

SAUL, DAVID, & SOLOMON

Lessons In Faith



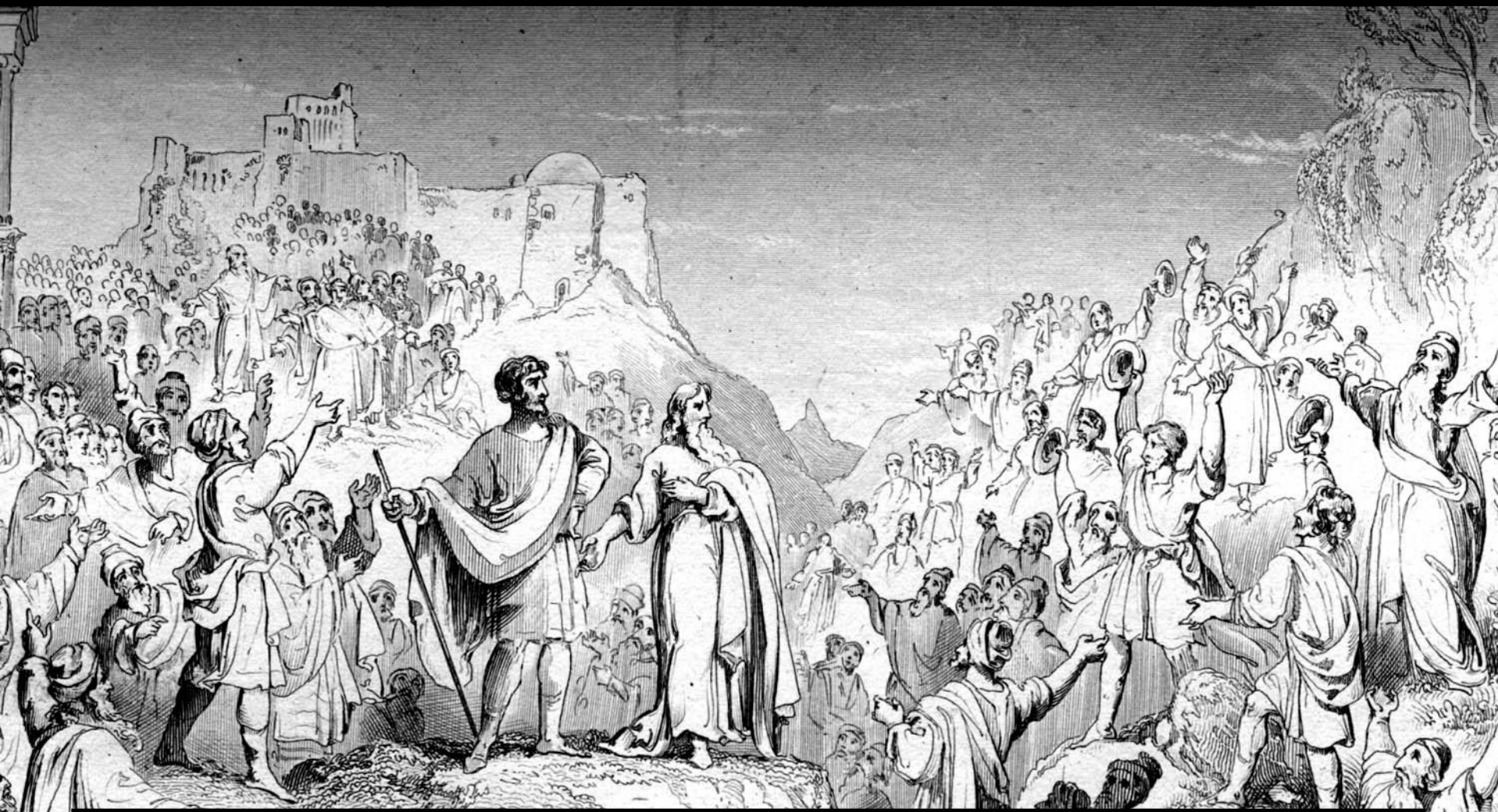


I KINGS

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**KING
SOLOMON**



Soon after Solomon was anointed King of Israel his brother Adonijah, Joab (Captain of the army) and Abiathar the priest committed treason. Adonijah and Joab were executed and Abiathar was demoted.

A NEW GENERAL AND A NEW PRIEST

Solomon enlisted Benaiah (one of David's *Mighty Men*) to execute both Adonijah and Joab for treason.

Solomon then appointed Benaiah Joab's rank as Captain of the Israelite army.

Abiathar the priest had also taken part in Adonijah's treason, therefore Solomon demoted him and appointed Zadok High Priest in his place.



Benaiah
Captain of the Army



1 Kings 3

PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER

1 Kings 3

“¹And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh’s daughter, and brought her into the city of David until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of Jerusalem round about.”

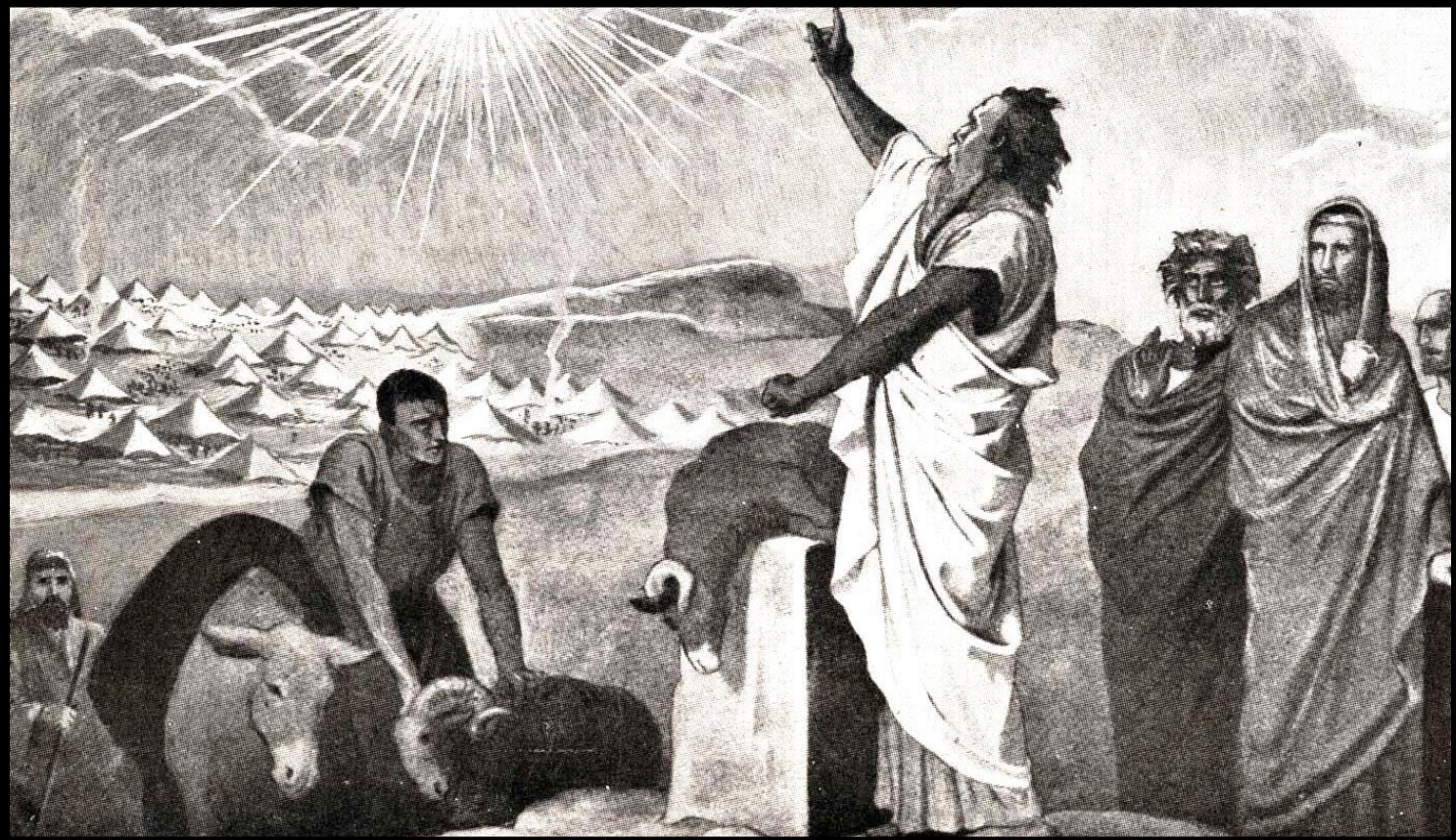


PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER

We are not told if Pharaoh's daughter was Solomon's first wife, but we do know that the marriage would have been unlawful unless she was a proselyte.

Most likely she was his first wife, the wife of his youth, because his other wives are not named, and all we know is the number of them and how they caused him to sin.





1 Kings 3

“²The people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house built unto the name of the LORD, until those days. ³And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.”

