

The Story

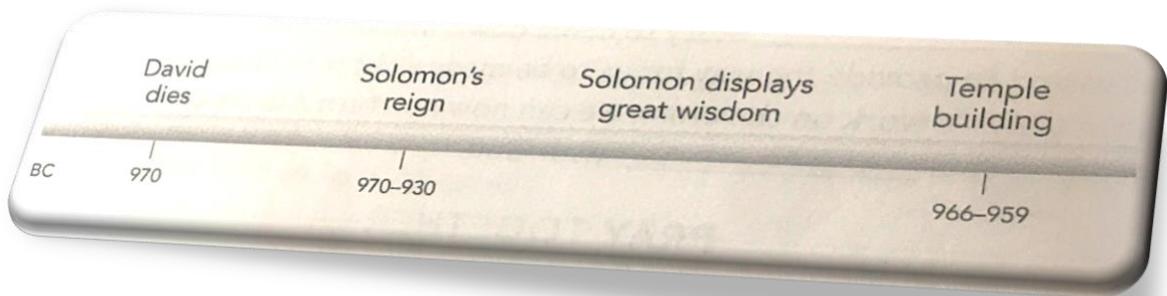
Session 14: "The King Who Had It All"

Buhler Mennonite Church Sanctuary (and BMC YouTube live-stream) – March 31, 2021

"Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall."

PROVERBS 16:18 (NIV)

1. Opening & Praying



2. Introduction: WATCH THE SCRIPTURE VIDEO

- Reflect on it/Talk About It:

3. **Review:** As we go through *The Story* together, we want to learn how to tell the story. Commit Movement 2 to memory.

MOVEMENT 2: *"God builds a brand-new nation called Israel. Through this nation, God will reveal his presence, power, and plan to get us back. Every story of Israel will point to the first coming of Jesus --the One who will provide the way back to God."*

MOVEMENT 3: *"Jesus left the UPPER STORY to come down into our LOWER STORY to be with us and to provide the way for us to be made right with God. Through faith in Christ's work on the cross, we can now overturn Adam's choice and have a personal relationship with God."*

Picture	Portion of The Story	Portion of the Bible
	The Story of the Garden	Genesis 1–11
	The Story of Israel	Genesis 12–Malachi
	The Story of Jesus	Matthew–John (Gospels)
	The Story of the Church	Acts–Jude
	The Story of a New Garden	Revelation

4. Know the Story: Pop Quiz

- Solomon asked the LORD for one thing. What did the LORD give him?
 - a. Wisdom.
 - b. Honor.
 - c. Wealth.
 - d. All of the above.
- Which one of the proverbs below is not found in King Solomon's writings?
 - a. Honor the LORD with your wealth.
 - b. The LORD helps those who help themselves.
 - c. Every fool is quick to quarrel.
 - d. Haughty eyes and a proud heart produce sin.
- When the temple was completed, what was the one thing the LORD wanted?
 - a. The humble hearts of the people.
 - b. A giant worship service.
 - c. Large sacrifices of animals.
 - d. A huge offering to be taken for the temple.
- What was King Solomon's eventual downfall?
 - a. He failed to build the temple for the LORD.
 - b. The armies of the Queen of Sheba attacked him.
 - c. He loved many foreign women and followed their gods.
 - d. Hiram of Tyre refused to give Solomon necessary supplies for the temple.

5. Understand the Story: Video with Randy Frazee

Video Guide: As you watch the video use the following outline to record anything that stands out to you.

- * Solomon asked for _____ to carry out his duties.
- * Solomon gave the baby to the _____ woman.
- * Solomon started strong, but he finished _____.
- * Solomon did _____ in the eyes of the LORD.
- * We jump into a pot of _____ water, and the devil turns up the heat.
- * _____ God and keep the LORD's commandments.

6. Video Discussion/Journaling: Write down your answers.

- What part of Randy's teaching encouraged or challenged you the most? Why?
- Did anything jump out, calling you to action? Did anyone have an "aha!" moment?
- After reading/hearing this chapter/story, what is one question you wish you could ask God about what you have read/hear?
- What do you see in the heart of God by the way he responds to Solomon's request for wisdom?
- Solomon went from the most powerful king in the world to his own downfall. *What is the biggest warning for you in the story of the king who had it all?*

7. Personal Reflection:

One day around a meal or your dinner table, have an intentional conversation about this week's topic. During the meal, read Proverbs 16:18 (printed in the heading above). Use the following question for discussion: *What are different ways we can avoid pride in our lives?*

8. Personal Action:

Focusing the last thoughts of our day on God can help us rest--truly rest--in God. Each night read and reflect on Proverbs 16:18, either on your own or with others if there are others living in your home. Pray and ask God to help you fully embrace the warnings in the story of Solomon. As you do this each night before bed, let the power of the verse impact both heart and mind.

9. Double Check Your Pop Quiz [d/b/a/c]

Video Notes Answer Key: wisdom / second / poorly / evil / lukewarm / Fear

10. Next Week: Session 15: "A Kingdom Torn in Two (1 Kings 12:4)".