

# Doctrine of Solomon

1. The name of Solomon occurs 300 times in the OT and 12 times in the NT ( 1Ki 1-11; 14:21,26; 2Ch 1-11; 2Sa 12:24; 1Ch 3:10; 22:5-19; 28:5-11,20; Psa 72; 127; Pro 1:1; 10:1; Mat 6:29; 12:42; et al.).

## 1.1 Examples of New Testament uses are:

Mat 1:6 And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Uriah;

Mat 1:7 And Solomon begat Rehoboam; and Rehoboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa;

Mat 6:29 <And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. >

Luk 12:27 <Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. >

Luk 11:31 <The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here. >

Joh 10:23 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

Act 5:12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

1.1.1. The colonnade of Herod's temple known as Solomon's porch was a covered walk along the east side of the court of the Temple (Joh 10:23; Acts 3:11; 5:12; Jos Ant. xv. 11; xx.9.7). It was here in Solomon's porch that teachers and rabbis would seat themselves with their backs to one of the pillars and instruct the people seated in front of the teachers in a circle. (Joh 10:23; Acts 3:11; 5:12)

2. Solomon, the "man of sunset and shadows," was the second son of David by Bathsheba.

2Sa 12:24 Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and lay with her. She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon. The LORD loved him;

2.1 Their first son died soon after birth (2Sa 12:18).

2Sa 12:18 On the seventh day the child died. David's servants were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they thought, "While the child was still living, we spoke to David but he would not listen to us. How can we tell him the child is dead? He may do something desperate."

2Sa 12:19 David noticed that his servants were whispering among themselves and he realized the child was dead. "Is the child dead?" he asked. "Yes," they replied, "he is dead."

2Sa 12:20 Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he went to his own house, and at his request they served him food, and he ate.

2Sa 12:21 His servants asked him, "Why are you acting this way? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept, but now that the child is dead, you get up and eat!"

2Sa 12:22 He answered, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept. I thought, 'Who knows? The LORD may be gracious to me and let the child live.'

2Sa 12:23 But now that he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."

## 2.2 Solomon was the fourth son born to King David in Jerusalem (2Sa 5:14).

2Sa 5:14 These are the names of the children born to him there at Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,

2Sa 5:15 Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia,

2Sa 5:16 Elishama, Eliada and Eliphelet.

3. The third king of Israel, Solomon reigned for 40 years ( 960-922 B.C.).

4. He was also known as Jedidiah, meaning "beloved of Jehovah."

2Sa 12:25 and because the LORD loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah.

## 5. Early Life:

5.1 Little is known of the early life of Solomon.

5.2 He was the son of King David's wife Bathsheba, an intelligent, charming woman who wielded tremendous influence over the king and exerted power in the court.

5.2.1 Bathsheba was also a great woman of doctrine and the granddaughter of the very influential Ahithophel, her dad being the great general and war hero Eliam.

2Sa 11:3 and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

2Sa 23:34 Eliphelet son of Ahasbai the Maacathite, Eliam son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,

5.3 Solomon grew up in a polygamous house. King David married often. (The Scriptures record 18 marriages).

5.3.1 There were also many concubines.

5.4 There were constant tensions among the wives and their respective children.

5.5 The king's harem became the scene of all kinds of plots and counterplots of those jockeying for favor and places of prestige.

## 6. The struggle for the Throne (1Ki 1-2)

6.1 During David's final illness there was a mad scramble for the throne between Adonijah, the oldest son, and Solomon, the next in line of succession.

1Ki 1:5 Now Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith, put himself forward and said, "I will be king." So he got chariots and horses ready, with fifty men to run ahead of him.

1Ki 1:6 (His father had never interfered with him by asking, "Why do you behave as you do?" He was also very handsome and was born next after Absalom.)

6.2 Most have concluded that after Amnon and Absalom self destructed David had promised Bathsheba that Solomon would accede to the throne.

1Ki 1:13 And Nathan said to Bathsheba: Go in to King David and say to him, 'My lord the king, did you not swear to me your servant: "Surely Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne"? Why then has Adonijah become king?'

1Ki 1:14 While you are still there talking to the king, I will come in and confirm what you have said.'

1Ki 1:15 So Bathsheba went to see the aged king in his room, where Abishag the Shunammite was attending him.

6.3 Adonijah solicited the assistance of Joab, the general of the army, and Abiathar, one of the tandem high priests.

6.4 His friends met at En-rogel, south west of Jerusalem, to sacrifice sheep, oxen, and fatlings.

6.5 This abortive coronation feast did not include Solomon and those favorable to his cause.

1Ki 1:7 Adonijah conferred with Joab son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest, and they gave him their support....

1Ki 1:9 Adonijah then sacrificed sheep, cattle and fattened calves at the Stone of Zoheleth near En Rogel. He invited all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah who were royal officials.

1Ki 1:10 but he did not invite Nathan the prophet or Benaiah or the special guard or his brother Solomon.

6.6 Also, Nathan the prophet, Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the chief of David's bodyguard were conspicuously absent.

1Ki 1:8 But Zadok the priest, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Shimei and Rei and David's special guard did not join Adonijah.

6.7 When they heard of Adonijah's plot to seize the throne, they spearheaded a counter-plot with the assistance of Bathsheba.

