

Major Event: Solomon

Lesson 3: Solomon's Reign

Scriptures: 1 Kings 4:1-34

Central Text: 1 Kings 4:29

29 Now God gave Solomon wisdom and very great discernment and breadth of mind, like the sand that is on the seashore.30 Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the sons of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt. 31 For he was wiser than all men”

Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:

Versus 1-19 – We see that Solomon had a vast organization of men to rule over his kingdom. Note how King Solomon used a multitude of wise officials to aide in running God's people. Another sign of his wisdom, Proverbs 12:15 – *“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel”*. Who wrote the Proverbs?

Versus 20-21 – We see evidence of Solomon's vast power. *“Now Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the River to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt; they brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life”*. Note that this is a fulfillment of God's covenant promise to Israel. Deuteronomy 28:1-14 – God's promise of blessing to Israel if they obeyed his commandments.

Versus 20-28 – We see the amount of food and provisions required by King Solomon's kingdom and how richly God is blessing Israel with crops and riches. This was further evidence of God's covenant being fulfilled as he promised.

Versus 29-34 – We see that God gave Solomon great Wisdom which is described as greater than anything known in the world. *“29 Now God gave Solomon wisdom and very great discernment and breadth of mind, like the sand that is on the seashore”*. King Solomon is often described a the wisest man that ever lived. Note this wisdom was provided by God, because Solomon had asked for wisdom instead of for power and wealth. See 1 Kings 3:10-13.

Suggested attributes:

1. Of God: Sovereignty, Veracity, Faithfulness
2. Of Man: Trust in God to fulfill His promises

Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home: Deut 28, 30; Genesis 12:1-3

Notes: Notice how we see evidence of the temporal fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant is this chapter:

- (1) “I will make of you a great nation;”
- (2) “I will bless you;”
- (3) “I will make your name great;”
- (4) “you will be a blessing;”
- (5) “I will bless those who bless you;”
- (6) “the one cursing you, I will curse;” and
- (7) “all of the families of the earth will be blessed through you”