

1 & 2 KINGS

The Dramatic Rise and Fall of Israel in God's Kingdom Program

"Wisdom Wrestling with a Divided Heart"

INTRO: *After being introduced as David's successor, Solomon shows great promise as Israel's Messiah (Anointed One). But even Solomon can't escape his divided heart. Is there any hope for a perfect Messiah?*

I. A _____ needs _____ to lead his people in God's _____ (3:1-15). *Solomon led Israel to international prominence. He built the Temple to centralize worship. But he needed discernment to lead Israel.*

II. Even with _____ to lead his people in God's kingdom, a _____ wrestles with a _____ (3:16-4:34). *As wise as Solomon was, his divided heart would eventually bring his downfall.*

III. Rejoice! Jesus _____ is _____ than Solomon and He is returning to _____ on David's throne with _____ - _____ devotion to the Father!

A. Jesus Christ is _____ than Solomon. *Jesus claimed it (Luke 11:31) and the people should have listened.*

B. Jesus Christ is returning to _____ on David's throne. *His genealogy affirmed His status as David's "son," even as it elevated expectations (Matthew 12:22-23; 18:35-43).*

C. Jesus Christ has _____ - _____ devotion to the Father. *Jesus does not possess a sin nature and speaks for the Father and does what the Father commanded.*