

1 Kings 11:14-43 **Troubled End of Solomon's Reign**

Adversaries of Solomon

¹⁴ Now the Lord raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was a descendant of the king in Edom.

¹⁵ For it happened, when David was in Edom, and Joab the commander of the army had gone up to bury the slain, after he had killed every male in Edom ¹⁶ (because for six months Joab remained there with all Israel, until he had cut down every male in Edom), ¹⁷ that Hadad fled to go to Egypt, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him. Hadad was still a little child. ¹⁸ Then they arose from Midian and came to Paran; and they took men with them from Paran and came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house, apportioned food for him, and gave him land. ¹⁹ And Hadad found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him as wife the sister of his own wife, that is, the sister of Queen Tahpenes. ²⁰ Then the sister of Tahpenes bore him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house. And Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh.

²¹ So when Hadad heard in Egypt that David rested with his fathers, and that Joab the commander of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Let me depart, that I may go to my own country."

²² Then Pharaoh said to him, "But what have you lacked with me, that suddenly you seek to go to your own country?"

So he answered, "Nothing, but do let me go anyway."

²³ And God raised up another adversary against him, Rezon the son of Eliadah, who had fled from his lord, Hadadezer king of Zobah. ²⁴ So he gathered men to him and became captain over a band of raiders, when David killed those of Zobah. And they went to Damascus and dwelt there, and reigned in Damascus. ²⁵ He was an adversary of Israel all the days of Solomon (besides the trouble that Hadad caused); and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

Jeroboam's Rebellion

²⁶ Then Solomon's servant, Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite from Zereda, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, also rebelled against the king.

²⁷ And this is what caused him to rebel against the king: Solomon had built the Millo and repaired the damages to the City of David his father. ²⁸ The man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor; and Solomon, seeing that the young man was industrious, made him the officer over all the labor force of the house of Joseph.

²⁹ Now it happened at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite met him on the way; and he had clothed himself with a new garment, and the two were alone in the field. ³⁰ Then Ahijah took hold of the new garment that was on him, and tore it into twelve pieces. ³¹ And he said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces, for thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and will give ten tribes to you ³² (but he shall have one tribe for the sake of My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel), ³³ because they have forsaken Me, and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the people of Ammon, and have not walked in My ways to do what is right in My eyes and keep My statutes and My judgments, as did his father David.

34 However I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, because I have made him ruler all the days of his life for the sake of My servant David, whom I chose because he kept My commandments and My statutes.

35 But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand and give it to you — ten tribes. 36 And to his son I will give one tribe, that My servant David may always have a lamp before Me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for Myself, to put My name there.

37 So I will take you, and you shall reign over all your heart desires, and you shall be king over Israel.

38 Then it shall be, if you heed all that I command you, walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.

39 And I will afflict the descendants of David because of this, but not forever."

40 Solomon therefore sought to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt, to Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

Death of Solomon (2 Chron 9:29-31)

41 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon? 42 And the period that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. 43 Then Solomon rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ In his old age, Solomon allowed his many foreign wives to turn his heart away from Yehowah Elohey Yisrael (The Lord God of Israel) and they led him into idolatry, just as God had warned against. [1 Kings 11:1-13, Deuteronomy 7:3-4]
- ✧ God pronounced judgment against Solomon. [1 Kings 11:9-13]

Adversaries of Solomon [1 Kings 11:14-40]

- ✧ Past animosities came back to haunt Solomon troubling his kingdom to his end.
 - ✧ **Hadad** the Edomite because of the actions of Joab under David. [1 Kings 11:14-22]
 - ✧ **Rezon** the son of Eliadah from Syria. [1 Kings 11:23-25]

Jeroboam's Rebellion [1 Kings 11:26-40]

- ✧ 26 Then Solomon's servant, **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite from Zereda, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, also rebelled against the king. [1 Kings 11:26]

Background for the rebellion of Jeroboam:

- ✧ Jeroboam was a mighty man of Valor.
 - After finishing the Millo (citadel) and repaired the damages to the City of David, Solomon made Jeroboam the officer over all the labor force of the house of Joseph because Jeroboam was very industrious. [1 Kings 11:26-28]
- ✧ Ahijah the Prophet a Shilonite met Jeroboam on the way and pronounced a prophecy over him from Yahweh:
 - "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and will give ten tribes to you 32 (but he shall have one tribe for the sake of My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have

chosen out of all the tribes of Israel), ³³ **because** they have forsaken Me, and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the people of Ammon, and have not walked in My ways to do what is right in My eyes and keep My statutes and My judgments, as did his father David."

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✧ Solomon is to lose the kingdom because of his turn from God to idolatry.

✧ God is still showing favor toward David and Jerusalem for David's faithfulness and for the Love Yahweh holds for Jerusalem because it is the city God chose to represent His Name when the Temple was built for the Name of the Lord.

Yahweh's Instruction and promise for Jeroboam [1 Kings 11:37-39]

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✧ Jeroboam is assured an enduring kingdom conditioned upon his willing adherence to all the ways, statutes, and commandments God gave for the Children of Israel in the Law to do what is right in the eyes of the Lord.

³⁹ "And I will afflict the descendants of David because of this, **but not forever.**" [1 Kings 11:39]

✧ God gave assurance He would continue His promise to David after He punishes them for their sins started by Solomon.

✧ The promise of the Messiah from the line of David is still valid as is David's place in the Kingdom of God.

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