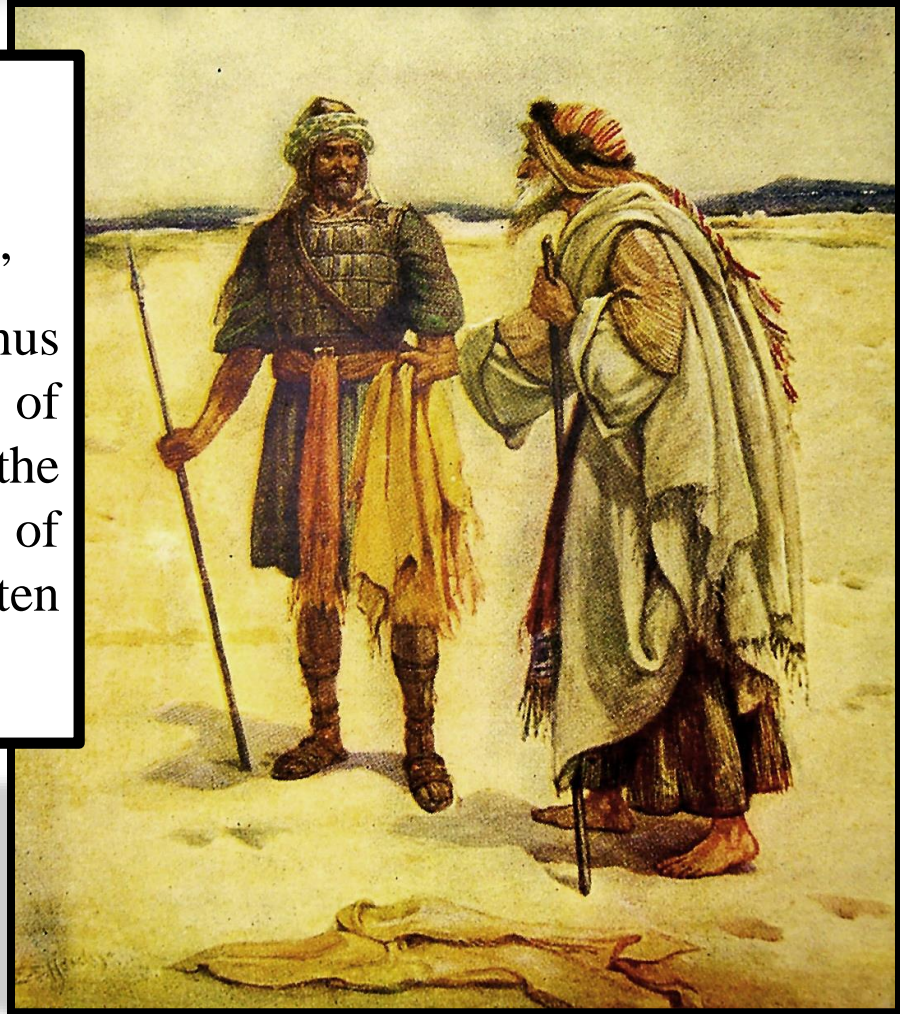


The Prophecy Of Ahijah

1 Kings 11

“³¹And he said to Jeroboam,

Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee.”



The Prophecy Of Ahijah

1 Kings 11

“³²(But he shall have one tribe for my servant David’s sake, and for Jerusalem’s sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:) ³³Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father.”



The Prophecy Of Ahijah

1 Kings 11

“³⁴Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes.”



The Prophecy Of Ahijah

1 Kings 11

“³⁵I will take the kingdom out of his son’s hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes. ³⁶And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there. ³⁷And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.”



The Prophecy Of Ahijah

1 Kings 11

“³⁸And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.
³⁹And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.”



The Prophecy Of Ahijah

In some way or other Solomon came to know of all this, probably from Jeroboam's own talk of it.

