2Thess #88

Have you turned aside and embraced the plan of Satan?

Turn in your Bibles to the OT where we left off in 1Kings chapter 11 RF.

I would like to keep Robert D. (Massachusetts police officer) in prayer, not only for his safety but also for his family members as well.

Particularly his daughter.

I need to correct or clarify something – Moloch was written about prior to the reign of King Solomon.

Yet at the end of the life of King Solomon, Moloch became entrenched with the nation of Israel as one of the false gods that they began to partake of.

Other tribes or cultures were worshipping Moloch but the real problem for the nation of Israel concerning Moloch was introduced to the Israelites by king Solomon.

The difficult subject matter we have been digging into in recent months is only because of where the scriptures of 2Thessalonians, has taken us and also the guidance of GOD the HS.

The reality is there is a darkness, there is an evil that has swept across the world since the original garden.

It is part of the Angelic Conflict, the reason we were created.

To simply focus on that which makes you happy and feels comfortable can be a detriment your spiritual growth.

 REPEAT

To ignore the attacks of Satan and the evil of the cosmic system is to take large portions of the Bible and toss them to the side – it would be like ripping dozens of books out of your Bible and only focusing on the ones left, that make you feel good.

Good and evil do exist – heaven and hell are real.

/Jesus spoke of hell more than anyone else in the Bible. He referred to it as a place of “outer darkness” where “there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth”, also a “fiery furnace”. In other words, all the joys that we associate with light will be withdrawn, and all the fears that we associate with darkness will be multiplied. The result will be an intensity of misery that makes a person grind his teeth in order to bear it. Evil and the Lake of Fire are real, do not ignore them!\

We have nothing to fear because we have the victory in Christ – God wins in the end.

You should be excited about the fact that you are becoming educated to Satan’s ideologies and all the trickery and counterfeits of his demonic army.

As we noted last lesson the demonic being called Moloch seems to first gain visibility within Israel at the end of the life of king Solomon.

/[1Ki 11:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/11/4/s_302004) For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away to follow other gods; and **his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God**, as the heart of his father David *had been.*

At first, Solomon probably did not see this as a denial of the Lord God of Israel. His wives were not responsible for his backsliding.\

In his mind, he probably thought that he still honored GOD, he simply added the honor of these other gods to his worship of the LORD. But this is never acceptable to God. He demands to be the only God in our life.

/Never rationalize or justify your falling away as anything other than sin and arrogance. It starts in the soul – the heart. Certain thoughts and the lust of the eyes combine and never get put under authority and that is when they take on a life of their own. All of us can attest to seeing a beautiful woman or handsome man and having a fleeting thought – this is beyond that natural response.\

What you do with your emotional thoughts and desires is very important in your spiritual walk.

You have to be the captain of your own soul structure. You have to give yourself over to God’s word habitually.

/Jam 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. 15 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it has run its course, brings forth death.\

King Solomon failed miserably in his later years. It almost all had to do with his emotional responses and lust patterns.

/[1Ki 11:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/11/5/s_302005) For Solomon became a follower of **Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians**, and of **Milcom** the abhorrent idol of the Ammonites.

Ashtoreth the Canaanite fertility goddess, and Milcom is our first view of Moloch inside the land of Israel.\

Just as I taught you in recent lessons - using the Hollywood vampire as an example, once you open the door and allow Satan to present something to you, it is a form of acceptance.

The Ashtoreth were almost always statues and carvings of women, that represented not only fertility but a place of sexual worship.

Many ceremonies and sacrificial rituals took place around the statues – it always involved sexual orgies or perversions.

/Sidon is the famous Phoenician city and birth place of princess Jezebel, a high priestess of the Phallic Cult. Never lose sight of the fact, many cultures sprang up from a mixture of Canaanites and other cultures or tribes. The Phoenician culture predominately came forth from Canaanite bloodlines.\

[1Ki 11:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/11/6/s_302006) So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not follow the LORD fully, as his father David *had done.*

Moloch and Chemosh were no longer outside idols or foreign gods, they were introduced intimately into the 12 Tribes of Israel during Solomon’s final years.

/[1Ki 11:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/11/7/s_302007) **Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh**, the abhorrent idol of Moab, on the mountain that is east of Jerusalem, and **for Molech**, the abhorrent idol of the sons of Ammon.

Chemosh may represent the god of the sun or Mars and of blood sacrifice.\

Interestingly enough, the planet Mars is a blood red color.

[1Ki 11:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/11/8/s_302008) He also did the same for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

[1Ki 11:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/11/9/s_302009) Now the LORD was angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice,

/1Kin 11:9 - *his heart had turned away* ;

*lēḇāḇ nāṭâ,* the place of knowledge, reason, conscience (mind) as well as the seat of your emotions, has bowed down and stretched out away from GOD.\

LAY-VAV – is not your beating heart in your chest, it is the core of who you are. The real you deep in your soul structure. Thoughts, knowledge, norms and standards as well as emotions.

NAH-TAH, means to bow down to stretch out, to extend or turn in a certain direction.

Solomon was taking his own volition and bending toward the foreign gods and idols of all his wives and concubines.

Your relationship with other people, even family and friends should never cause you to go astray from your relationship with GOD.

We often slowly lean our own lifestyle and choices in a direction that is opposed to the plan of GOD.

If your priorities lay within your marriage or family, that is fine. But your relationship with GOD should never take a back seat to those love relationships.

 REPEAT

Your intimate relationships never gain true, lasting endurance unless GOD is the foundation.

