



Solomon's 1,000 Wives:

1 Kings 8-11

Lesson 72 Visuals

- **King Solomon had the Ark of the Covenant brought into the Temple and placed inside the Most Holy Place.**
- **The priests could not perform their normal duties right after the Ark was placed in the Most Holy Place because God's presence was too powerful.**
- **Solomon knew God's presence could not be contained in a temple made by man. He knew that even the highest heavens could not contain God.**
- **Solomon prayed, "May the Lord turn our hearts to Him, to walk in all His ways and to keep all His commands so that all the peoples on the earth may know that the LORD is God and there is no other."**



- **Solomon sacrificed 22,000 cattle and 120,000 sheep and goats to dedicate the Temple to the LORD.**
- **God appeared to Solomon as second time and told him that His eyes and heart will always be on the Temple.**
- **Then the Lord gave a conditional promise. God said He would establish Solomon's throne over Israel forever if Solomon obeyed God's commands.**
- **God said that He would cut off Israel from the land and reject this Temple and bring disaster on Israel if Solomon and the Israelites turned away from God by disobeying Him and worshiping idols.**
- **The Queen of Sheba traveled from the southern Arabian Peninsula to Jerusalem to see for herself Solomon's achievements and wisdom.**



- **She tested Solomon with hard questions. Nothing was too hard for Solomon to explain.**
- **The Queen of Sheba was overwhelmed by all she saw and heard. Then she praised the Lord who delighted in Solomon and placed him on the throne in Israel.**
- **Solomon accumulated lots of gold, silver, chariots and horses. But it was Solomon's collection of wives that caused a big problem for Solomon.**
- **Including Solomon's wives of royal birth and his concubines, he had one-thousand wives.**
- **Most of those women were from nations in which God told the Israelites not to marry. God had warned that if the Israelites married these foreign women who worshiped idols, then they would be led into idol worship.**
- **Just as God had warned, Solomon's wives led him astray to worship idols.**



- It was very evil in the eyes of the LORD for him to worship false gods and idols.
- Solomon's father David sinned too. But David repented. Unfortunately, Solomon did not repent. He continued in his sin until he died.
- Because of Solomon's sin, the Kingdom of Israel will be split in two, becoming a divided kingdom.
- Jeroboam was one of Solomon's officials, but he betrayed Solomon and became an enemy.
- When Solomon tried to kill him, Jeroboam fled to Egypt.
- Jeroboam will return to cause trouble for Solomon's son.
- Solomon served as king for forty years.
- Rehoboam was the name of Solomon's son who became king.
- Solomon thought he could marry foreign women and not be tempted to worship idols. Solomon was wrong.



- **It doesn't matter who you are. It is never okay to ignore God's commands!**
- **If we are truly wise, we will obey all of God's commands.**