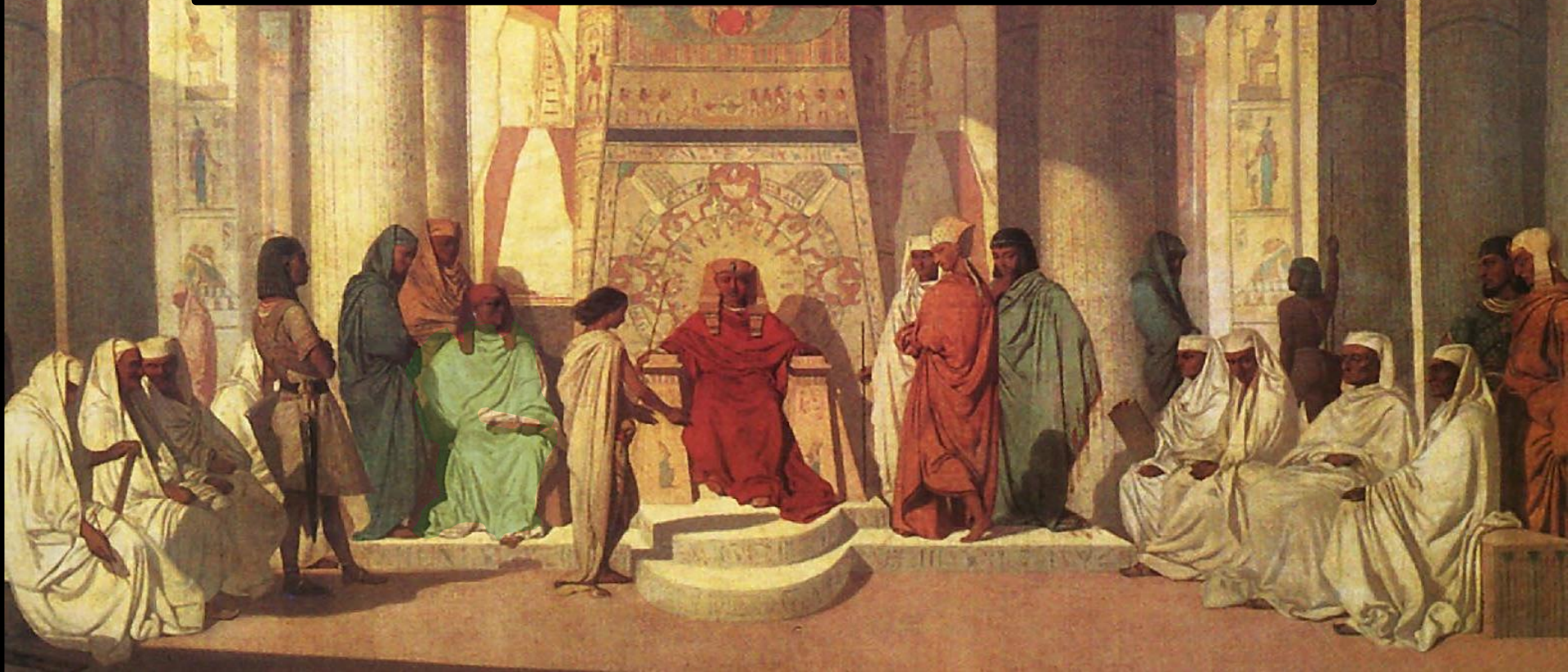
Solomon foolishly sought to kill his successor.



Jeroboam's Flight Into Egypt

1 Kings 11

“⁴⁰Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.”



1 Kings 11

“⁴²And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years.

⁴³And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.”



With The Death Of
SOLOMON
Came The End
Of The
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The End Of The United Kingdom

The kingdom lasted 120 years before dividing

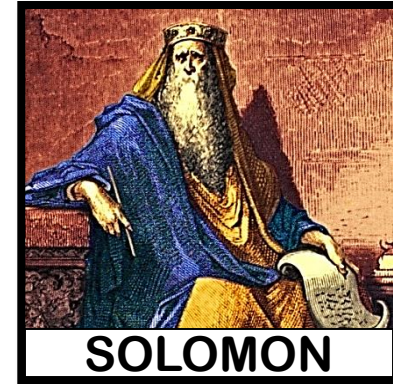
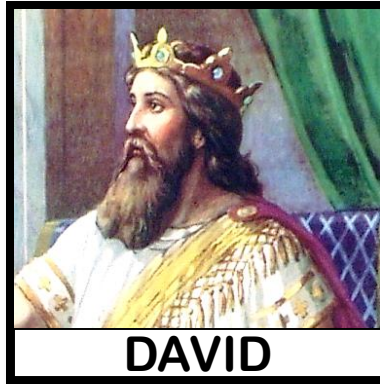
Saul reigned 40 years (Acts 13:21)

David reigned 40 years (2 Sam. 5:4)

Solomon reigned 40 years (1 Kings 11:42)

10 Tribes formed the Northern Kingdom called Israel

The Southern Kingdom was the tribe of Judah





THE END