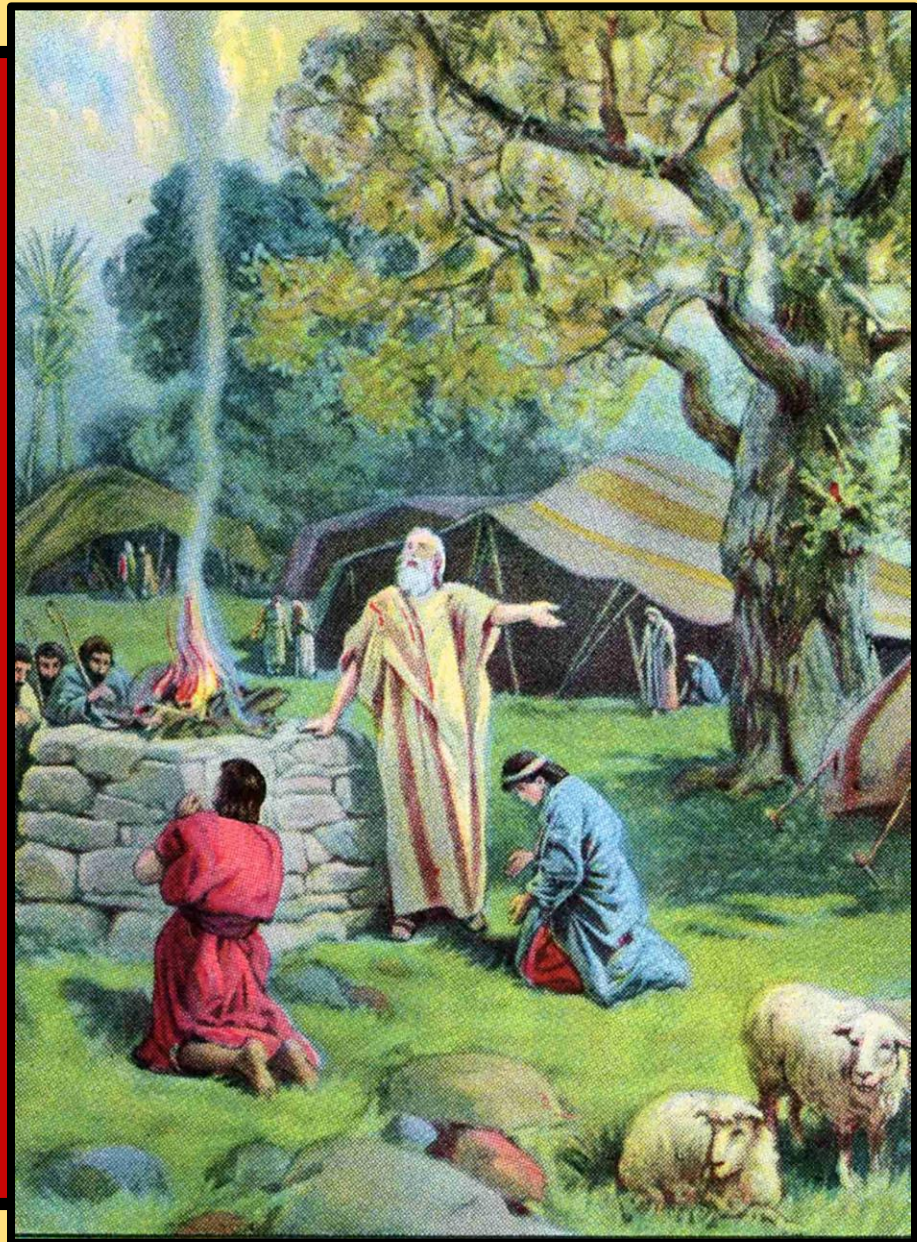
King David erected a tabernacle in Jerusalem and put the ark of the covenant there. But, Solomon was known for *High Places*.

Yet, Solomon's worship was accepted, for he worshipped GOD ONLY.



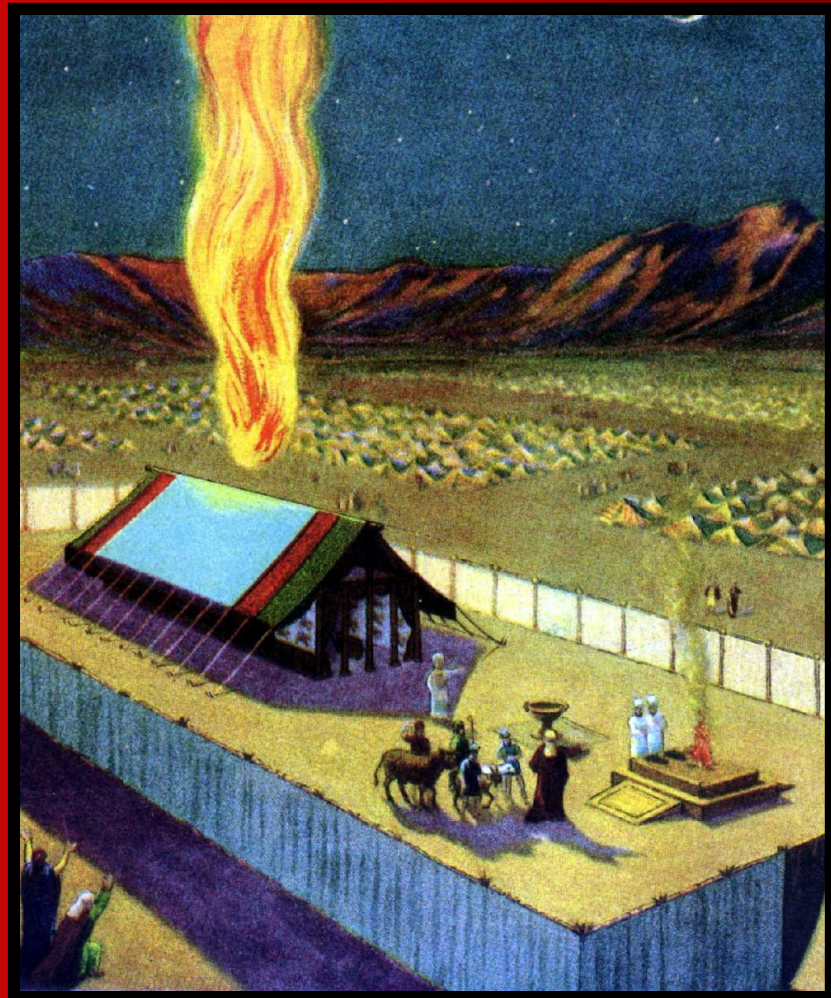
Under the Patriarchal Law Abraham built his altars on mountains (Genesis 12:8 & 22:2) and worshipped in a grove (Genesis 21:33).

