

Solomon Falls & Kingdom Splits

A garment in twelve pieces



Ahijah tears his new garment into twelve pieces.

1 Kings 11:29-31

THINK ABOUT THE STORY

For younger readers: What object did Ahijah tear into twelve pieces?

Solomon Falls & Kingdom Splits

1 Kings 9-16

Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1. 1 Kings 9 | 2. 1 Kings 10 |
| 3. 1 Kings 11-12 | 4. 1 Kings 13 |
| 5. 1 Kings 14 | 6. 1 Kings 15-16 |

MAIN POINTS

- The LORD warned Solomon not to serve other gods (1 Kings 9:4-9).
- Solomon let other people turn his heart away from the LORD (1 Kings 11:1-10).
- Rehoboam answered roughly and the kingdom split (1 Kings 12:6-20).
- Jeroboam made golden calves at Bethel and Dan (1 Kings 12:26-33).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Checkpoint: What turned Solomon's heart after other gods?

1 Kings 11:1-10

2. Checkpoint: Which counsel did Rehoboam follow when the people asked for relief?

1 Kings 12:4-15

3. Solomon's heart turned away from the LORD (1 Kings 11:4). What helps you keep choosing what God says is right?

1 Kings 11:4

MEMORY VERSE / 1 Kings 11:4

Solomon's wives turned away his heart after other gods when he was old (1 Kings 11:1-8).

WEB

When Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not perfect with Yahweh his God, as the heart of David his father was.

KJV

For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

Solomon Falls & Kingdom Splits

1 Kings 9-16

Name _____ Date _____

Notes

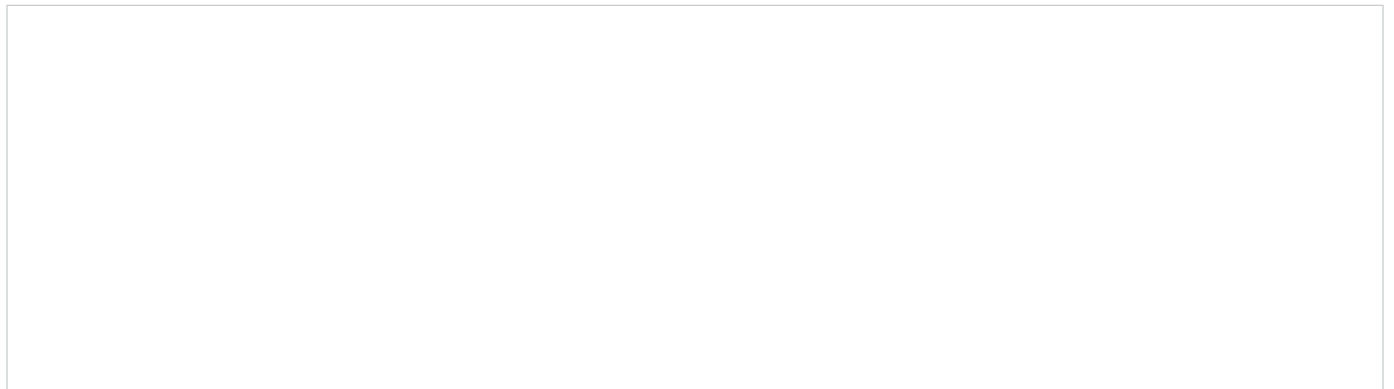
Waymark 32 / Younger children

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

WHAT I NOTICED

DRAW SOMETHING YOU WANT TO REMEMBER



ONE THING I WANT TO TRY

Solomon Falls & Kingdom Splits

1 Kings 9-16

Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1. 1 Kings 9 | 2. 1 Kings 10 |
| 3. 1 Kings 11-12 | 4. 1 Kings 13 |
| 5. 1 Kings 14 | 6. 1 Kings 15-16 |

MAIN POINTS

- The second appearance to Solomon pairs answered prayer with a direct covenant warning (1 Kings 9:1-9).
- The account places Solomon's wealth and wisdom next to his disobedience and divided heart (1 Kings 10:14-11:13).
- Rehoboam's harsh answer brings Ahijah's announced division into history (1 Kings 11:29-39; 12:6-20).
- Chapters 13-16 trace prophetic words, repeated rebellion, dynastic judgment, and the rise of Samaria and Ahab.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What turned Solomon's heart after other gods?

