

# I Kings 11:1-8

## Optional Assignment:

#1 Use attached sheets related to 1 Kings 11:1-8 to answer the questions.

E The Downfall of Solomon,  
11:1-43  
I The reasons, 11:1-8

11 Now \*King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women.

2 From the nations concerning which the Lord had said to the sons of Israel: "You shall not associate with them, neither shall they associate with you, for they will surely turn your heart away after their gods." Solomon held fast to these in love.

3 \*And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away.

4 For it came about when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and \*his heart was not wholly devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been.

5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after Milcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites.

6 And Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and did not follow the Lord fully, as David his father had done.

7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable idol of Moab, on the mountain which is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the detestable idol of the sons of Ammon.

8 Thus also he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

Q1 - points to the list of women in verse 11.  
Q2 - points to the prohibition in verse 2.  
Q3 - points to the list of wives and concubines in verse 3.  
Q4 - points to the phrase "did what was evil in the sight of the Lord" in verse 6.  
Q5 - points to the phrase "wholly devoted to the Lord his God" in verse 5.

- Q1 - Look up these locations on the map provided. Hint: The Sidonians live near Sidon. What reason other than "love" might have led Solomon into these marriages?
- Q2 - Where is this prohibition found in scripture? Hint: It is found in more than one place. Read each in context.
- Q3 - What is a concubine? Read the attached article or use your Bible Dictionary.
- Q4 - This is a frequently occurring phrase. Look through the partial listing of "evil" (NASV Concordance) and mark other occurrences. Look some up. Does this phrase always refer to idolatry?
- Q5 - Read the articles enclosed on these foreign gods. How could a wise man like Solomon be led to worship this motley crew?
- BONUS: What is the key verse in this passage (i.e. the one which unlocks the others)?