But, the practice was changed when the law was given to Moses for the Mosaic law included the plans for the tabernacle and provision for a priesthood.



Under the Mosaical law sacrifices always took place in the tabernacle, no matter where it was erected, until the ark of the covenant was taken by the Philistines.

The ark was retrieved from the Philistines and was under the care of Abinadab and his sons for many years until David brought it to the tabernacle in Jerusalem.



Samuel provided a place in Ramah near his home for sacrifices after the ark of the covenant was removed from the tabernacle.



Ruins of the High Place in Dan—

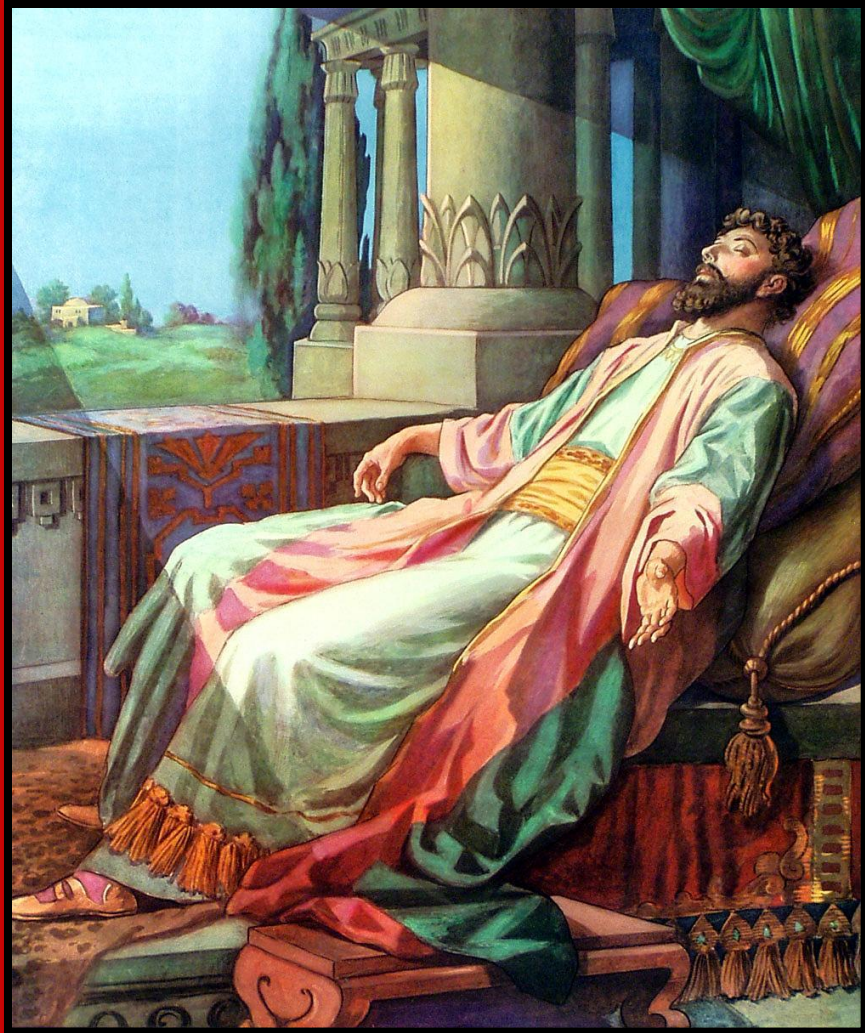


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Solomon's Dream

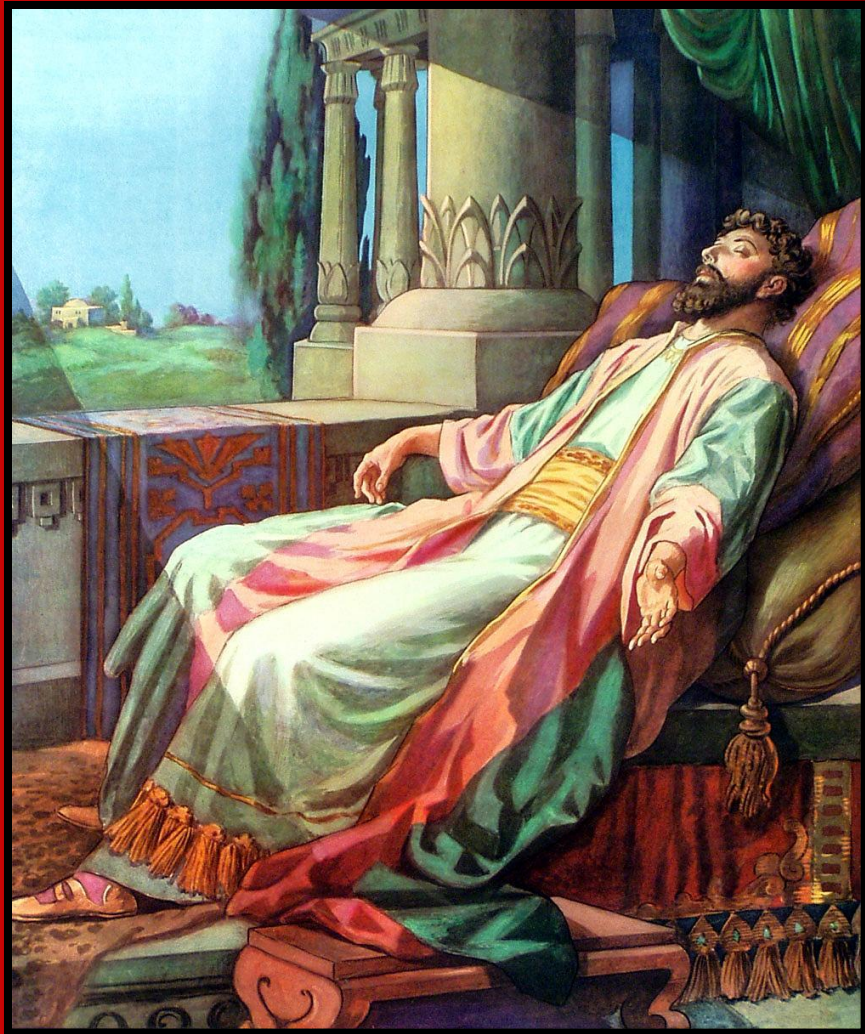
1 Kings 3

“⁴And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar. ⁵In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.”



1 Kings 3

“⁶And Solomon said . . . I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in . . . ⁸And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. ⁹Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?”



1 Kings 3

“¹⁰And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. ¹¹And God said unto him,

Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; ¹²Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, **I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart**; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. ¹³And **I have also given thee** that which thou hast not asked, both **riches**, and **honour**: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. ¹⁴And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then **I will lengthen thy days.**”



1 Kings 3

“¹⁵And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.”



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The Judgment of SOLOMON

1 Kings 3

“¹⁶Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him. ¹⁷And the one woman said,

O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. ¹⁸And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house. ¹⁹And this woman’s child died in the night; because she overlaid it.”



1 Kings 3

“²⁰And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. ²¹And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.”



1 Kings 3

“²²And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king.”



1 Kings 3

“²³Then said the king,
The one saith,
This is my son
that liveth, and thy
son is the dead:
and the other
saith, Nay; but thy
son is the dead,
and my son is the
living.”



