

The Life of Solomon

I. Solomon's family

A. Solomon's lineage:

1. In the genealogy of Christ (**Matthew 1:5-6**)
2. There are three particular women of interest in the lineage of Christ:
 - a. _____ (the _____)
 - b. _____ (the Moabites)
 - c. _____ (with whom David committed adultery and whose husband he had killed)
3. Bathsheba was _____ mother.
 - a. This speaks volumes about the _____ of God and the _____ of mankind, but with our bad choices and disobedience, there always comes a great price that often can be reflected in our children.
 - 1) Consider how _____ commits the same sin as his father Abraham (**Genesis 12:13, 26:7**).
 - 2) Then _____ deceives his dad and his brother and later is deceived by his children who deceived their brother.
 - 3) Also, Abraham has a child with his handmaid (Hagar) because his wife can't have children (**Genesis 16:1-4**); and even though that turned out poorly for him, Jacob and Rachel do the same thing and it turns out poorly for them as well (**Genesis 30:1-13**).
 - 4) All throughout the book of kings, evil kings are said to have " _____ in the _____ of their fathers."
 - b. We can learn at least two lessons from this:
 - 1) We need to be very careful what we pass down to our children.
 - 2) God can use us in spite of our mess ups (but _____ is always better!).

B. Solomon's siblings

1. Sister Tamar (_____ by his brother Amnon)

2. Amnon (killed by his other brother Absalom)
3. Absalom (tried to take over his father's kingdom and ended up dying)
4. Kileab (possibly died at a young age)
5. Adonijah (attempted to take over the throne at the end of David's life, and Solomon had him executed)
6. Unnamed child who died in infancy (due to the sin David committed with Bathsheeba)
7. Lesser known siblings: Shephatiah, Ithream, Shimea, or Shammua, Nathan, Ibhar, Elishua, Elpelet, Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet, and one further unnamed son, who would also have died in infancy.

Can you say "dysfunctional family!"? Yet God grants Solomon great wisdom, allows him to have one of the greatest (if not THE greatest) kingdoms the world has ever known. He writes a major part of the Old Testament (_____, Song of Solomon, and _____), and he got to be in the lineage of Christ. What an encouragement to _____ families and _____ people everywhere!