

Text: II Chronicles 1:1-12

Solomon

Some facts about him:

- He was the son king David -I Kings 2:1
- One of his wives judgement is recorded regarding two women arguing over a dead baby and a living baby - I Kings 3:25,26
- He was the wisest, wealthiest and most popular king in Israel – I Kings 10:23;
- He built the Temple of the Lord – I Kings 6:14
- Towards the end of his life he had 300 wives and 1,000 concubines – I Kings 11:3

I. INTRODUCTION

The Lord asked Solomon what would he want as the new king of Israel – the Lord offered him wealth, long life, and peace from his enemies. But Solomon only asked the Lord for a understanding heart to judge the people righteously.

The Lord blessed Solomon because he lived right, obeyed the commandments of the Lord, and walked in the paths of the Lord! – I Kings 3:1-15

Because of his testimony to the Lord, the Lord allowed him to become great - Let's look at seven things about Solomon's life that gives particular information about his achievements through the Lord.

-Solomon the builder – I Kings 9:15 – he completed the Temple that father wanted to build (I Chronicles 28:3), which was perfectly designed that no tool was used to build it. I Kings 6:7. It used until king Nebuchadnezzar destroyed it (II Kings 25:1).

-Solomon the governor – I Kings 4:21 – he reigned from the river to the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt (roughly 800 miles from the north to south).

-Solomon the leader – I Kings 4:2-6 – he had an administrative ability to lead the Israelites. He set up a selective group of key people to help him out, and met on a regular basis, which was three priests, two secretaries, a historiographer, a commander-in-chief of the army, a general overseer of all the other officers, a private counselor, a steward and a tax collector:

- He divided the territory into 12 districts.
- He then appointed a governor over each of the districts that would directly answer to him.

-Solomon the financial genius – I Kings 10:14-21

He had: Gold-666 talents (roughly 66,600 lbs) and all the spices of Arabia. During this time period Israel was being blessed and financially set with no worries or debt. Even during the visit of the queen of Sheba she said concerning king Solomon, “I came and mine eyes had seen it; and behold, the half was not told me”. I Kings 10:7

-Solomon the educator – I Kings 4:33,34 – people would come from all over just to hear him speak of the things concerning nature (ie, trees, animals, creeping things, and fish). Matter of fact, the book of Proverbs he uses these descriptions of the natural world to illustrate spiritual truths (ie. Proverbs 6:6; 14:4; 30:24-28)

-Solomon the military leader – I Kings 9:26,27; 10:26 – he had navy ships and he had 40,000 horses and chariots. Even though this was a time of peace, he knew that the greatness asset of peace is a strong military.

-Solomon the author – I Kings 4:32 – wow, he spoke 3,000 proverbs and 1,000 songs, he also wrote the book of Proverbs, Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes and there is a good possibility that he wrote Psalms 72 and 127. He did all this under the inspiration of the Lord – II Timothy 3:16

So you may ask, “Why did God bless him so much”? Because God said he would, because of the pureness of his heart – I Kings 3:1-10

I. LESSONS FROM SOLOMON’S LIFE



Solomon reminds us to seek wisdom from the Lord and to follow it in our lives – Ecclesiastes 2:9, James 1:5



Solomon teaches us to set our goals high and never underestimate what the Lord can do through us in our lives – Some may say that Solomon was special. No the only thing that was special about Solomon was that he was humble and willing to please the Lord. Because of that the Lord blessed him – Psalms 37:3-6;



Solomon teaches us that true success is a gift from the Lord in our live – So many times we think that success is evil and wrong. No the Lord promised His people a land of milk and honey! But because of imposters and fakes who use the Lord's name for financial gain, we tend to back away from God's blessings to us!! Joshua 1L7; I Kings 2:3; Proverbs 16:3; James1:17

Conclusion:

Wisdom and wealth are only blessings if they

HONOR GOD!