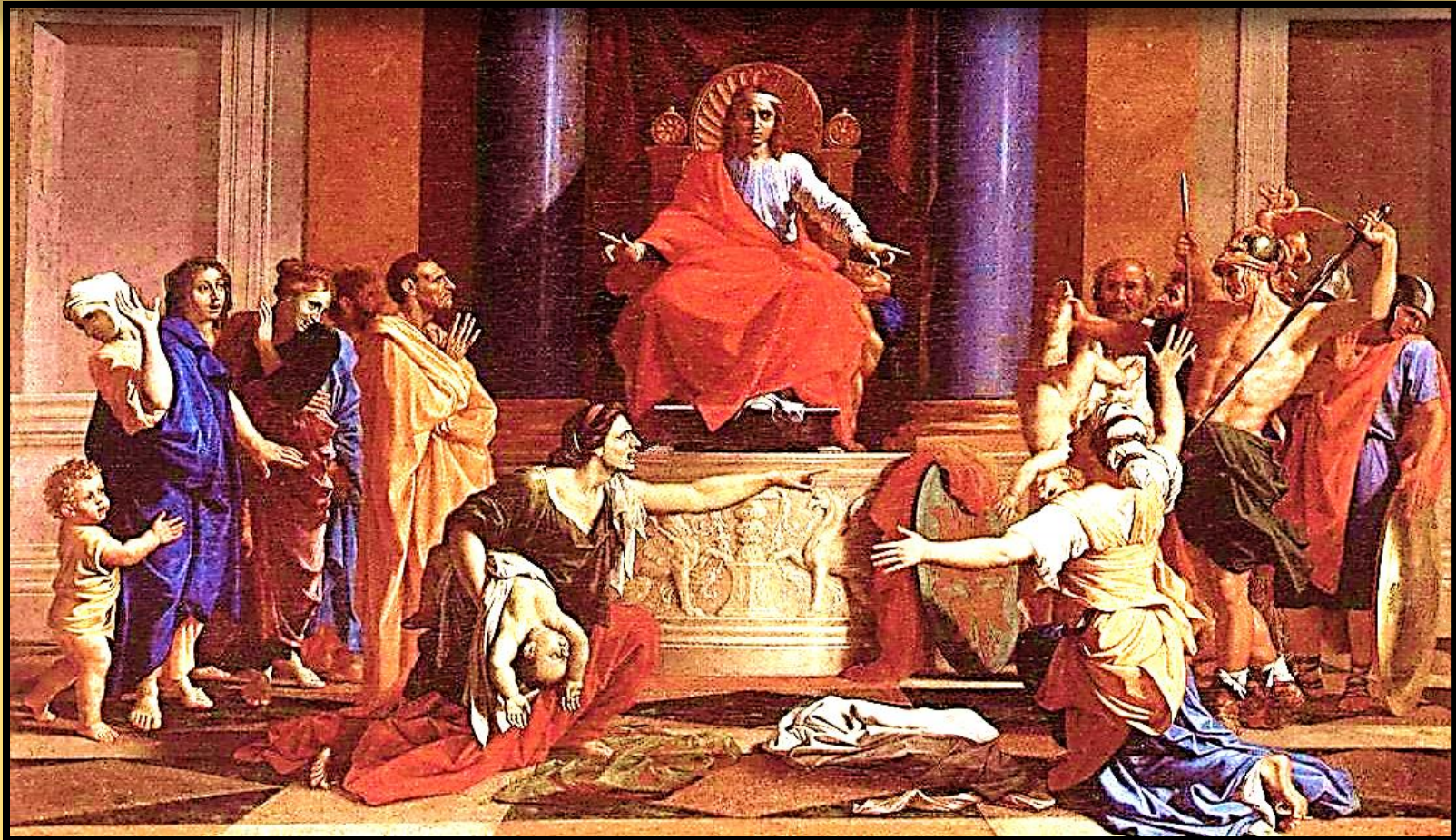
1 Kings 3

“²⁴And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. ²⁵And the king said, **Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.**”



