

A Sad End to a Splendid Reign

1 Kings 11.1-13

Solomon's Achilles heel v1

he built something brilliant

1 Chron 22.5; 29.1;

2 Chron 2.5; 5.13-6.2

he was brilliant in himself

1 Kings 10.4-7,23

but he had a fatal flaw

1. Misdirected Love, vs 1,3

➤ **an insatiable love**

for foreign women 3.1

like Samson Judges 14.1-3

2. Broken Commandments, v2

➤ **marrying those who worshipped
false gods v2; Dt 7.1-6**

➤ **worshipping their false gods v5
Ex 20.3-5**

he should have known better

1 Chron 28.8; 29.18-19; 1 Ki 9.4-7

3. Divided Loyalties, vs2,4

- ***a heart torn in two directions***
what does a believer have in
common with an unbeliever?
2 Cor 6.14-17

even Christian marriages
come under strain 1 Cor 7.32-34

we cannot serve two masters
Mat 6.24

4. A Heart Led Astray, vs 3-8

- ***into idolatry v5***
our goal is to please Christ
2 Cor 5.9; Eph 5.10; Mat 6.31-33

5. A Damning Indictment, vs 9-13

- ***much had been given;***
much had been expected Lk 12.48
- ***predictable punishment 9.4-7***

Vital Lessons to Learn

- *be vigilant 1 Pet 5.8*
completely protected Eph 6.13
- *the brilliance of our youthful achievements is no protection against the temptations of later life.*

Don't be like ... Saul 1 Sam 15

... David 2 Sam 11.1-4

... Uzziah 2 Chron 26.16

... Hezekiah 2 Chron 32.25

... Demas 2 Tim 4.10

Be like Paul 2 Tim 4.6-8