Fellowship Church, Adult Sunday School Handout June 7, 2020 / W.H.

Intro: The link between Kings, S. Maryland and Today.

Series: The Kings of Israel, examples for our Learning and Admonition (lesson 3 of 12), Solomon

**Title:** 12 Steps to Begin Right and Continue Wrong with King Solomon **Text:** 1 Kings 1-11

Let’s turn to Two New Testament verses that link our past with our present and our future.

**1Co 10:11**(past) Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: (present) and they are **written** for **our admonition**, (future) upon whom the ends of the world are come.

(Jer 31:33-34 a new heart, Acts 17:30-31 times of ignorance God winked at)

**Ro 15:4** (past)For whatsoever things were **written** aforetime (present) were written for **learning**, that we through patience and comfort **of the scriptures** (future) might have **hope**.

**Background:** United Kingdom – Monarchy. (3 of 12 for the Kings of Israel series)

1. Saul. Weak foundation. Man chose, not God. I Samuel 8-15. Backsliding until death.

2. David. Very Strong Foundation that cracked. God Chose. His life has 3 clear stages.

Rise (good lessons in the 3 phases of his rise), (cracked) Fall & Consequences.

**3.** **Solomon.** Fairly Strong Foundation that cracked. God Chose. His life has 2 mixed stages.

**Rise:**He wrote the Proverbs (1 per day for a month) and Song of Songs (J. Hudson Taylor, Union and Communion) **Fall:**Ecclesiastes. Solomon’s name is only mentioned 2x in the New Testament, unfavorably by the Lord Jesus. His inward wisdom, where Jesus is greater. His outward clothing has less beauty than the lilies in the field.

A king rises and falls by: Scripture

RISE (R) or FALL (F) 1 Kings

1) R: Others know God has chosen (wife Bathsheba, prophet Nathan, and David’s mighty men)

2) R: Clean house by cutting off the head of the snakes or using snake away 1-2

(executed Adonijah and Joab, replace leaders, suspend sentences)

3) **F:** Took the king of **Egypt’s** daughter as a wife (**Song**), sacrificed to God in the high places 3:1, 3

4) R: Acknowledged God’s great mercy to David and asked for **wisdom**(understanding heart for judgment of his people and others) **Proverbs**–the wisdom of Jesus is much better, 1 Cor 1:30 **3:5-9**

5) R: Strong military and safety in the land “every man under his vine, and under his fig tree” 4

(Micah 4:4, 1 Kings 4:25, and Zechariah 3:10. George **Washington** quoted it almost fifty times)

6) R: Building the temple in Jerusalem and public dedication **prayer** (2ndlongest prayer, 1000+) 5-8

7) **F:** He built cities for his **horses** and for his horsemen(**Deut 17:16**,not multiply horses) 9:19, 10:26

8) R: Wisdom – Queen of Sheba, Happy are your men, happy are these your servants 10:8

9) **F:** Gold revenue was 666 talents a year (**Deut 17:17b**, not multiply silver and gold) 10:14, 27

10) **F:** Married strange women who turned his heart away from God **(Deut 17:17a**) 11:1-11

11) **F:** The Lord stirs up adversaries: Hadad of Edom, Rezon of Syria, Jeroboam of Israel 11:12-40

12) **F:** Ecclesiastes (wisdom remained, heed Ecc 12:9-14) and his evil son Rehoboam 11:42-43

Next Sunday: The Divided Kingdom. 1 Kings 12-15.

Our Identity as Southern Marylanders – pattern over time until June 2020.

**As a Colony/Monarchy**

**1st1614-1632. George Calvert, 1st Lord Baltimore. King James I** (King 1604-1625)/King Charles

Interest for commercial reasons. In 1625 he turned Catholic after receiving a promise of a land grant – complicated. The Calverts intended the colony as a haven for Catholics fleeing England and as a source of income for themselves and their descendants. Proprietorship of the Calvert family. Baltimore allowed the Catholics to worship in one part of his house and the Protestants in another. First ecumenical state. See 2 (love and truth) and 3 John (truth and love).

**2nd** **1634-1675.** **Son, Cecil Calvert, 2nd Lord Baltimore. 1634 King Charles I** (King 1625-1649).

**Three brothers – Cecil (2ndLord Baltimore) Leonard (1st governor 1634-1647) and Fredrick**

**1649** — ***Maryland Toleration Act*** **1649/1653-1658 Oliver Cromwell**

1679-1684. Grandson, Charles Calvert, 3rd Lord Baltimore. 6th Lord Baltimore–Fredrick Calvert, 1771

**1637, St. Mary’s County, named for Mary the mother of Jesus, 113K.**

**1654, Calvert County, named for the Calvert family, 92K.**

**1658, Charles County, named for the third Lord Baltimore(Baron), 163K.**

**An Act Concerning Religion – Maryland Toleration Act (church is non-essential)**

blaspheme God, that is Curse him, or deny our Saviour Jesus Christ to bee the sonne of God, or shall deny the holy Trinity the father sonne **shall be punished with death and confiscation or forfeiture of all his or her lands and goods to the Lord Proprietary and his heires.**

use or utter any reproachfull words or Speeches concerning the blessed Virgin Mary the Mother **first offence -** **five pound Sterling -** **publiquely whipt** and bee **imprisoned** during the pleasure of the Lord Proprietary or the Lieutenant or cheife Governor of this Province for the time being.

**second offence** - forfeit **tenne pound sterling** - **publiquely and severely whipt** and **imprisoned**

**third Offence** **- forfeit all his lands and Goods and bee for ever banished and expelled out of this Province.**

**As a State. Civil War. S. Maryland - The** official **flag** of **the state of Maryland (1904)**

📷Only colony flag from British rule. **Calvert-Crossland family / Lord Baltimore coats-of-arms and shield**, and has been used since the 1880s with the four quarters reunited after the tragic splits in the [border states](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Border_states_%28American_Civil_War%29) of the [American Civil War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Civil_War), with the Northern [Union Army](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union_Army) regiments using the black and gold chevrons and the Southern [Confederate States Army](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Confederate_Army) units using the red/white (rebellion against the union) trefoil cross botonee.

Civil War Mason-Dixon Line. Southern state but never joined confederate.

**Today as Christ followers:** **June 2020.** **SM**CA/AWANAS. Fellowship Church. U.S. Flag, Maryland Flag, Christian Flag. Roaring Wind Tribune–editor Hershell Wilder. Church Icon–logo? Thought: What is our identity as a local church in southern Maryland? Fellowship/The Bible/looking at our past-present and future.