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TESTAMENT survey

1 Kings PART 4 (chs. 9-11)

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Megiddo:
A chariot city



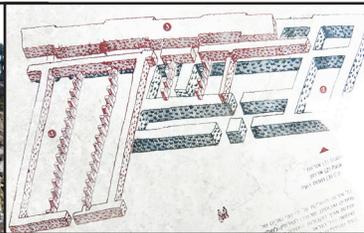
Megiddo
from above



View from
Har Megiddo



The city gates



The stables



A horse stall (current day)



A horse stall (recreated)

1 KINGS 9-11

At 20 Solomon followed David as Israel's king
 Taught us how to love well in Song of Solomon
 Taught us how to live wisely in Proverbs
 Taught us how to enjoy life in Ecclesiastes
 Built a magnificent temple for YHWH

But "The secret worm ... was gnawing all the time in the royal staff upon which Solomon leaned." –Alexander Whyte

LESSON THEME: "For of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: *'It might have been!'*"

–American poet and abolitionist John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Compromise is a choice

The Worm Begins Gnawing ...

Solomon's Palace (1 Kings 7:1-12)

Temple was 90 x 30 x 45 (2,700 sq. ft.); 7 years

Palace was 150 x 75 x 45 (11,250 sq. ft.); 13 years

Solomon's Debt/Alliances (1 Kings 9:10-28)

His tastes are greater than his bank account

Solomon's choices

He became enamored with the "good life"

He entered wrong partnerships (cf. 2 Cor 6:14)
He compromised his judgment

And The Worm Gnaws ...

Solomon's fame (1 Kings 10:1-13)
Solomon's splendor (vv. 14-25)
Solomon's army (vv. 26-29)

But what does Deuteronomy 17:16-20 say?

Solomon's choices

He pursued wealth, comfort and ease
He gave his heart away to these things ...
but just a little at a time ... like a slow leak
He compromised his devotion to God

Solomon's wives (1 Kings 11:1-3)

Solomon "insisted" (v. 2)

Solomon's worship (vv. 4-8)

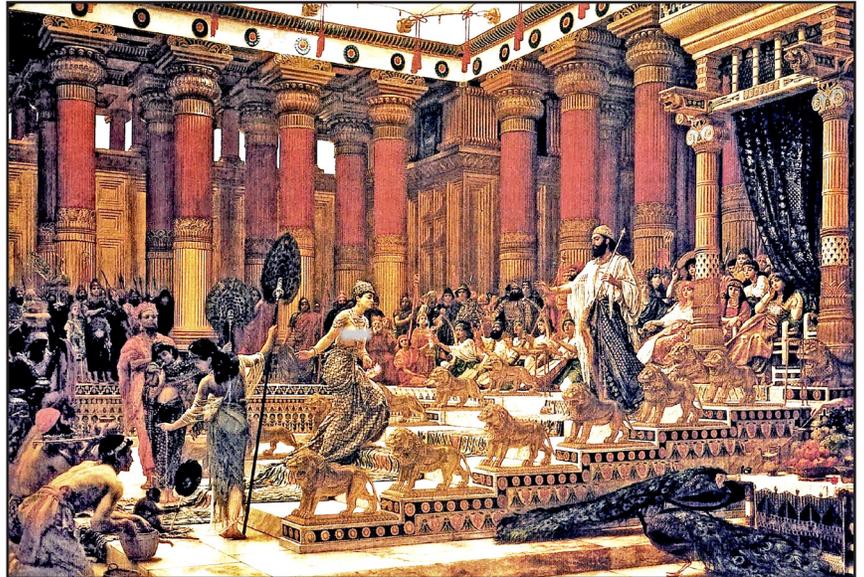
Solomon "refused" (v. 6)

Solomon's choice

Following his will for his life was more important than following God's will and God's Word

He knew what God said ... he just didn't want it

He compromised his obedience



And God Responds

Solomon's wives (1 Kings 11:1-3)

Solomon's worship (vv. 4-8)

God's declaration (vv. 9-13)

With Solomon's judgment, devotion and obedience all compromised ...

He would finish, but not finish well

God's discipline (vv. 14-43)

For Solomon's repentance

To move on without Solomon

Solomon ...

Got caught up in materialism, comfort, ease and excess; got caught up in the "good life"

As he aged, his affections became set on ungodly relationships

He gave his heart away to these things ... but just a little at a time

Tragically, the man best equipped & endowed to live life successfully chose not to do so

Application: "For of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: 'It might have been!'"

Compromise is a choice

Vulnerable Times Occur ...

When we're comfortable ... and want to keep it that way

When we're bored or busy or stressed out

When we're lonely and/or misunderstood

When we're underappreciated or undervalued

When we're envious of others or their stuff

When we just want what we want

When we're distant from God

Ungodly Relationships

With someone ...