6.8 Armed with David's orders, Solomon mounted the royal mule and rode in the midst of his regal supporters down to the spring Gihon in the Kidron Valley on the east side of Zion.

6.9 There Zadok anointed the royal lad with a horn of sacred oil in the midst of trumpet blasts and crowds shouting "long live King Solomon!"

1Ki 1:17 She said to him, "My lord, you yourself swore to me your servant by the LORD your God: 'Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne.'

1Ki 1:18 But now Adonijah has become king, and you, my lord the king, do not know about it.

1Ki 1:19 He has sacrificed great numbers of cattle, fattened calves, and sheep, and has invited all the king's sons, Abiathar the priest and Joab the commander of the army, but he has not invited Solomon your servant.

1Ki 1:20 My lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, to learn from you who will sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

1Ki 1:21 Otherwise, as soon as my lord the king is laid to rest with his fathers, I and my son Solomon will be treated as criminals."

1Ki 1:22 While she was still speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet arrived.

1Ki 1:23 And they told the king, "Nathan the prophet is here." So he went before the king and bowed with his face to the ground.

1Ki 1:24 Nathan said, "Have you, my lord the king, declared that Adonijah shall be king after you, and that he will sit on your throne?"

1Ki 1:25 Today he has gone down and sacrificed great numbers of cattle, fattened calves, and sheep. He has invited all the king's sons, the commanders of the army and Abiathar the priest. Right now they are eating and drinking with him and saying, 'Long live King Adonijah!'

6.10 Adonijah's abortive coup collapsed. He in turn begged for mercy and promised allegiance to Solomon.

6.11 After King David's death (1Ki 2:10), Solomon moved swiftly to solidify his hold on the throne.

1Ki 2:13 Now Adonijah, the son of Haggith, went to Bathsheba, Solomon's mother. Bathsheba asked him, "Do you come peacefully?" He answered, "Yes, peacefully."

1Ki 2:14 Then he added, "I have something to say to you." "You may say it," she replied.

1Ki 2:15 "As you know," he said, "the kingdom was mine. All Israel looked to me as their king. But things changed, and the kingdom has gone to my brother; for it has come to him from the LORD."

1Ki 2:16 Now I have one request to make of you. Do not refuse me." "You may make it," she said.

1Ki 2:17 So he continued, "Please ask King Solomon--he will not refuse you--to give me Abishag the Shunammite as my wife."

1Ki 2:18 "Very well," Bathsheba replied, "I will speak to the king for you."

1Ki 2:19 When Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah, the king stood up to meet her, bowed down to her and sat down on his throne. He had a throne brought for the king's mother, and she sat down at his right hand.

1Ki 2:20 "I have one small request to make of you," she said. "Do not refuse me." The king replied, "Make it, my mother; I will not refuse you."

1Ki 2:21 So she said, "Let Abishag the Shunammite be given in marriage to your brother Adonijah."

1Ki 2:22 King Solomon answered his mother, "Why do you request Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? You might as well request the kingdom for him--after all, he is my older brother--yes, for him and for Abiathar the priest and Joab son of Zeruiah!"

6.12 Being a mere boy, 18 at the most, his dying father gave him some instructions to dispose of those who might wrest the government out of his hands (1Ki 2:1-9).

1Ki 2:5 "Now you yourself know what Joab son of Zeruiah did to me--what he did to the two commanders of Israel's armies, Abner son of Ner and Amasa son of Jether. He killed them, shedding their blood in peacetime as if in battle, and with that blood stained the belt around his waist and the sandals on his feet.

1Ki 2:6 Deal with him according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to the grave in peace.

1Ki 2:7 "But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai of Gilead and let them be among those who eat at your table. They stood by me when I fled from your brother Absalom.

1Ki 2:8 "And remember, you have with you Shimei son of Gera, the Benjamite from Bahurim, who called down bitter curses on me the day I went to Mahanaim. When he came down to meet me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD: 'I will not put you to death by the sword.'

1Ki 2:9 But now, do not consider him innocent. You are a man of wisdom; you will know what to do to him. Bring his gray head down to the grave in blood."

6.13 Solomon saw the wisdom of David's counsel and as a typical despot he quickly liquidated his chief rivals.

6.14 Adonijah was executed for plotting intrigue. This because he asked Abishag (David's chief concubine) be given him to marry (1Ki 2:13-25).

1Ki 2:23 Then King Solomon swore by the LORD: "May God deal with me, be it ever so severely, if Adonijah does not pay with his life for this request!

1Ki 2:24 And now, as surely as the LORD lives--he who has established me securely on the throne of my father David and has founded a dynasty for me as he promised--Adonijah shall be put to death today!"

1Ki 2:25 So King Solomon gave orders to Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and he struck down Adonijah and he died.

6.15 Because of his part in Adonijah's plot to snatch the throne, venerable Abiathar was deposed from the priesthood and banished to his native town of Anathoth 1Ki 2:26-27, making this house extinct (1Sa 2:27-36).

1Ki 2:26 To Abiathar the priest the king said, "Go back to your fields in Anathoth. You deserve to die, but I will not put you to death now, because you carried the ark of the Sovereign LORD before my father David and shared all my father's hardships."