

Scripture 7. Solomon worshiped other gods

1 Kings 11: 4-12 As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been.⁵ He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites.⁶ So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the LORD; he did not follow the LORD completely, as David his father had done.⁷ On a hill east of Jerusalem, Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable god of Moab, and for Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites.⁸ He did the same for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and offered sacrifices to their gods.⁹ The LORD became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice.¹⁰ Although he had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods, Solomon did not keep the LORD's command.¹¹ So the LORD said to Solomon, "Since this is your attitude and you have not kept my covenant and my decrees, which I commanded you, I will most certainly tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your subordinates.¹² Nevertheless, for the sake of David your father, I will not do it during your lifetime. I will tear it out of the hand of your son.