

# We Live in an Age of Solomons

*Kingship, Failure, and the God Who Whispers*

**1 Kings 3; 12; 19**

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## T H E S I S

Rehoboam is **failed heritage**. Jesus is **fulfilled heritage**.

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### 1. Solomon: When the Leader Lets You Down

- Every generation reaches for a visible, powerful leader — this is not weakness, it is a God-given need.
- Solomon starts as the answer: he asks for wisdom, not wealth, and God gives him both.
- But his heart divides. No human leader can sustain the heart required to hold what God builds.

**1 Kings 3:12 // 1 Kings 11:3–4**

*"His wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God."*

### 2. Rehoboam: Jesus, the True Successor

- Rehoboam inherits the throne but not the wisdom — and doubles down on his father's worst instincts.
- The wealth transfers. The name transfers. The wisdom does not. You cannot bequeath a heart.
- Jesus ends the broken chain and begins a new one — giving what no king could pass down: his Spirit, directly.

**1 Kings 12:10–11 // Ezekiel 36:26–27**

*"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you... I will put my Spirit in you."*

### 3. God: The Good King

- Elijah calls down fire on Mt. Carmel — the people fall on their faces. Then Jezebel sends one message and he runs.
- God meets Elijah at Horeb: wind, earthquake, fire. The full vocabulary of divine power. The Lord was not in any of them.
- We keep choosing bad kings because the still small voice doesn't look like enough — but this is how God has always ruled.

**1 Kings 19:12 // Revelation 3:20**

*"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in."*

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