

Exegetical Notes – 1 Kings 11:9-13

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Verses 9-10

⁹ The Lord became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. ¹⁰ Although he had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods, Solomon did not keep the Lord's command.

- See 1 Kings 11:1-8 and the exegetical notes prepared for that passage.
- God had appeared twice to Solomon (see 1 Kings 3:2-6 and 9:1-2).
- God had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods (see 1 Kings 9:6-7).
- But Solomon had joined in worshiping the foreign gods his wives worshiped. He built places where these false deities were worshiped, and he worshiped them at those places. While he still worshiped YHWH, the God of Israel, he added the worship of false gods to his practice.

Verse 11

¹¹ So the Lord said to Solomon, "Since this is your attitude and you have not kept my covenant and my decrees, which I commanded you, I will most certainly tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your subordinates.

- YHWH told Solomon that since he had violated the covenant between them, the consequences of breaking the covenant would be invoked. God would take the kingdom of Israel away from Solomon and give it to someone else.

Verses 12-13

¹² Nevertheless, for the sake of David your father, I will not do it during your lifetime. I will tear it out of the hand of your son. ¹³ Yet I will not tear the whole kingdom from him, but will give him one tribe for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."

- God said that the kingdom would not be taken away from Solomon during his lifetime. It would be taken from Solomon's son. This was to honor David.
- Solomon's son would be allowed to rule over only one of Israel's twelve tribes.

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