

Personal Profile



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Solomon

Using the 5 paragraph format and a thesis helps the student to focus his topic and make his point clear to the reader.

Originally, Solomon's heart was fully the Lord's, but eventually he turned away to other gods. First, he was wise and just king, filled with the Holy Spirit; however, his later disobedience to God caused him to substitute other gods for the true God. There were six laws for the kings of Israel. They were not to accumulate too many horses, too much gold, too many wives, any foreign wives, nor make any alliances with foreign countries, and they were to study the Law every day and apply it to their lives. Solomon managed to violate all of these, which resulted in the Lord abandoning him and dividing his kingdom.

In his youth, Solomon was an extremely godly and wise man—as a matter of fact, the wisest in the world! God was always with him, filling him with the Holy Spirit, a discerning heart, and a wise, just mind. When he was a young king, he even prophesied, making people wonder if he was a prophet from God as well as a great leader. God was so pleased with this young man that He offered him anything he wanted! Realizing his weakness as such a young, inexperienced leader, Solomon asked for wisdom above wealth and fame. Impressed by this demonstration of maturity, God also granted him both wealth and fame, in addition to wisdom. His whole heart was focused on doing God's will.

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Unfortunately, Solomon developed sinful practices later in his life, primarily practices that increased his power. The first thing he did was make alliances with foreign nations. His primary coalition was with King Hiram, of the Phoenicians, with whom he established a major trade route with many strategic ports. Then, he began amassing more wives, mostly from other countries, in order to establish alliances. It started with his marrying the princess of Egypt, his initial violation of the law



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against foreign wives. The next sin was also a result of his many foreign wives and their foreign gods. Solomon began setting up shrines for the gods of his wives and concubines, and then ended up worshipping those gods himself. Solomon also gathered for himself by far too much gold by way of taxes, tributes, and tithes. Additionally, he hoarded far too many horses and chariots, about 40,000 horses (1 Kings 4: 26). The only command Solomon may have kept is the command to read the Law every day, although he did not apply it to his life. When Solomon had committed these sins and did not repent, God deserted him and split his country.

Good conclusion: it underlines the writer's intention.

Although Solomon was first dedicated to God, he later defied Him and shunned His commandments by taking more horses, gold, and wives than he was supposed to; marrying foreign wives and worshipping their gods; making foreign alliances; and not applying God's laws to his life. Therefore, God left him, and did not continue his kingdom. Solomon is a clear example of why one must remain close to God and fully obey His commands.