

The Decline of a Nation

(Sunday Evening, April 17th)

1st and 2nd Kings

“Righteousness Exalts a Nation But Sin is a Reproach to any People” (Proverbs 14:34)

I. The United Kingdom (1 Kings 1-11)

A. Solomon’s faithfulness (1-10)

B. Solomon’s Sin (11)

II. The Divided Kingdom (1 Kings 12-22) in 931 B.C.

III. The Captive Kingdom (2 Kings 1-25)

A. Israel’s captivity by the Assyrians (1-17) in 722 B.C.

B. Judah’s captivity by the Babylonians (18-25) in 586 B.C.

How to Finish Well

1. By Asking God for Wisdom

A. Wisdom with People (1 Kings 3:16)

B. Wisdom on your Job (1 Kings 4:1-34)

C. Wisdom to Worship God (1 Kings 5-8)

- 1) Solomon’s Temple takes approximately 50% of Solomon’s story
- 2) Solomon’s Temple took 200,000 workers (5:13-18)
- 3) Solomon’s Temple took seven years to build (6:38)
- 4) Solomon’s Temple cost almost 8 billion dollars (entire Mt Moriah Complex 7:1-8)

2. By Witnessing For God (Ch 10 illustrates 4:34)

3. By Obeying God (Deuteronomy 17:14-20)

A. Solomon multiplied Wealth (10:14)

B. Solomon multiplied Horses (10:26)

C. Solomon multiplied Wives (11:1)

- 1) Solomon had a good wife and he loved her (Song of Solomon)
- 2) Solomon warned his son (Proverbs 5, 6, 7)
- 3) Solomon blew it in his old age (1 Kings 11:4)
- 4) Solomon repented before his death (Ecclesiastes 12:13)