

# Solomon: A Believer Who Blew It Big Time

*A "Big Shot" Who Shot Himself in the Foot*

## Who Was Solomon?

**Solomon was the third king of the United Tribes of Israel**

He followed King Saul and his father, King David

**Solomon reigned for forty years from 970-930 BC**

For much of his reign, the nation enjoyed great prosperity, but after his death it tragically split into two different countries-the nations of Judah and Israel

## Other Than Being King What Else Did Solomon Do?

**He wrote three biblical books and two Psalms (72 and 127)**

- 1: The Book of Proverbs
- 2: The Book of Ecclesiastes
- 3: The Book of Song of Solomon

## Where Do We Read about Solomon in the Old Testament?

In 1 Kings 1-12 and 2 Chronicles 1-9

Emphasizes the Personal Spirituality of the Leaders

1-2 Samuel	1-2 Kings
1-2 Chronicles	

Emphasizes the National Spirituality of the People

## What Kinds of Lessons Does Solomon Teach Us Today?

### 1: God Uses All Kinds of Flawed Human Raw Material to Work Out His Will

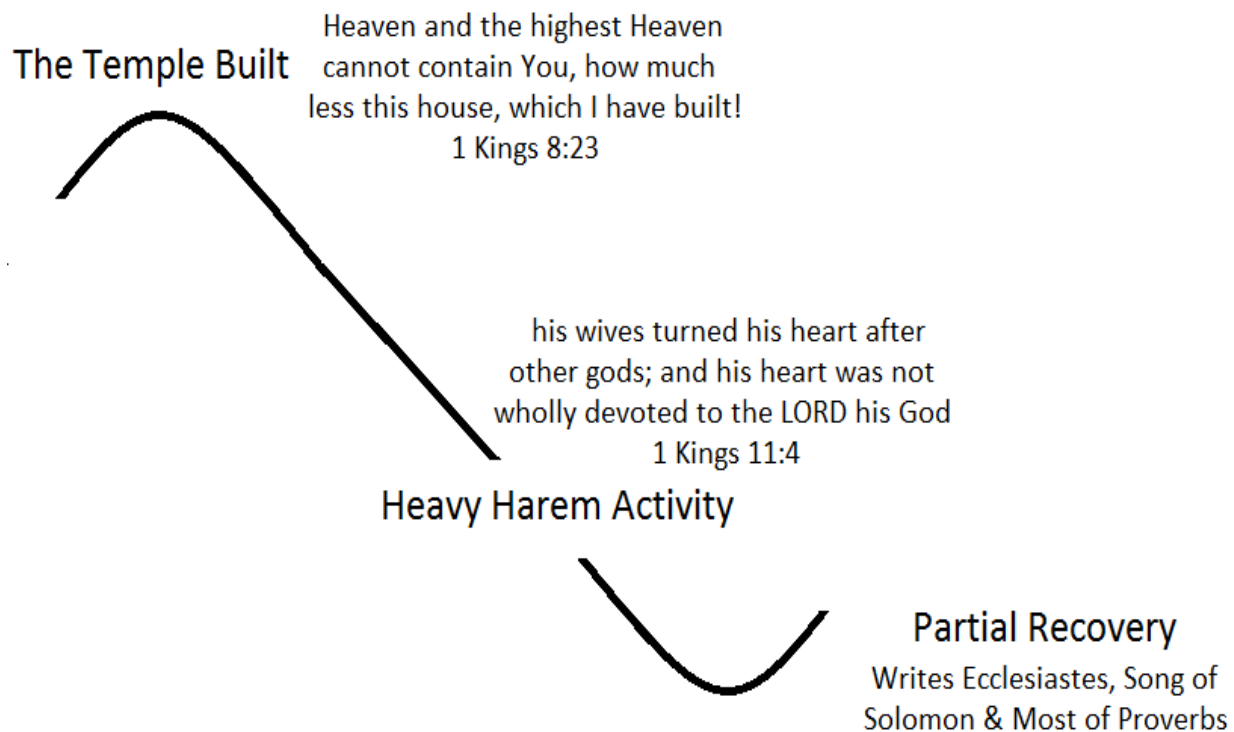
Other than Jesus, list all of the “heroes/heroines” of the Bible (and hold your nose).

### 2: God is No Less Gracious to Believers Who Fail (James 3:2; 1 John 1:9) Than He is to People Coming To Him in Faith for the First Time (Psa 103:12; Eph 1:7) BUT: The Fallout of Serious Spiritual/Moral Failure Lingers

Solomon wasted a lot of “good years” but at the end of his life he renewed fellowship with the LORD, and was allowed to make a huge contribution to the canon of Scripture.

### 3: Truth + Error = Error

Solomon never directly repudiated his faith in the LORD, but he did multiply wives (Deut 17:17) and mixed his faith/worship with many aspects of various pagan religions.



## Take This To Heart

“Surely there is not a perfectly righteous person on the earth, who always does the right thing and who never sins.” Ecclesiastes 7:20

The conclusion...fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, even if it is hidden from other people, whether it is good or evil. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14