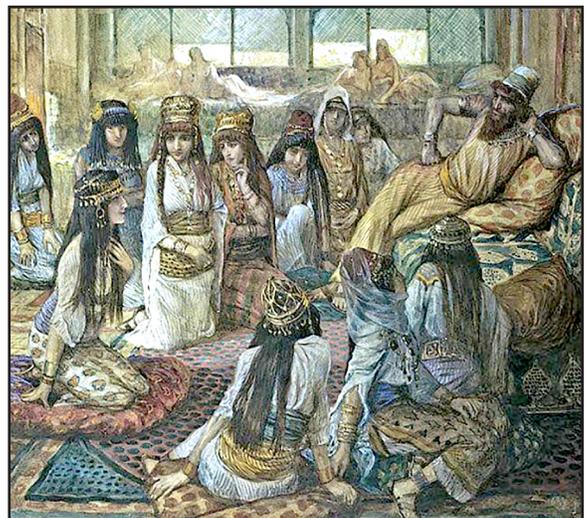
With something ...

Self-centeredness

Self-sufficiency

Self-determination

Internet or entertainment or complacency



"Solomon And His Harem" by James Tissot

Any kind of "relationship" that causes you to slowly lose your first love—Jesus

Starving The Worm

Stoke the fires of devotion (Mt 4:1-11)

Time hearing from the Lord through His Word

Time talking to Him in prayer and/or journaling

Time memorizing His Word

Reflecting on grace's great privileges (e.g. Ro 5-8)

Don't desire the gifts more than the Giver (Ex 33); learn contentment (1 Tim 6:6, 9)

Be wise to temptation's snares of compromise in your life

Be mutually accountable to a couple of brothers or sisters (Heb 10:25)

Pursue the "Great Commandment" and the "Great Commission" above the "American Dream" (Mt 6:33; 22:34-40; 28:19-20)

Compromise is *your* choice

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WEALTH
 25 tons of gold annually from tributes
 16 tons of gold from Ophir
 9,000 lbs. of gold from Sheba

WOMEN
 700 wives
 300 concubines

KINGDOM
 45,000 square miles

DAILY FOOD REQUIREMENTS
 300 bushels of meal
 150 bushels of choice flour
 100 sheep or goats
 20 pasture-fed cattle
 10 oxen
 Deer, gazelle, roe deer, choice poultry

LABOR
 3,600 foremen
 30,000 Israelite men
 70,000 common laborers
 80,000 quarry laborers

MILITARY
 1,400 chariots
 4,000 stalls for chariot horses
 12,000 horses

SOLOMON'S DECADENCE
 Solomon is considered the wealthiest man who ever lived. Here's a look at his diverse portfolio. Even with all this, Solomon considered it meaningless apart from life with God.

1 Kgs 4-5, 9-11

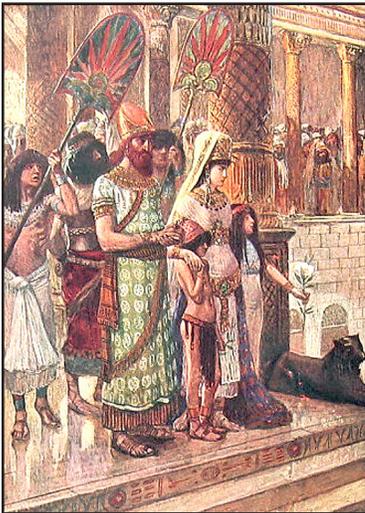
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SOLOMON'S ECONOMIC ENTERPRISES
 1Kg 5-10 2Ch 1:14-17; 3-8; 9

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- City (modern name)
- ↔ Red Sea trade
- ↔ Arabian spice trade
- ↔ Phoenician connection
- ↔ Other import routes
- Gold Commodity
- Solomon's kingdom

Map labels include: SPAIN (Silver, tin, copper, iron), ITALY (Sardinia, Lead), MACEDONIA, ASIA (Opium, copper), CYPRUS, ARABIA (Horses, Mesopotamia, Babylon, Ur, Dedan, Yathrib (Medina), Mecca), ETHIOPIA (War chariots, Thebes), SHEBA (Gold, gems, perfumes, precious woods, ivory), OPHIR, and SHEBA (Gold, exotic animals, woods, silver, precious stones).

