

SOLOMON REAPS TROUBLE. 1 KN. 11:14-25. 10/09/22. #29.

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¹⁴ Now the LORD raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was a descendant of the king in Edom. ¹⁵ For it happened, when David was in Edom, and Joab the commander of the army had gone up to bury the slain, after he had killed every male in Edom ¹⁶ (because for six months Joab remained there with all Israel, until he had cut down every male in Edom), ¹⁷ that Hadad fled to go to Egypt, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him. Hadad was still a little child. ¹⁸ Then they arose from Midian and came to Paran; and they took men with them from Paran and came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house, apportioned food for him, and gave him land. ¹⁹ And Hadad found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him as wife the sister of his own wife, that is, the sister of Queen Tahpenes. ²⁰ Then the sister of Tahpenes bore him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house. And Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh. ²¹ So when Hadad heard in Egypt that David rested with his fathers, and that Joab the commander of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Let me depart, that I may go to my own country." ²² Then Pharaoh said to him, "But what have you lacked with me, that suddenly you seek to go to your own country?" So he answered, "Nothing, but do let me go anyway." ²³ And God raised up *another* adversary against him, Rezon the son of Eliadah, who had fled from his lord, Hadadezer king of Zobah. ²⁴ So he gathered men to him and became captain over a band of *raiders*, when David killed those of *Zobah*. And they went to Damascus and dwelt there, and reigned in Damascus. ²⁵ He was an adversary of Israel all the days of Solomon (besides the trouble that Hadad *caused*); and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

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1. Out of the ashes of Edom

- a. Due to Sol.'s idolatry, God raised up enemies
 - a1. God began removing protection from Sol.
 - a2. God prepares to divide the kingdom
- b. Hadad was an Edomite prince who escaped as a child when Joab defeated the Edomites & killed all the men of the capital city of Zoar or Sela (Petra)
 - a1. Not all Edomite men were killed
 - a2. Men of Bozrah & other times may have died
 - a3. Some, like Hadad, escaped to Egypt
- c. Dt. 24:18-19 God proph. that Isr. would take Edom
- d. 2 Sam. 8:14 David put garrisons throughout Edom
 - a1. Edom served David
 - a2. 1 Chron. 18:12 Abishai's forces killed 18,000 men in the Valley of Salt (Dead Sea)
- e. Hadad sought revenge
 - a1. Pharaoh was pleased with Hadad & gave him his sister as his wife
 - a2. Pharaoh was probably the brother of Sol.'s 1st wife who was given to him by his father

2. Rumbblings from the desert

- a. Hadad wants to return to Edom (Phr. opposes it)
- b. Just like in Hab. 1-2, God raises up the ungodly to punish the sins of his people
 - a1. God will use pagans to chasten us
 - a2. The law, neighbors, bosses are instruments of God when he needs them (Rom. 13)

- c. Pharaoh had accepted Hadad ("fierceness") into his household (Hadad's son, Genubath, was a prince of Egypt) & he ate at pharaoh's table
 - d. After David & Joab died, Hadad returned to Edom
- ### 3. Storm from the north
- a. God raised up Rezin of Zobah in the north
 - a1. David had been friends with the Zobah king
 - a2. Zobah was to the east of Tyre & Phoenicia
 - b. Rezin led a band of raiders
 - a1. Eventually, he took over the kingship of Syria to NE of Israel
 - a2. As Hadad troubled Sol. to the SE, Rezin threatened him from the NE
 - c. The Lord superintends the affairs of men
 - a1. He blesses, tests, & chastises at his will according to his divine purposes
 - a2. Dn. 2:21 no success, prosperity, or achievement is due to man's solo efforts
 - d. Sol.'s blessings were a gift of God, not the "labor of my hands" (Ecc. 5)
 - a1. Sol. could do nothing without God's grace
 - a2. Sol. took credit for his glory (Ecc. 2)
 - e. God can take away the gifts he gives (Saul, Eli, Israel entering the Promised Land, Samson, Balaam...)
- ### 4. Gifts from above
- a. Jam. 1:17 every good gift comes from the Lord
 - b. Job 1 God can take away his blessing for any reason
 - c. Due to God's covenant with David, the kingdom was not taken away in Sol.'s day
 - a1. God began the process of raising up strife
 - a2. No longer was Sol. secure
 - d. Notice several aspects in this change:
 - a1. Sin was the result of Sol.'s disobedience (married "strange" wives)
 - a2. Sol. joined in his wives' idolatry
 - a3. Sol. did not repent, even after God came to him in warning
 - a4. Eccl. 12 Sol. found his glory fleeting
 - e. Earthly pleasures & possessions are left behind