

## Solomon Begins the Second Half of His Reign (c. 948t BC)

## 1 Kings 9:10–15, 17–28

10 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house,  
 11 (*Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,*) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.  
 12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not.  
 13 And he said, What cities *are* these which thou hast given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul unto this day.  
 14 And Hiram sent to the king six-score talents of gold.

15 And this *is* the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.  
 17a And Solomon built Gezer,  
 18b and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land,

17b and Beth-horon the nether,

18a And Baalath,  
 19 And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.  
 20 *And* all the people *that were* left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which *were* not of the children of Israel,  
 21 Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bond-service unto this day.  
 22 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bondmen: but they *were* men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.  
 23 These *were* the chief of the officers that *were* over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.  
 24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which *Solomon* had built for her:

then did he build Millo.

25 And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD,

## 2 Chronicles 8

1 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the LORD, and his own house,  
 2 That the cities which Hiram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.  
 3 And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it.  
 4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath.  
 5 Also he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars;  
 6 And Baalath, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.  
 7 *As for* all the people *that were* left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which *were* not of Israel,  
 8 *But* of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, them did Solomon make to pay tribute until this day.  
 9 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they *were* men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.  
 10 And these *were* the chief of king Solomon's officers, *even* two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.  
 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, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because *the places are* holy, whereunto the ark of the LORD hath come.  
 12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto the LORD on the altar of the LORD, which he had built before the porch,

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| <p>and he burnt incense upon the altar that <i>was</i> before the LORD.</p> <p>So he finished the house.</p> <p>26 And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which <i>is</i> beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom.</p> <p>27 And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.</p> <p>28 And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought <i>it</i> to king Solomon.</p> | <p>13 Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, <i>even</i> in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.</p> <p>14 And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded.</p> <p>15 And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.</p> <p>16 Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was perfected.</p> <p>17 Then went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to Eloth, at the sea side in the land of Edom.</p> <p>18 And Hiram sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought <i>them</i> to king Solomon.</p> |
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### The Queen of Sheba Challenges Solomon (c. 948t BC)

| 1 Kings 10:1–13  | 2 Chronicles 9:1–12  |
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| <p>1 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.</p> <p>2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.</p> <p>3 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not <i>any</i> thing hid from the king, which he told her not.</p> <p>4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,</p> <p>5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.</p> <p>6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.</p> <p>7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen <i>it</i>: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.</p> <p>8 Happy <i>are</i> thy men, happy <i>are</i> these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, <i>and</i> that hear thy wisdom.</p> <p>9 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king,</p> | <p>1 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.</p> <p>2 And Solomon told her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not.</p> <p>3 And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built,</p> <p>4 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.</p> <p>5 And she said to the king, <i>It was</i> a true report which I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom:</p> <p>6 Howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen <i>it</i>: and, behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: <i>for</i> thou exceedest the fame that I heard.</p> <p>7 Happy <i>are</i> thy men, and happy <i>are</i> these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom.</p> <p>8 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, <i>to be</i> king for the LORD thy God: because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them,</p> |

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| <p>to do judgment and justice.<br/> 10 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.<br/> 11 And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones.<br/> 12 And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen unto this day.<br/> 13 And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside <i>that</i> which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.</p> | <p>to do judgment and justice.<br/> 9 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.<br/> 10 And the servants also of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon, which brought gold from Ophir, brought algum trees and precious stones.<br/> 11 And the king made <i>of</i> the algum trees terraces to the house of the LORD, and to the king's palace, and harps and psalteries for singers: and there were none such seen before in the land of Judah.<br/> 12 And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside <i>that</i> which she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.</p> |
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### Solomon—Israel's Greatest King (c. 969t – 932t BC)

| 1 Kings 4:20–34; 10:14–29   | 2 Chronicles 1:14–17; 9:13–28  |
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| <p><b>Solomon's Kingdom</b><br/> 4:20 Judah and Israel <i>were</i> many, as the sand which <i>is</i> by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.<br/> 21 And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.<br/> 22 And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal,<br/> 23 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallowdeer, and fatted fowl.<br/> 24 For he had dominion over all <i>the region</i> on this side the river, from Tiphseh even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the river: and he had peace on all sides round about him.<br/> 25 And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.<br/> 26 And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.<br/> 27 And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing.<br/> 28 Barley also and straw for the horses and dromedaries brought they unto the place where <i>the officers</i> were, every man according to his charge.</p> <p><b>Solomon's Wealth</b><br/> 10:14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold,<br/> 15 Beside <i>that he had</i> of the merchantmen, and of the traffic of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country.</p> <p>16 And king Solomon made two hundred targets <i>of</i> beaten gold: six hundred <i>shekels</i> of gold went to one target.</p> | <p>9:26 And he reigned over all the kings from the river even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.</p> <p>13 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold;<br/> 14 Beside <i>that which</i> chapmen and merchants brought.<br/> And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.<br/> 15 And king Solomon made two hundred targets <i>of</i> beaten gold: six hundred <i>shekels</i> of beaten gold went to one target.</p> |

17 And *he made* three hundred shields *of* beaten gold; three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

18 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.

19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne *was* round behind:

and *there were* stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays.

20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom.

21 And all king Solomon's drinking vessels *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* pure gold; none *were of* silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

27 And the king made silver *to be* in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he *to be* as the sycamore trees that *are* in the vale, for abundance.

22 For the king had at sea a navy of Tarshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tarshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

#### Solomon's Horses

26 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.

28 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring *them* out by their means.

#### Solomon's Wisdom

4:29 And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that *is* on the sea shore.

30 And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

31 For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.

32 And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

33 And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that *is* in Lebanon

16 And three hundred shields *made he of* beaten gold: three hundred *shekels* of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

17 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold.

18 And *there were* six steps to the throne,

with a footstool of gold, *which were* fastened to the throne, and stays on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the stays:

19 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.

20 And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* pure gold: none *were of* silver; it was *not* any thing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

27 And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycamore trees that *are* in the low plains in abundance.

1:15 And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem *as plenteous* as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycamore trees that *are* in the vale for abundance.

9:21 For the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram: every three years once came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

1:14 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

9:25 And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

28 And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

1:16 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

17 And they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so brought they out *horses* for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their means.

even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes.  
34 And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.  
10:23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.  
24 And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.  
25 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armor, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

9:22 And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.  
23 And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart.  
24 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

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