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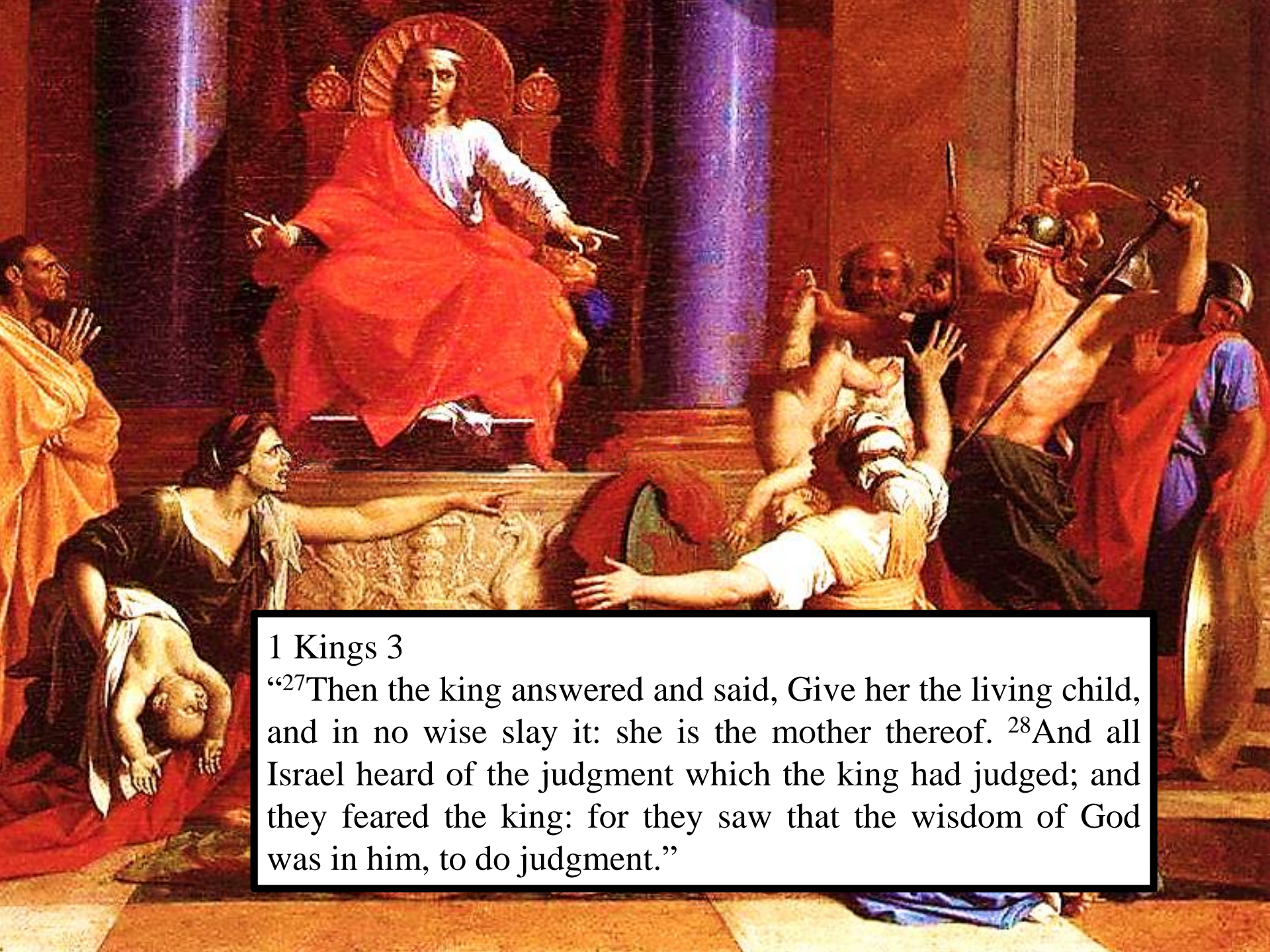
“²⁶Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it.”



