

Small Group Study Notes

1 Kings 11:1-34

1. Solomon's marriage arrangements are not biblical. What does a "biblically based" marriage look like and which bible verses would you use to demonstrate what God looks for in a marriage?
2. Both Deut 21:15f and Gen 30 give us insight into the sadness that polygamy brings. What is the biggest problem with polygamy?
3. Ashtoreth is a goddess, the attraction this god lies in the fact that Ashtoreth puts no restraint on sexual activity. The God of the bible does. We are not surprised that Solomon and his kingdom turned to Ashtoreth. What are the strongest arguments we have to show that the restraint that the bible teaches is better than the open slather of our society?
4. David's campaign against the Edomites may not have seemed particularly significant at the time. But it led to Hadad becoming one of Solomon's adversaries. We cannot see the end result of so many of our actions and the affect of some of what we do will flow on long after we go. The bible would teach us that there is nothing we do that is insignificant. So how do we remind ourselves of this fact as we move through ordinary day after ordinary day?
5. The kingdom is going to be torn in two. From here on it will be weaker. How can this torn kingdom still be a kingdom that is a living demonstration of what the kingdom of God should be like?