/1Joh 2:15 **Do not love the world nor the things in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For **all that is in the world**, the **lust of the flesh** and the **lust of the eyes**and the **boastful pride** of life, **is not from the Father**, but is from the world.\

[1Ki 11:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/11/10/s_302010) and had commanded him regarding this thing, that he was not to follow other gods; but he did not comply with what the LORD had commanded.

/The destruction and distortion of God’s divine establishments along with HIS creation of mankind is a target for Satan and his army. Blood sacrifice, blood rituals and sexual perversions are combined to open up a doorway or channel between fallen man and the demonic spiritual world. Satan uses this avenue along with a few others to control, destroy and confusion mankind pertaining to the truth of GOD’s plan and HIS word.\

Mankind is the creation of GOD – not just a creation of GOD but a chosen creation to stand above angels and hold authority in the heavens.

/Satan knows he can not eliminate the word of God or destroy the plan of GOD. Therefore, his main focus is upon building his beast system and in the process, controlling or destroying humanity. Counterfeiting the person and work of Christ and counterfeiting the plan of GOD are all desperate attempts from a creature who knows his fate and yet is kicking and screaming against it until the bitter end.\

He has no other avenue to go down, no other realm of attack. But to bring forth the Tribulation in a manner that may set him up for success. Even though he knows it will end in everlasting pain and misery.

[1Ki 11:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/11/11/s_302011) So the LORD said to Solomon, “Since you have done this, and you have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will certainly tear the kingdom away from you, and will give it to your servant.

[1Ki 11:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/11/12/s_302012) “However, I will not do it in your days, *only* for the sake of your father David; *but* I will tear it away from the hand of your son.

[/1Ki 11:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/11/13/s_302013) “Yet I will not tear away all the kingdom, *but* I will give one tribe to your son **for the sake of My servant David**, and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen.”

Many people including Solomon were blessed by association because David was a man of true faith. Jerusalem will never be completely destroyed; it is intricate within the plan of God.\

Turn in your Bibles to Psalms chapter 106 RF.

Within Psalms chapter 106 you get a great overview of how rebellious Israel became starting in the wilderness with Moses. And then later as they settled into the promised land.

Even beyond that, what happened at the end of King Solomon’s reign which we just looked at. You get a sense they dabbled with false gods and finally embraced them into their lifestyle.

Psalms 105 spoke of God’s mighty deeds now we see the contrast of the failure of HIS people;

/*“Israel’s history is here written with the view of showing human sin, even as the preceding Psalm (105) was composed to magnify divine goodness. It is, in fact, A NATIONAL CONFESSION.”*

 *Charles Spurgeon \*

Psa 106:35 Because they were rebellious against His Spirit, He spoke rashly with his lips.

During the ministry of Moses, GOD had to warn and spank the Exodus generation repeatedly.

/[Psa 106:34](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/106/34/s_584034) **They did not destroy the peoples**,As the LORD had command them,

The generation of Joshua and Caleb, were to wipe the land out completely of any Nephilim or demonic cultures.\

They did not… in some cases, they dwelt among them. Or, kept many alive to use as servants and they began intermingling with those tribes.

/[Psa 106:35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/106/35/s_584035) But **they got involved** with the nationsAnd **learned their practices**,

Prior to the reign of King Solomon, some people of the nation of Israel began to dabble in foreign idols, yet it had never overtaken the whole culture.\

This was a slow and methodic attack from Satan to infiltrate the Israelites.

God is long suffering and there were periods of rebellious behavior. As was seen in the Exodus generation and even once they settled into the promised land.

The nation of Israel went through a history of Judges for nearly 400 years and then King Saul followed by King David took authority of the land.

During those 400 years of JUDGES there was consistent turmoil and battles throughout the land. The tribes of Israel were scattered and falling in and out of idol worship and it was a time of establishing the land.

/It became very volatile and confusing for the early establishment of the 12 Tribes, because they never got rid of the seeds of Satan in the land. When GOD makes it clear of HIS plan and what needs to be removed or changed in your life, it is wise to follow through immediately. When we hesitate and wallow in old habits, negativity and cosmic viewpoint we invite misery and confusion into our life. We can even be allowing evil to creep into our periphery.\

 [Psa 106:36](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/106/36/s_584036) And served their idols,Which became a snare to them.

Hebrew word for snare is – MOO-KASH, is a trap used for animals or birds and it was a cage with a trip wire.

Once the animal was trapped inside, it was very difficult to get out.

Same can be said for those who dabble on and off with cosmic love affairs and certainly following lust patterns.

/[Psa 106:37](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/106/37/s_584037) They even **sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons** (*šēḏ*),

The ancient Assyrian bull-colossus, a winged god with a bull body and head of a man. This may be a version of Moloch; many historians believe it to be an offspring of Moloch.\

SHADE, is one of those ancient words that have Aramaic roots at its core. These were demons – plural, so possibly they are offspring of Moloch.

[Psa 106:38](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/106/38/s_584038) And shed innocent blood,The blood of their sons and their daughtersWhom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan;And the land was defiled with the blood.

We will be picking back up here next message.

/The nation of Israel kept dabbling with the worship of foreign gods. Over a period of hundreds of years, they began to get more intimate and familiar with the abilities to call dark forces into their life. This led to enflaming the OSN and lust patterns that ran amok which Satan can and will reward in his cosmic system. Satan will give you fleeting power, fleeting pleasure and fleeting wealth. In the end it will be misery and pain.\