

Bible Readings Book by Book week 110 – w/c 10/12/23

Week 110

Monday: 1 Kings 3:1-28. Solomon started out well as a King, seeking to live in a way that pleased God. But even in these early days there are hints of the failures that led him astray in later life. His marriage to Pharaoh's daughter was a political alliance more than a spiritual one. Do your choice of friendships flow out of spirituality or out of other considerations?

Tuesday: 1 Kings 4:1-34. See v29-31. In the glory years of Solomon's kingdom, he used the great wisdom God gave. Sadly, he did not always use this wisdom, and later fell away from his devotion and worship of God (1 Kings 11:1-11). James 1:5 says God will give us wisdom if we ask for it. Pray for wisdom today and pray that you will use this wisdom wisely.

Wednesday: 1 Kings 5:1-18. Solomon relied on the expertise of others to help build the temple (v6). In what areas of your life do you need others to help you? Thank God for the people who minister to us in these areas, and recognise that it is Him who has provided these people to meet your need.

Thursday: 1 Kings 6:1-38 When the temple was finished it was a spectacular building. It was easy for Israel to focus on the temple of God instead of the God of the temple. Yet without continued faithfulness to God, the temple's glory quickly faded. This glorious temple was plundered just five years after the death of Solomon. Are you living whole-heartedly for God or are you a "Sunday Christian"?

Friday: 1 Kings 7:1-51. Solomon was meticulous in building and furnishing both his own palace and the Temple of the Lord. He wanted what he built to make a statement to all who saw it. Recognising that for New Testament Believers, the gathering of believers is God's Temple, what statement do our worship gatherings make to those who visit?

Weekend: 1 Kings 8:1-30 This passage contains Solomon's prayer of dedication of the temple. In v25 Solomon called upon God to keep the promises that He made. This is the great secret to power in prayer – to take God's promises to heart in faith, and then to boldly and reverently call upon Him to fulfil the promises. Praise God for his faithfulness and trust that he will fulfil his promises to you.