

Monday, April 18—1 Kings 2-3

Solomon is established on David's throne and blessed by God with great wisdom; notice what is required of Solomon if he is to prosper as king on David's throne (2:3-4)

Tuesday, April 19—1 Kings 4-6

The magnificence of Solomon's court; his preparation and construction of the House of God. Notice the Lord's reminder to Solomon regarding what was required if He was to dwell in their midst, in the house that was built for Him (6:11-13).

Wednesday, April 20—1 Kings 7

Solomon continues his construction projects including a house for himself and one for the daughter of Pharaoh, whom he had married; also, the furnishings for the temple, including ten lampstands to stand in the holy place (vs.49); in the original tabernacle there was only one lampstand.

Thursday, April 21—1 Kings 8

The Ark of the Covenant is brought into the temple and Solomon prays; he blesses the Lord and prays his blessing on the people; notice in vs.23 & 60 the purpose for the things he is praying; notice also, vs.27 the statement regarding God's transcendence.

Friday, April 22—1 Kings 9, 10

The Lord's second appearance to Solomon and a description of his wealth; once again the stipulations of the covenant with David are reiterated to Solomon, the promise of blessing for obedience to His Word, together with the warning of discipline (9:4-9).

Saturday, April 23—1 Kings 11, 12

Solomon's heart turns from falling wholly after the Lord to follow the gods of the pagan nations on account of his wives. In His anger the Lord tears the nation away from his son, Rehoboam, leaving him the remnant of two tribes, Judah and Benjamin. Notice the prominence of David in all these developments. David has become the most significant personage in the nation; more definitive than Abraham or Moses.

Sunday, April 24—1 Kings 13, 14

The man of God, the prophet, confronts Jeroboam regarding his idolatry and rebellion; he prophesies concerning God's judgment of Israel; Rehoboam's idolatrous reign over Judah. How does the account of the man of God in chap.14 mirror the situation with Jeroboam?