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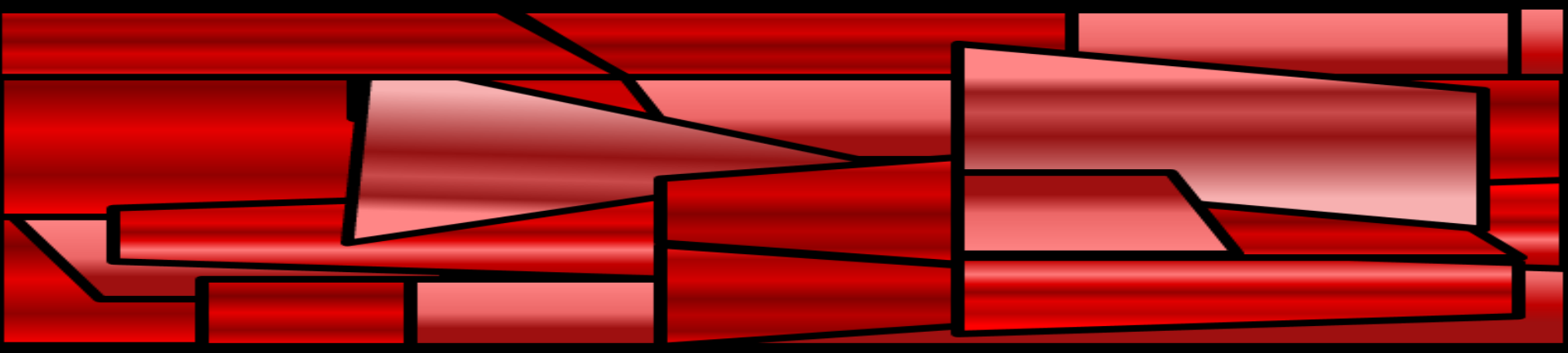
“26. . . But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.”



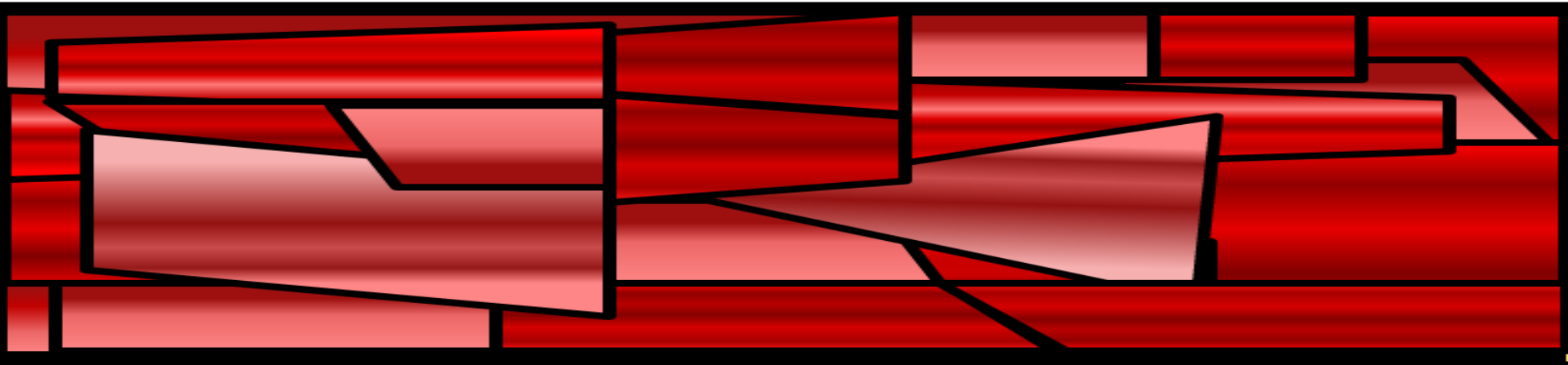


1 Kings 3

“²⁷Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof. ²⁸And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.”



