

Solomon and His Wives and Concubines

1 Kings 11:1 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, [and] Hittites;

Notice that it is not just women but “strange women”. Strange, remember from a previous sermon, refers to those that lack the Ten Commandments.

Women in general represent a church, being strange, apostate churches then.

Solomon being king over Israel represents the true church.

So, what we have is that the true church, Solomon, has joined with those churches that know not the Ten Commandments in practice. This is much like what the SDA church has done in pretending to be an observer of the ecumenical movement while actually participating in it.

The daughter of Pharaoh represents both atheism and worldliness, which explains why many of our teachers and even pastors do not believe in the literal creation week.

“The days are fast approaching when there will be great perplexity and confusion. Satan, clothed in angel robes, will deceive, if possible, the very elect. There will be gods many and lords many. Every wind of doctrine will be blowing. Those who have rendered supreme homage to “science falsely so called” will not be the leaders then. Those who have trusted to intellect, genius, or talent will not then stand at the head of rank and file. They did not keep pace with the light. Those who have proved themselves unfaithful will not then be entrusted with the flock. In the last solemn work few great men will be engaged.” {5T 80.1}

Remember what the Moabites did. Numbers 25:1-3 *“And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.”* These women led in all manner of fornication much like today where women think it is their own bodies and may dress as provocative as they want while retorting against any voice that says, “Cover up” as labeling them as body shamers. The Bible calls it nakedness without revealing certain body parts and these naked people dare to call preachers of righteousness “body shamers”!

The Ammonites, according to Ezekiel 25:3, were against the sanctuary of Israel, much like many denominations attack Seventh-day Adventists over belief of the Heavenly sanctuary and denouncing us as a cult for holding onto such beliefs because they associate it to Ellen White’s teaching despite the book of Hebrews providing great information on it.

Reference to the Edomites, according to Deuteronomy 23:7, is the fact that Jacob’s brother was Esau, the father of the Edomites Genesis 36:9 making Edomites our brethren. But remember, *“As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel’s message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position, and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. ***They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren.*** When Sabbath-keepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to*

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misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them.”
{GC88 608.1}

Zidonians were business people according to Judges 18:28 and even mariners according to Ezekiel 27:8. According to 1 Kings 11:33, they “worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians”, a star, a fertility goddess. Even today our church has more of a business relationship mindset instead of a Three Angels’ Messages mindset. We have great PR programs but have traded off the spiritual aspect.

Hittites, descendants of Heth (Genesis 10:15), who represents terrorism. And so, to keep peace, again the true church has joined herself with other churches.

1 Kings 11:2 Of the nations [concerning] which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: [for] surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.

We should not be joining in with the ecumenical movement, and yet, we are!

“It is souls like Luther, Cranmer, Ridley, Hooper, and the thousands of noble men who were martyrs for the truth's sake, who are the true Protestants. They stood as faithful sentinels of truth, declaring that Protestantism is incapable of union with Romanism, but must be as far separated from the principles of the Papacy as is the east from the west. Such advocates of truth could no more harmonize with "the man of sin" than could Christ and his apostles.” {ST, February 19, 1894 par. 5}

So, there should be no closeness with the papacy at all.

If we are to be as far as the east from the west regarding the papacy, what about the Protestants?

“Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul, and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of Spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of Spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience.” {GC88 588.1}

1 Kings 11:3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

And this is the result of trying to have relationships with other denominations. They will turn our heart away from a total commitment to God.

On an individual basis, sure we can interact in a manner hoping to one day win them, but their influence ought not have the reverse affect. And by all means, follow the rule with close relationships:

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?” (2 Corinthians 6:14)

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1 Kings 11:4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, [that] his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as [was] the heart of David his father.

Other denominations do not worship the same God as we do. They worship a God that:

- Burns people throughout eternity
- Still has a love affair for literal Israel
- Whisks people in spirit form when He deems to need them more in Heaven than on earth
- Covers known practicing sins by His grace
- Believe in the wrong godhead where God the Father is the God of the OT, Jesus then lived, and now the Holy Spirit exists from Pentecost only
- Blesses their Sunday worship services

Now we may not come over to believing any of those things, but what subtle doctrine of theirs infiltrates what the Bible teaches or creates doubt?

- Are you solidly enjoying a different diet than them?
- Are you enjoying the falsehoods of the holidays like them?
- Are you partaking more of the world like them?

1 Kings 11:5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

The ultimate prediction is that those that interact on a close basis with other denominations, all to show how NOT so different we are, will end up worshipping differently. The ultimate abomination will be accepting the Mark of the Beast.

1 Kings 11:6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as [did] David his father.

Why are you not a stronger Christian? Is it because you value relationships more? When invited to inappropriate activities, do you justify, compromise, etc.?

1 Kings 11:7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that [is] before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

It is hard to believe that Solomon built these idols and temples and such in Israel, but is that not the same as the excuses used today?

- We're just observers in the ecumenical movement.
- The reason we have close relationship with organizations of unbelievers is so as to let them see our unique beliefs and possibly win them.

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- Finding scripture or a quote to justify a position is the same as building these false gods. If it is not solidly sound, it is not biblical.

1 Kings 11:8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

So now we have prayers that are being raised to the false gods even sacrifices being offered, like fasting. Much like the corporate church keeps pushing revival and reformation in our own church for complete unity. God says that He is going to get His unity by clearing out the leadership and over 95% of the people on the books. So, to join in praying for unity and other such nonsense and participating in fasting for the wrong reasons is the same as worshipping a false god.

1 Kings 11:9 And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,

“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer [shall be] abomination” (Proverbs 28:9).

Wait! Don't all Seventh-day Adventists believe in the law?

“The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.” {1SM 204.2}

1 Kings 11:10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.

And try to bring these things to the attention of the leadership and they are persistent in their ways. They label truth filled preachers as fanatics, alarmists, and offshoots.

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1 Kings 11:11 Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

What was the end of that prior quote?

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{1SM 204.2}

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{5T 80.1}

1 Kings 11:12 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: [but] I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.

In modern times, God is not going to be so merciful. It is the current generation that will experience this.

1 Kings 11:13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; [but] will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

And so, 144,000 will survive in the end as well.

Are you striving to be such where Revelation 14:4-5 says:

- These are they which were not defiled with women; [Teachings from other denominations]
- For they are virgins [Do not belong to the harlot women, especially the mother of harlots, but to the truth church]
- These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. [They obey every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God. They obey the Spirit of Prophecy without argument.]
- These were redeemed from among men, [being] the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. [First indicates secondary to follow. In other words, 144,000 go and get others that are to replace the departed ones.]
- And in their mouth was found no guile: [No sarcasm, hard jesting, lying even small ones, do not concern the ramifications of their actions when the righteous way needs to be expressed, etc.]
- For they are without fault before the throne of God. [They have gotten complete victory over sin, yet another verse telling us that it is possible to choose not to be sinning. It starts with letting self die completely.]