

"Historical Books Of The Bible"

1 Kings 3:1-28

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1 Kings 3:5-14

David was recognized as the ideal leader, and his record became the standard by which every succeeding king of Judah was measured.

1 Kings 1-11 – The Kingdom United.

1 Kings 1-4 – Solomon's Wealth And Wisdom.

1 Kings 3-8 – Contain 4 Things About Solomon:

- 1. Solomon's Right To Rule**
- 2. Solomon's Remarkable Wisdom**
- 3. Solomon's Building The Temple**
- 4. Solomon's Tremendous Success**

1 Kings 9-11 – Disobedience Of Solomon Leads To The Dismantling Of The Kingdom.

1. Verse 1 – Solomon The Peacemaker/Builder

2. Verses 2-15 – Solomon The Worshipper

3. Verses 16-28 – Solomon The Discerner

1. Verse 1 – Solomon The Peacemaker/Builder:

1 Kings 3:1

"Then Solomon" – name means "peace"; it comes from the Hebrew word "Shalom".

Solomon The Peacemaker: "formed a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt," – 1 Kings 11:3.

Moses, in the law, warned the Jewish kings not to multiply wives, Deuteronomy 17:14-20.

This was Solomon's first alliance with a foreign heathen nation, marriage to a foreign wife which would lead to 1 Kings 11:1-3.

Solomon The Builder: "his own house and the house of the LORD and the wall around Jerusalem." – He spent seven years building the temple of God but thirteen years building his own palace, 1 Kings 6:37-7:1.

As long as Israel trusted the Lord and obeyed Him, the nation would "dwell safely alone", Deuteronomy 33:28.

2. Verses 2-15 – Solomon The Worshipper:

1 Kings 3:2 – Later led to apostasy, 1 Kings 11:7-8; 12:31;
2 Kings 16:7-20; 21:3; 23:26

1 Kings 3:3

Ecclesiastes 7:1

Ecclesiastes 7:8

1 Kings 3:4

Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. The burnt offering pictured total dedication to the Lord.

Verse 5 – God's Offer To Solomon: 1 Kings 3:5.

"In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night;" – 2X the Lord spoke to the king through dreams, 1 Kings 9:1-9.

"and God said, 'Ask what you wish Me to give you.'" Word "ask" is found 8X in this passage.

Verses 6-9 – Solomon's Petition: 1 Kings 3:6.

Solomon Thanked God For His Past Kindness: "You have shown great lovingkindness to Your servant David my father,"

Solomon Thanked God For Preserving David: "and You have reserved for him this great lovingkindness,"

1 Kings 3:7

3X Your servant

1 Kings 3:8

"a great people who are too many to be numbered or counted." – Genesis 12:2; 13:16; 15:5.

1 Kings 3:9

"So give Your servant an understanding heart" – Proverbs 4:23.

"understanding" means "hearing"; Solomon wanted a "hearing heart"; "hearing" meant "obeying."

James 1:5

"to judge Your people to discern between good and evil." – Solomon is asking for wisdom; To understand, to be able to judge, to know good from evil.

Verses 10-13 – God's Pleasure: 1 Kings 3:10-11.

Deuteronomy 17:16-17

Matthew 6:33

"God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him."

1 Kings 3:12

Solomon was not given wisdom in the area of prophecy, but Jurisprudence – 1 Kings 3:26; Administration – 1 Kings 4:20,29; 5:12; Poetry – 1 Kings 4:32; Natural Science – 1 Kings 4:33; Architecture and Engineering – 1 Kings 5:1-7:51; 9:15-22; Commercial Enterprise – 1 Kings 9:26-10:29.

1 Kings 3:13

Verse 14 – Solomon's Responsibility: 1 Kings 3:14.

Verse 15 – Solomon's Response: 1 Kings 3:15.

Psalms 80:1; 99:1

Solomon knew that he was second in command. It was when he started to forget that basic truth that he got himself into trouble.

Ecclesiastes 7:20

3. Verses 16-28 – Solomon The Discerner:

1 Kings 3:16

Solomon had been worshiping at Gibeon and Jerusalem, but now he has returned to the responsibilities of the throne.

Matthew 17:1-21 – “and Paul left the heights of heaven”,
2 Corinthians 12:1-10.

Verses 16-28 – This Account Confirms Solomon’s Wisdom.

“harlots came” – Like Jesus, he welcomed “tax collectors and sinners”,
Luke 15:1-2.

1 Kings 3:17-25 – Solomon revealed the heart of a true mother’s maternal compassion for her baby.

1 Kings 3:26-28

Application:

1. Warren Wiersbe said, “We receive our name soon after birth, and between birth and death, we either enhance that name or debase it. After death, we can’t change a bad name into a good name or a good name into a bad name.”
2. In order to be in authority, one must see themselves as being under authority in submission to God. We answer to God.
3. Wisdom is very practical and personal. There are many people who are smart enough to make a good living but they aren't wise enough to make a good life.
4. Solomon did not ask for riches or honor for himself. God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.