

Wisdom at Work 1 Kings 4

Solomon's prayer: "Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" 1 Kings 3:9

God's answer: "I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you." 1 Kings 3:12

The Government of Israel

4:1-19

As a wise leader, Solomon began his rule by building a strong government, surrounding himself with trusted officials.

As an efficient leader, Solomon understood the great needs of Israel and delegated responsibilities to his leadership.

As an organized leader, Solomon divided the nation into 12 regions. Each region was responsible for bringing provisions to the palace one month per year.

The People of Israel

4:20-28

They enjoyed prosperity! The population grew, the economy boomed, food was abundant, and the people rejoiced.

They enjoyed peace! The borders of Israel were vast and secure without the threat of enemies.

They enjoyed unity! Israelites worked together in unity "each according to his duty."

The Wisdom of Solomon, King of Israel

4:29-34

The measureless wisdom God gave Solomon set him apart as the wisest person who ever lived.

Solomon observed the details of God's creation as well as life lessons learned from the largest tree to the smallest herb.

People from all walks of life heard of Solomon's wisdom and gathered to hear him speak.

Our Wisdom at Work

We have wisdom within our reach. _____ for wisdom, because God gives it freely.

When we put our wisdom to work, we are an _____ in God's hands to do His work.

Godly wisdom at work in our lives _____ Jesus to a lost world.

The Splendid Reign of Solomon - 1 Kings 4:1-34

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I CHRONICLES 22:9 Behold, a son shall be born to you who shall be a man of rest. I will give him rest from all his surrounding enemies. For his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days.

2 CHRONICLES 1:15 And the king made silver and gold as common in Jerusalem as stone, and he made cedar as plentiful as the sycamore of the Shephelah.

MICAH 4:4 ...Out they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

1 KINGS 10:28-29a And Solomon's import of horses was from Egypt and Kue, and the king's traders received them from Kue at a price. A chariot could be imported from Egypt for 600 shekels of silver and a horse for 150...

DEUTERONOMY 17:16 Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the Lord has said to you, 'You shall never return that way again.'

1 KINGS 2:4b 'If your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart with and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'

PHILIPPIANS 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...