1 Kings 11:1-10

2. Which counsel did Rehoboam follow when the people asked for relief?

1 Kings 12:4-15

3. Solomon received wisdom and warnings, yet his heart turned away (1 Kings 11:1-10). What repeated choice can slowly redirect a heart?

1 Kings 11:1-10

MEMORY VERSE / 1 Kings 12:8

Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the older men and consulted the young men who had grown up with him (1 Kings 12:6-14).

WEB

But he abandoned the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him.

KJV

But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him:

Solomon Falls & Kingdom Splits

1 Kings 9-16
Name _____ Date _____

Notes

Waymark 32 / Preteen

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

NOTES

ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER

Solomon Falls & Kingdom Splits

1 Kings 9-16

Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1. 1 Kings 9 | 2. 1 Kings 10 |
| 3. 1 Kings 11-12 | 4. 1 Kings 13 |
| 5. 1 Kings 14 | 6. 1 Kings 15-16 |

MAIN POINTS

- The LORD declared both that He had heard Solomon and that apostasy would bring Israel and the house under judgment (1 Kings 9:1-9).
- Solomon's international fame and wealth do not prevent his heart from turning after other gods (1 Kings 10-11).
- The kingdom division involves Rehoboam's choice, the people's grievance, and the LORD performing Ahijah's word (1 Kings 12:1-20).
- The royal notices repeatedly evaluate kings by obedience or by Jeroboam's sin (1 Kings 14-16).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What warning follows the LORD's statement that He heard Solomon's prayer?
1 Kings 9:3-9
2. How do chapters 10 and 11 change the reader's view of Solomon?
1 Kings 9-16
3. Solomon's heart turned despite wisdom and repeated warnings (1 Kings 11:1-10). Which influence or habit deserves honest attention now?
1 Kings 11:1-10

MEMORY VERSE / 1 Kings 9:4-7

The LORD called Solomon and his children to faithful obedience and warned of judgment if they turned to other gods (1 Kings 9:1-9).

WEB

As for you, if you will walk before me as David your father walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep my statutes and my ordinances, then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised to David your father, saying, 'There shall not fail from you a man on the throne of Israel.' But if you turn away from following me, you or your children, and not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, then I will cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and I will cast this house, which I have made holy for my name, out of my sight; and Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

KJV

And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments: Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel. But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them: Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:

Solomon Falls & Kingdom Splits

1 Kings 9-16
Name _____ Date _____

Notes

Waymark 32 / Teen

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

NOTES

ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER

Solomon Falls & Kingdom Splits

1 Kings 9-16

Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1. 1 Kings 9 | 2. 1 Kings 10 |
| 3. 1 Kings 11-12 | 4. 1 Kings 13 |
| 5. 1 Kings 14 | 6. 1 Kings 15-16 |

MAIN POINTS

- The second appearance places the temple within covenant accountability rather than treating the building as an unconditional safeguard (1 Kings 9:1-9).
- The narrative deliberately sets Solomon's wisdom, wealth, wives, idolatry, adversaries, and announced loss of the kingdom beside one another (1 Kings 10-11).
- Rehoboam's agency and the LORD's performance of Ahijah's word are both explicit in the division account (1 Kings 12:6-20).
- The following reigns show prophetic judgment, dynastic instability, comparative royal evaluation, and intensifying idolatry (1 Kings 13-16).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What warning follows the LORD's statement that He heard Solomon's prayer?

1 Kings 9:3-9

2. How do chapters 10 and 11 change the reader's view of Solomon?

1 Kings 9-16

3. Solomon's heart turned away despite the wisdom and warnings he had received (1 Kings 11:1-10). What repeated influence or choice most needs your attention before it redirects your heart?

1 Kings 11:1-10

MEMORY VERSE / 1 Kings 11:9-11

The LORD was angry because Solomon's heart had turned away after two appearances and a direct command (1 Kings 11:9-11).

WEB

Yahweh was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned away from Yahweh, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he didn't keep that which Yahweh commanded. Therefore Yahweh said to Solomon, "Because this is done by you, and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant.

KJV

And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded. Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

Solomon Falls & Kingdom Splits

1 Kings 9-16
Name _____ Date _____

Notes

Waymark 32 / Adult

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

NOTES

ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER
