

the answers to your deepest longings

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Week 4

- Two of David's sons conspired to take his throne, fulfilling Nathan's prophecy in 2 Samuel 12. Eventually, David's son, Solomon, took the throne and built a grand temple for the Lord.
- Solomon did evil in the eyes of the Lord, so God tore the kingdom from him. Solomon's sin changed Israel forever. Instead of one kingdom ruled by one king, it became a divided kingdom — the Northern and the Southern kingdoms — each ruled by its own king.
- The Northern kingdom produced no good kings and the Southern kingdom had very few good kings. Consequently, both kingdoms were exiled into the hands of pagan nations, and Solomon's magnificent temple was destroyed.
- Under the leadership of prophets and great leaders, and the favor of a pagan king, God's people were released from exile and built a second temple.
- God gave His people one last prophet, Malachi, who told the people God would send a messenger to prepare the way for a coming king. After Malachi's prophetic words, God did not speak to His people again for 400 years.