

AS A COURTESY TO OUR SPEAKERS, PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.

Weekly Announcements

- **WELCOME!** If you are new to WBS today, please stop by the registration table so we can place you in a small group.
- **SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS:** Next week is an opportunity for fellowship with our small groups. Please be sure to know where your group will meet. These gatherings are important in forming community and in helping a large church feel small. We encourage you to participate and get to know the women in your group!
- **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR:**
 - ~ The second group of small group leaders as they attend our leadership retreat. Pray for travel safety as women come and go, community building, and personal spiritual growth
 - ~ Wisdom and insight for Gretchen Steer as she prepares to teach in two weeks
 - ~ for all WBS attendees to be wise and discerning in practical and spiritual matters
- **IF WE CAN HELP:** If you have questions or concerns about WBS, please let us know how we can help. Email us wbs@autumnridgechurch.org.
- **DEVOTED HEARTS CONFERENCE 2012:** Registration for this year's event for women on April 20-21 is now open. Our keynote speaker is Alicia Williams Garcia. Alicia has lead Women in Worship Conferences for the last 5 years. As a speaker, she is well versed in biblical knowledge; in life, she is well versed in heartache. She will be joined by Angie Smith, the wife of Todd Smith from the music group Selah. As part of this year's DH team, Selah will lead us in worship as well as provide a full concert on Saturday afternoon. Tickets are \$40 until March 19 with additional box lunch for \$7 and are available at Christos or online at www.devotedheartsrochester.com.

Dear Friends,

Today we are studying the wise king Solomon, who was perhaps the greatest of Israel's kings in terms of his wealth, wisdom and influence beyond his own land.

1 Kings 4:29-34 tells us that Solomon's wisdom came from God, and that it was greater than all the wisdom of the men of the East. He wrote 3,000 proverbs and 1,005 songs. He was a botanist, a zoologist, and a marine biologist. In a day when learning was not available to the average person, Solomon's knowledge and wisdom were unsurpassed.

So what did this wise man do? He governed well, and made Israel great. He established peace in his own land and with his powerful neighbors. Solomon was an extraordinary king, and very good in many ways.

Chapters 10 – 22 of the book of Proverbs are attributed to Solomon, and the book of Ecclesiastes is thought by many scholars to have been primarily written by Solomon as well. The Song of Songs is also attributed by many to Solomon, although it may have been written about him, rather than by him. So Solomon was a figure of astounding influence in his day.

We will be studying King Solomon for two weeks – this week, January 25, and then after our small group meetings on February 1, I will teach the second half of King Solomon's life on February 8. He's worth studying, as a fascinating man who had everything that this life could give, but did not necessarily enjoy all that God had given him.

Please note that while Bible study meets next week and provides all the usual children's programs and child care, we will not have a large group lecture and will give the time over to meeting in your individual groups offsite or onsite. Please check with your group leader before you leave today so you know for sure where your group is meeting.

Enjoy the snow!

Your friend,

Gretchen Steer

Weekly materials can be downloaded from the Autumn Ridge Church Website:

<http://autumnridgechurch.org/adult/women/wbs.html>

If you have questions, please contact us at wbs@autumnridgechurch.org

Kings & Kingdoms:

God's Sovereign Hand in Israel's History



Today's speaker:
Jann Wright

Our Passage:
1 Kings 3-8

Our Topic:
The Wise King Solomon:
Part I

1 Kings 3-8 Outline

Fact #1..... Solomon married a foreign wife.

Fact #2..... Solomon (and Israel) was sacrificing at the high places.

Fact #3..... Solomon loved the LORD.

Fact #4..... Solomon came to worship.

Fact #5..... Solomon was humble.

Fact #6..... Solomon chooses well.

Fact #7..... Solomon is available.

Fact #8..... Solomon is a blessing.

Timeline of Kings:
Note that these are not all of the kings from this time period but only the ones we will be studying.

