




THE RISE AND FALL OF SOLOMON, PART 2 | 1 KINGS 11 | CARLOS JEREZ



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INTRODUCTION

On February 5, 2017, the New England Patriots and Atlanta Falcons played Super Bowl LI from NRG Stadium in Houston, TX. New England, an NFL power house with quarterback Tom Brady and coach Bill Belichick, were favored to win the game.

The first quarter was scoreless as each team struggled offensively. Then, during the second quarter, the Falcons behind quarterback Matt Ryan found their mojo. They scored 21 unanswered points. New England was able to score a last-second field goal as the first half came to an end with a score of 21-3.

Halfway into the third quarter, Atlanta scored another touchdown, extending their lead to 28-3. The game had lost all momentum as it appeared the Falcons were going to cruise to an easy Super Bowl victory, their first in the team's franchise history.

Then Tom Brady started connecting, and New England started scoring. Over the remaining quarter and a half, the Patriots would score 25 unanswered points to tie the game at 28-28 as time ran out on regulation play. In overtime, the Patriots won the coin toss and went on to score the winning touchdown, beating the Falcons 34-28. It marked the first time

in NFL postseason history that a team leading by 17 points or more at the start of the fourth quarter went on to lose the game.

What in the world, you may be wondering, does Super Bowl Li have to do with Solomon? Simple. It's all about finishing well.

Solomon did not finish well. We will see this week that in the eyes of God, Solomon lost the game. His choices led him on a path that ultimately brought the judgment of God upon him and his son and successor, Rehoboam..

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

1 Kings 11:9-10 – And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods. But he did not keep what the Lord commanded.

