

STUDY OF 1st KINGS



LESSON #6



Review of Previous Lesson

Solomon prayed for wisdom.



In this study:

1. Solomon demonstrates the wisdom God has provided to him.
2. Solomon is blessed with great wealth and wisdom.
3. Preparations begin for construction of the Temple
4. Solomon Builds the Temple
5. Solomon Builds his Palace and the Temple Furnishings are constructed.



A king with a beard and crown, wearing a blue robe with gold trim, is kneeling on a patterned rug. He has his hands raised in prayer, looking up at a bright sunburst breaking through clouds. In the background, a city with stone walls and towers is visible. To the left, there are stone columns and a potted plant. In the foreground, there is a closed book labeled 'HOLY BIBLE' and an open scroll with text.

SOLOMON PRAYS FOR WISDOM.

*"Give your servant therefore
an understanding mind to govern
your people, that I may discern
between good and evil, for who
is able to govern this your great
people?"*

1 Kings 3:9

SOLOMON'S EARLY REIGN

SHOWS BOTH

PROMISE AND WARNING



THE PROMISE



God's promise to David is now in fulfillment.

2 Samuel 7:12-16



Solomon loves the LORD and follows David.

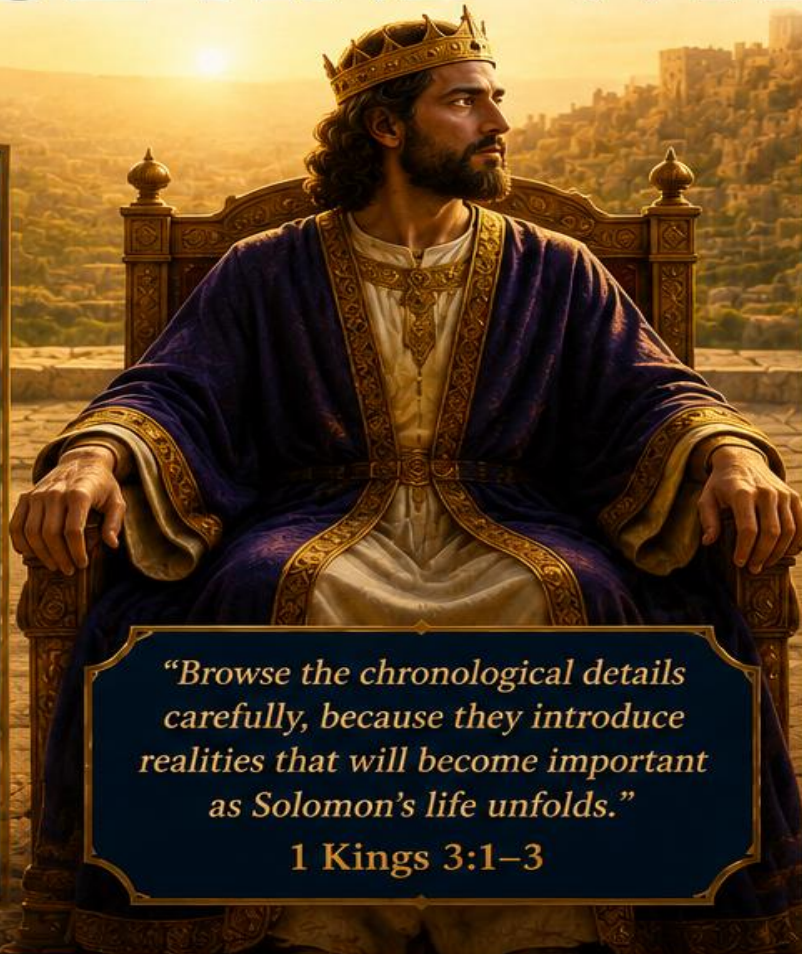
1 Kings 3:3



God appears at Gibeon to Solomon in a dream.

1 Kings 3:5

GOD IS FAITHFUL TO
ESTABLISH HIS KING!



"Browse the chronological details carefully, because they introduce realities that will become important as Solomon's life unfolds."

1 Kings 3:1-3



THE WARNING SIGNS



Solomon marries Pharaoh's daughter, making a political alliance with Egypt.

1 Kings 3:1



The people still sacrifice at the high places because the temple is not yet built.

1 Kings 3:2



These details foreshadow weaknesses that will become serious later.

1 Kings 11:1-8

A KING IS BLESSED, BUT
HIS CHOICES STILL MATTER!



⇒ GREAT PROMISES DO NOT PREVENT FUTURE PROBLEMS. ⇐

→ FAITHFUL STARTS MUST CONTINUE FAITHFUL FINISHES.

GOD APPEARS TO SOLOMON AT GIBEON



GOD INITIATES

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at Gibeon.

1 Kings 3:5



GOD INVITES

"Ask what I shall give you."

1 Kings 3:5



GOD IS FAITHFUL

God had been faithful to David and was faithful to Solomon.

1 Kings 3:6



GOD DESIRES A HEART

That seeks wisdom above all other things.



"And God appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him, 'Ask what I shall give you.'"

1 Kings 3:5

"Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in."

1 Kings 3:7

SOLOMON ASKS FOR AN UNDERSTANDING HEART

1 Kings 3:7–9

Solomon's Request

"Give your servant therefore an understanding heart to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

1 Kings 3:9



AN UNDERSTANDING HEART IS A HEARING HEART.
He asked for a heart that can hear, listen, discern, and obey.



TO DISCERN BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL.
He needed wisdom to judge righteously and lead God's people well.



