

God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore.

"THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON"
READ 1 Kings 3:1 - 5:18

DAY 1 - READ 1 Kings 3:1 - 5:18

1. What was meaningful to you in last week's lesson?
2. What members of Solomon's family are mentioned in today's reading?
3. a. What was the extent of Solomon's kingdom in 1 Kings 4:21?
b. What was God's covenant with Abram in Genesis 15:18?

DAY 2 - REVIEW 1 Kings 3:1-15

4. How did Solomon seal his alliance with Egypt?
5. a. As a new king, what was Solomon doing right?
b. How was he compromising?
c. Share some ways Christians are tempted to compromise their walk with God.
6. a. What was God's question?
b. . . . Solomon's answer?
7. a. The Lord, who is able to supply abundantly more than we could ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20), also granted what to Solomon?
b. Why?
c. With what stipulation in verse 14?
8. If God were to ask you the question in verse 5, what would your answer be?

DAY 3 - REVIEW 1 Kings 3:16-28

9. What was the dispute between the two women?

10. a. What was Solomon's judgment?
 - b. What emotion was shown by the true mother?
 - c. (IN-DEPTH) Share other examples of sacrificial love in the Scriptures.
 - d. What is one example of sacrificial love you've personally witnessed? Please share.

11. All Israel saw Solomon had what?

DAY 4 - REVIEW 1 Kings 4:1-34

12. Verses 1-19 give the names of Solomon's chief officials and twelve governors. Why would delegation of authority be important (vs.20)?

13. Ahishar was in charge of the palace (vs.6). Consider the description in verse 22. What do you think were some of the challenges of palace management?

14. According to 1 Kings 4:25, what was the characteristic of Solomon's reign?

15. a. Solomon had a passion for _____ (vs.26) although God had warned about what in Deuteronomy 17:16?
 - b. What do you think was God's reason for this restriction?

16. a. Solomon shared his wisdom through his writing (Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs). From the book of Proverbs, share a verse or special verses that are meaningful to you.
 - b. Why did you make that choice?

DAY 5 - REVIEW 1 Kings 5:1-18

17. a. What was Solomon's intention as stated in his message to Hiram?

b. . . . request?

18. a. What did Hiram, king of Tyre, agree supply?

b. In exchange for what?

19. a. Whom did Solomon use as a work force?

b. What kindness was shown those assigned to work in Lebanon?

c. _____ was in charge of the forced labor.

d. The workforce included:

carriers _____

stonecutters _____

foremen _____

20. Just as stones were used in the building of Solomon's temple, God is building his New Testament church out of living stones. Write 1 Peter 2:5.

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: