

11 1 Kgs 11 Solomon's Failure  
Preparing for 1/7/2018

Read Dt 17v14-20. What is your best explanation for Solomon's blatant violation of some of these commands in 1 Kgs 10 & 11?

Do Solomon's actions reveal the shortcomings of his "wisdom"? Or did he ultimately depart from that wisdom? Explain why you think so.

v1-5. What was Solomon's weakness? Why didn't his great wisdom save him? Does Mt 26:41 apply? [≡ What weaknesses hurts your relationship with God? with others? with health and long life?]

v6. Solomon's actions were "evil in the eyes of the Lord". This phrase will be used almost 100x in 1 & 2 Kgs, but this is the first usage. Think carefully about each part of that phrase. What is the profound significance of it?

What has Solomon lost as a result of his wrongdoing?

v14,23,26. What does it mean that God "raised up" adversaries against Solomon? Didn't they have their own reasons to oppose him?

In light of the above, read Pro 16:7. Is the converse of Pro 16:7 also true?

v29-39. What are the most important things that the prophet Ahijah communicates to Jeroboam? What do these verses disclose about God's standards for both his people and the ruler of his people? about God's commitment to them?