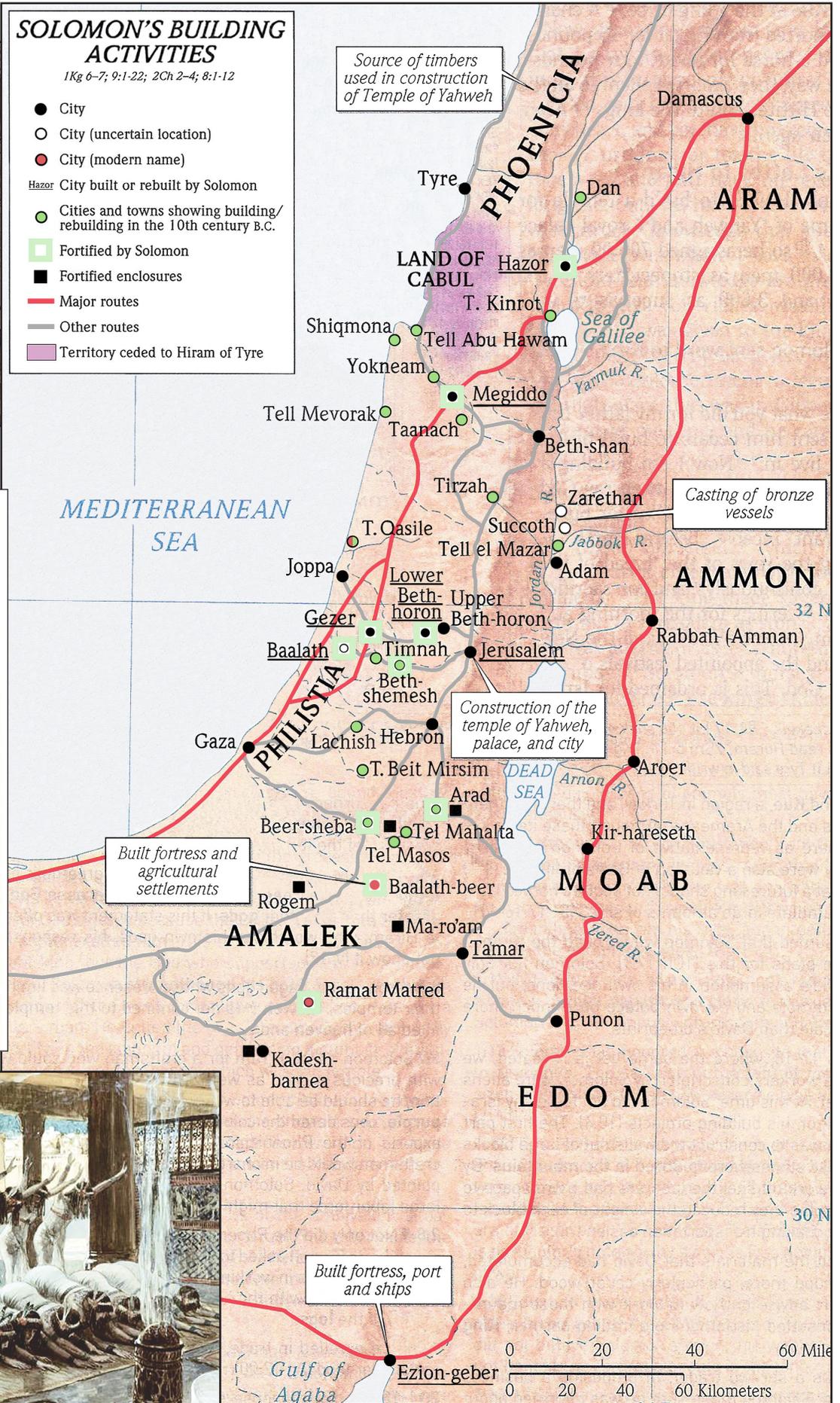


"Solomon And The Queen Of Sheba" by James Tissot

SOLOMON'S BUILDING ACTIVITIES

1Kg 6-7; 9:1-22; 2Ch 2-4; 8:1-12

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- City (modern name)
- Hazor** City built or rebuilt by Solomon
- Cities and towns showing building/rebuilding in the 10th century B.C.
- Fortified by Solomon
- Fortified enclosures
- Major routes
- Other routes
- Territory ceded to Hiram of Tyre



Moral Choices



King Solomon's good and bad decisions in the book of 1 Kings

FAILS GOD

HONORS GOD

Amasses enormous labor force, wealth, fame 9:10-10:29

Takes his father's place as king 2:12

Marries hundreds of foreign women 11:1-3

Carries out David's final instructions 2:13-46

Turns to idolatry 11:4-13

Asks the Lord for wisdom 3:1-10

Attempts to kill Jeroboam but is unsuccessful 11:40

Receives wisdom, discernment, riches and honor 3:11-13

Rules over a peaceful, prosperous nation 4:20-28

Constructs a temple for the Lord 5-6



"The Queen Of Sheba Visits Solomon" by James Tissot