

INTRODUCTION

- * In our study of the biblical history of Israel we have been considering the reign of Solomon.
- * Today, we consider one of the saddest portions of Scripture - the failure of the one to whom God had granted so much wisdom.
- * Last week, we considered the greatness of Solomon. YHWH had promised to make him greater than any other king and He had performed what He promised. However, with success comes many temptations.
- * The book of Ecclesiastes is a journal of Solomon's wanderings apart from God. In that book we see that the results of being "wise in your own eyes" is continually: "vanity of vanities." At the conclusion of Ecclesiastes, Solomon summarizes his findings after looking to the world for fulfillment: "Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, 'I have no pleasure in them' "
- * In our passage today, we see the end result of Solomon's wanderings.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE RE _____ OF SOLOMON'S FAILURE****A. His A _____ tions**

1. FROM D _____ (cf. 1 Kings 2:1-4; Deuteronomy 17:14-20)
2. FROM Y _____ (cf. 1 Kings 9:1-9)

B. His A _____ tions

1. HE MULTIPLIED C _____ AND H _____ (cf. 1 Kings 10: 26,28-29)
2. HE MULTIPLIED G _____ AND S _____ (cf. 1 Kings 10:14,21,27)
3. HE MULTIPLIED W _____ AND C _____ (cf. 1 Kings 14:21; 3:1; 11:1-8)

Consider the parallel to the temptation of Christ (Matthew 4:1-11) and the teaching of John (1 John 2:15-17)

II. THE RE _____ OF SOLOMON'S FAILURE (cf. 1 Kings 11:9-13)

A. Upon His S _____ (cf. Ecclesiastes 12:8-14; Proverbs 1:8,10,15; 2:1; 3:1,11,21 ff; 1 Kings 12:6-8)

B. Upon His N _____ (cf. 1 Kings 11:11-13; Judges 10:6-7)

C. Upon His L _____ (cf. Nehemiah 13:26-27)

INTROSPECTION

- * WHAT ARE YOU PURSUING? WHAT, OR WHOM, DO YOU LOVE THE MOST?
- * ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFECT OF YOUR DECISIONS UPON THOSE AROUND YOU?
- * IF YOU DIED RIGHT NOW, WHAT WOULD YOUR LEGACY BE?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?