

SOLOMON
SIGNS OF EROSION
SELECTED SCRIPTURES



The Heart of the Matter

Erosion is rarely seen, until it is too late. Little compromises here and there hardly seem significant compared to outright sin. But toleration leads to acceptance, and acceptance leads to practice. Then, silently and unnoticeably, a definite deterioration begins to occur. This was exactly what happened to the once-glorious king, Solomon. We would be wise to examine the almost imperceptible signs of his erosion and use that as a warning to stop erosion in our lives.



Discovering the Way

1. A Flawless Image (Selected Scriptures from 1 Kings)

No man had been blessed by God, possessed such varied interests, amassed such a record of achievement, or garnered the praise of people more than Solomon.

2. A Subtle Trap (Selected Scriptures from Ecclesiastes 2)

Solomon fell into the subtle traps of extravagance, boredom, and disillusionment.

3. A Deteriorating Life (Selected Scriptures from 1 Kings)

Solomon succumbed to four compromises that would lead to his downfall.



Starting Your Journey

None of this had to happen, but Solomon willfully ignored biblical counsel and stubbornly refused personal accountability. This is a strong warning to us, especially in light of 1 Corinthians 10:11–12.



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