

TOXIC RELATIONSHIPS

(REMOVE YOURSELF FROM THEM)

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1 KINGS 11:1-2 NKJV - (1) King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter—Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. (2) They were from nations about which the LORD had told the Israelites, "You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods." Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love.

1 KINGS 11:9-10 NKJV - (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.

The Ammonites' primary deity was the god Milcom. The Moabites worshiped the god Chemosh, who may be depicted in the Balua' Stele (dated to the end of Late Bronze Age). Although no name of an Edomite deity is given in the Bible, archaeologists know from inscriptions that the Edomites' principal deity was Qaus (or Qos). Several Edomite places of worship and cultic figurines have been uncovered. One of the most notable is the depiction of an Edomite goddess wearing a three-horned headdress from the site of Qitmit, Israel. The Hittites worshipped Arinniti – sun goddess, possibly another name for the sun goddess of Arinna. In the late 14th century BC, King Mursili II was particularly devoted to Arinniti. Ellel – god of the sky, derived from the god Ellil. He is invoked in state treaties as a protector of oaths. The ancient Sidonians were wicked idolators. Their god was Baal, and their goddess was Ashtoreth (**1 Kings 11:33**). **2 Chronicles 8:11** - "And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her; for he said: **'No wife of mine shall dwell in the house of David king of Israel,** because the places are holy, whereunto the ark of the Lord hath come." My point? They did not worship the true and living God. They actually pulled Solomon away from God.

THE PRINCIPAL: What relationship are you in that's leading you away from God? Who are you holding on too, which you need to let go to be in right standings with God. It can be any relationship when referring to this passage as a principal.

What strike are you on with God or have we put Him in a box by redefining His "**Grace, Forgiveness, Mercy and even Patience?**" People, we are in the world but not of it. We are called to love but not lust.

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 18:24

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: It may not be foreign people, but it's still strange to God.

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"