

Outline of Solomon's reign (1 Kings 3-11)

Chapter 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Solomon dreams of YHWH giving him the ability to discern between good and evil (1-15)B. Solomon judges a maternity suit between two prostitutes (16-28)
Chapter 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. List of Solomon's officers, including one "in charge of the force labor" and 12 to provide for the royal house (1-19)B. Summary of Solomon's dominion and provision (20-28)C. Summary of Solomon's wisdom from Adonai, not YHWH (29-34)
Chapter 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Solomon makes a covenant with King Hiram of Tyre to provide materials and workers for the House of YHWH (1-12)B. Solomon conscripts forced labor "out of all Israel" to assist Hiram's people (13.-18)
Chapter 6	Solomon builds the House of YHWH over eleven years, seven in the actual building
Chapter 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Solomon builds his own house and other buildings (1-12)B. Solomon brings in Hiram of Tyre to do the interior decorating of the House of YHWH (13-51)
Chapter 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Solomon assembles the elders, tribal heads and chiefs of the "father's houses" in Jerusalem (1-3)B. They sacrifice countless sheep and oxen and bring the Ark of the Covenant into the House (4-10)C. Solomon gives a prayer-speech (11-53)D. Solomon blesses the assembly (54-61)E. Solomon offers 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep in sacrifice (62-63)F. They hold a seven-day festival (64-66)
Chapter 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. YHWH appears to Solomon and offers a conditional promise to maintain Davidic rule "forever" (1-9)B. Solomon and Hiram settle their payments to each other (10-14)C. "The account of Solomon's forced labor", disclaiming Israelite slavery (15-22)D. Miscellaneous comments (23-25)E. Solomon builds a navy in Edom and Hiram's people join (26-28)
Chapter 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The Queen of Sheba comes to marvel at Solomon's fame (1-13)B. Summary of Solomon's gold and other riches, including horses and chariots from Egypt (14-29)
Chapter 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Critique of Solomon's foreign women who "turned away his heart after other gods" (1-10)B. YHWH speaks to Solomon a prophecy about the kingdom's removal (11-13)C. YHWH raises up two "adversaries" against Solomon (12-28)D. Ahijah the prophet speaks to Jeroboam about Solomon and the future of the kingdom (29-39)E. Conclusion: Solomon's death and Rehoboam's succession