HE RECOGNIZED HIS LIMITATIONS.
Solomon knew the task was too great for him without God's help.



HE SOUGHT WISDOM TO SERVE, NOT SELF.
His desire was to care for and govern God's people faithfully.



WHAT SOLOMON REQUESTED:



A HEARING HEART



DISCERNMENT



WISDOM TO LEAD



TO SERVE GOD'S PEOPLE

GOD WAS PLEASED WITH SOLOMON'S REQUEST

- ✓ He asked for what pleases God.
- ✓ God gave him wisdom, riches, honor, and long life.
- ✓ Solomon began his reign seeking God first.



*"Your request has been granted.
I give you a wise and discerning mind,
so that there has never been anyone like you before you, nor shall anyone like you arise after you."*

1 Kings 3:12



SOLOMON

DEMONSTRATES

THE WISDOM

GOD HAS PROVIDED TO HIM.



GOD GAVE SOLOMON A WISE AND
UNDERSTANDING HEART BEYOND MEASURE.
1 Kings 3:12

THE FAMOUS CASE: THE TWO WOMEN AND THE BABY



Solomon listened carefully to both women.



He saw through the confusion and deception.



He proposed a solution that revealed
the true mother.



The true mother's love revealed the truth.



All Israel was amazed at the king's wisdom.
1 Kings 3:28



THE RESULT:



Solomon's wisdom
became known
throughout Israel
and beyond.
1 Kings 4:29-31



God's wisdom
brought order,
justice, and peace
to the land.



Solomon used
God's wisdom to
lead His people
righteously.

TRUE WISDOM COMES FROM GOD AND BRINGS JUSTICE AND PEACE FOR HIS PEOPLE.

James 1:5

SOLOMON'S KINGDOM FLOURISHES — UNDER GOD'S BLESSING —



The LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly
in the sight of all Israel.
1 Kings 4:20

A KINGDOM OF PEACE



Solomon enjoyed peace
on all sides.
1 Kings 4:24–25

PROSPERITY THROUGHOUT THE LAND



Judah and Israel lived in safety,
and the land produced abundantly.
1 Kings 4:25

SUCCESS IN ALL ENDEAVORS



Solomon's wisdom brought
success to all he undertook.
1 Kings 4:30

WISDOM LIKE NO OTHER



People from every nation
came to hear Solomon's
wisdom.
1 Kings 4:34

HONOR AND WEALTH



The king's wealth was greater
than the wealth of anyone
before him.
1 Kings 10:14–15

GOD'S BLESSING



All that Solomon did
prospered because
he walked with God.
1 Kings 3:14



BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO WALKS NOT IN THE COUNSEL OF THE WICKED...
HE IS LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY STREAMS OF WATER, THAT YIELDS ITS FRUIT IN ITS SEASON.
Psalm 1:1–3

Preparations begin for construction of the Temple

(Chapter 5)



TIMBERS FOR THE TEMPLE

FROM HIRAM TO SOLOMON

1 KINGS 5:1-12

"So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and cypress trees according to all his desire."

1 KINGS 5:10 (ESV)

PHOENICIA

Tyre

From the Forests of Lebanon
Hiram provided cedar and cypress timbers from the forests of Lebanon.
(1 Kings 5:6, 10)

CYPRUS

Mediterranean Sea

ISRAEL

Shipped to Joppa

The timbers were floated by sea to Joppa. (1 Kings 5:9)

Taken to Jerusalem

From Joppa, the timbers were brought by land to Jerusalem.
(1 Kings 5:9)

Joppa

Jerusalem

Dead Sea



A PARTNERSHIP FOR GOD'S PURPOSE

Hiram king of Tyre provided Solomon with cedar and cypress timbers from Lebanon. The timbers were floated by sea to Joppa, and then brought by land to Jerusalem to be used in the construction of the temple.
(1 Kings 5:1-12)

THE TIMBERS FOR SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

FROM HIRAM TO SOLOMON

1 KINGS 5:1-12

"So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and cypress trees according to all his desire."

1 KINGS 5:10 (ESV)

APPROXIMATE DISTANCES

-  Tyre to Joppa (by sea)
≈ 250 miles (400 km)
-  Joppa to Jerusalem (by land)
≈ 35 miles (55 km)

Total Distance (approximate)
≈ 285 miles (455 km)



ASIA MINOR
(TURKEY)

FORESTS
OF LEBANON

Cedar and cypress
timbers from
Lebanon
(1 Kings 5:6, 10)

SYRIA

○ Damascus

ISRAEL

○ Samaria

Jerusalem
(Solomon)

ARABIAN
DESERT

EGYPT

Mediterranean Sea

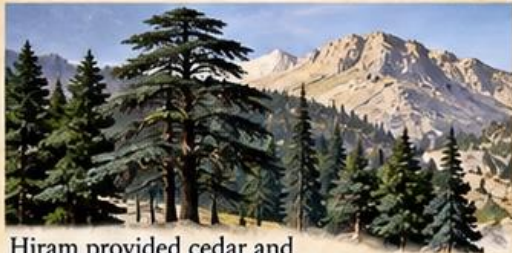
Sea Route
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(400 km)

Overland Route
Joppa to Jerusalem
≈ 35 miles
(55 km)

ITALY

SICILY

CYPRUS



Hiram provided cedar and
cypress timbers from the
forests of Lebanon for the
construction of the temple.
(1 Kings 5:6, 10)



0 100 200 300 400 Miles
0 200 400 600 Kilometers

FROM THE FORESTS ... ACROSS THE SEA ...
TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD