



GROW GUIDE

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Transplanting Egypt
Sermon 5 of 11 in *The Roots of Redemption*

SERMON NOTES

1 Kings 10:14-22; 11:1-6
Rev. Dr. R. Brandon Harris

Solomon's Glory and Wisdom
Matthew 6:28-29; 12:42; 1 Kings 3; 1 Kings 4:20-34; 1 Kings 10

Archaeological evidence tends to support the biblical claims of Solomon's opulent lifestyle and regional power.

Solomon's Failure
1 Kings 1-2; 9:15-22; 11

1 Kings was probably written in Judah during the reigns of Hezekiah (ca. 715-687/6 B.C.) or Josiah (ca. 640-609 B.C.), two kings under whom the southern kingdom undertook significant religious reform. It was likely edited during the period of exile (586-539 B.C.)

Glory such as Solomon's is very seductive. There's a big-deal side in all of us that is quite captivated by the possibility that we might have even a slice of what Solomon had.

In a process resembling Pharaoh's Egypt, Solomon ascended to the throne in about 968 B.C. and consolidated his rule by leveraging the military and the priesthood to institute a system of domination.

"A shadow mission is an authentic mission that has been derailed, often in imperceptible ways."
—John Ortberg

On the cosmic scale, God's mission has always been the same: to establish on earth his reign of peace, his reign of justice, his reign of wholeness, his reign of righteousness, his reign of joy.

