

Bible Project Video

Solomon and the Temple: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/temple/>

Week 20

May 18, 2026 – May 24, 2026

BIBLE STUDY COMPANION GUIDE

Main Sermon Passage

1 Kings 11:1–13

Study Passages of the Week

1 Kings 9–12; Psalm 36

Theme or Focus

The Fall of Solomon: Divided Heart, Divided Kingdom

1 Kings 9-11 reveals the turning point in Solomon's reign. Despite his wisdom and the temple's completion, Solomon's heart turns away from the Lord through idolatry and compromise. This disobedience leads to God's judgment and the beginning of the kingdom's division.

Chapter 12 records the split between the northern kingdom (Israel) and the southern kingdom (Judah), marking a major shift in Israel's history. Theologically, these passages highlight the danger of a divided heart and the consequences of unfaithfulness to God's covenant.

Psalm 36 contrasts human wickedness with God's steadfast love and righteousness. It emphasizes that while human hearts may drift, God remains faithful and just. Together, these texts underscore that true security is found in wholehearted devotion to God.

Memory Verse

1 Kings 11:4 - “As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God.”

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Reflection & Discussion

What led to Solomon’s downfall according to 1 Kings 11?

How does God respond to Solomon’s unfaithfulness?

What events cause the kingdom to divide in 1 Kings 12?

What are the long-term implications of a divided kingdom?

How does Psalm 36 contrast human sin with God’s character?

Fill in the Blanks

Solomon’s heart was turned after _____ gods. (1 Kings 11)

God said the kingdom would be _____ because of Solomon’s unfaithfulness.

The kingdom divided between _____ and Judah. (1 Kings 12)

Jeroboam set up golden _____ for worship.

“Your love, LORD, reaches to the _____.” (Psalm 36)