

I & 2 KINGS – CHRONICLES HARMONY - LESSON TWO

- I. SOLOMON'S WISDOM (I Kings 3:1-4:34, 2 Chronicles 1:1-17)**
- A. Solomon makes an alliance with Pharaoh, King of Egypt – marries Pharaoh's daughter (3:1)
 - B. Solomon and people sacrificed in the “high places” because no house for Jehovah was built yet in Jerusalem (3:2-4)
 - C. God appears to Solomon in a dream while in Gibeon asking what He could give him- Solomon asks for wisdom (3:5-15)
 - 1. God is pleased with Solomon's request – will give Solomon riches and honor
 - 2. Solomon awakes and comes to Jerusalem to offer up burnt offerings and peace offerings.
 - D. Solomon manifests his wisdom in a dispute between two harlots (3:16-28)
 - 1. Both had a child at the same time.
 - 2. One woman places her dead child in the arms of the other woman and takes the living child for her own.
 - 3. The woman who realized quickly that the dead child is not hers brings their dispute before Solomon.
 - 4. Solomon summoning the sword to divide the living child reveals the true mother.
 - E. Members of Solomon's cabinet named (4:1-6)
 - F. Solomon's twelve officers strategically placed across the kingdom to provide provisions for the king's house are named (4:7-19)
 - G. The extent of Solomon's vast kingdom defined (4:20-28)
 - 1. His daily provisions described.
 - 2. Citizens throughout Solomon's kingdom dwell in safety.
 - H. Solomon's great wisdom excels all other men – His fame known in the surrounding nations (4:29-31)
 - I. Solomon spoke three thousand proverbs and one thousand and five songs (4:32-34)
 - 1. Spoke of trees and nature
 - 2. All peoples, including kings of the earth, came to hear Solomon's wisdom,

QUESTIONS:

- 1. What two things did Solomon do that were connected with Pharaoh, the King of Egypt?
- 2. Why did Solomon and the people offer their sacrifices in the “high places”?
- 3. When Solomon begins his reign, where are the following located?
 - a. The tabernacle (tent of meeting):
 - b. The brazen altar:
 - c. The ark of the covenant:
- 4. Solomon was in Jerusalem when God appeared to him in a dream (T) (F).

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5. How did Solomon reveal his humility when asking for wisdom from God?
6. Why did Solomon's answer to Jehovah regarding how God could bless him please God?
7. What two things did God promise to give him in addition to wisdom?
8. God also promised to give Solomon a long life unconditionally?
9. What did Solomon do when he awoke from his dream?
10. What did the woman whose child had died say when Solomon commanded that the living child be cut in two?
11. To what end did Solomon's wisdom lead him that is essential in a righteous king?
12. What was the difference between the "scribe" (secretary) and a "recorder" in a king's cabinet?
13. Did Solomon employ "forced labor" like David?
14. Solomon's twelve officers supplying needed provisions for him were chosen regarding:
 - a. the twelve tribes
 - b. the twelve months in a year
15. How extensive was Solomon's rule over the kingdoms?
16. How does the Bible describe the safety every man felt under Solomon's reign?
17. To what was Solomon's "largeness of heart" compared?
18. List the four wise men whose wisdom Solomon's wisdom surpassed?

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19. How many Proverbs did Solomon speak?
This means we have about 1/8, 1/3/ or 1 / 2, preserved for us to read.
20. How many songs did Solomon provide?
21. Solomon “spoke of” what items found in nature?