1 KINGS 4



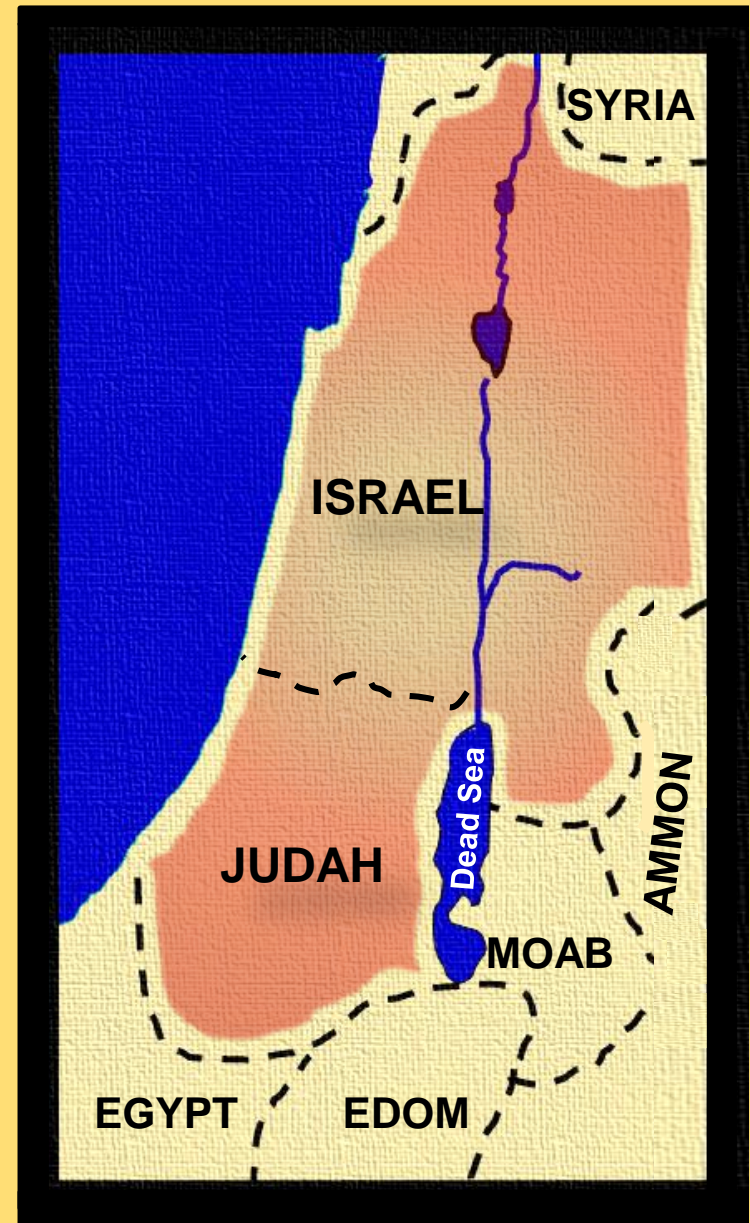
1 Kings 4

“¹So king **Solomon** was king over all Israel.

²⁰Judah and Israel **were many**, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.

²⁵And 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.

²⁶And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of **horses** for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.”



1 Kings 4

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

³⁰And Solomon’s wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. ³¹For he was wiser than all men.”



1 Kings 4

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

PROVERBS, 1

PSALM 149
PRAISE ye the LORD, sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints. Let Israel rejoice in him that made them the children of Zion be joyful in their king. Let them praise his name in the dance, let them sing praise unto him with the timbrel and harp. For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation. Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praise of God be in their mouth, and a two edged sword in their hand. To execute vengeance upon the heathen and punishments upon the people: to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron:

Exhortations to praise and to fear God

To execute upon them the judgment which they have deserved: and to honour all his saints. **PSALM 150**
PRAISE ye the LORD, praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with antient instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

THE PROVERBS

CHAPTER 1
The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel.
To know wisdom and instruction: to perceive the words of understanding.
To receive the instruction of wisdom, unto prudent judgment, and equity.
To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.
A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsel.
To understand a proverb, and the interpretation: the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: for they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.
If My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.
If they say, Come with us, let us buy some wine, let us drink plentifully: for the innocent without cause:
Let us swallow down wealth as we swallow: and while, as those that go down into the pit.
We shall find all precious substance: we shall fill our houses with gold.
Cast in thy lot among us; let us have our pleasures.
My son, walk not in to them: with them return thy foot from their paths.
For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

ECCLESIASTES, 1

made to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.
Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.
Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.
Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.
Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.
The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of pool.
She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
She is like the merchants' ships: she bringeth her food from afar.
She is rich, also while it is yet night, and saith unto her husband, Give, and a portion to her maidens.
She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she strengtheneth a vineyard.
She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.
She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.
She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

The praise and characteristics of a virtuous woman

ECCLESIASTES OR, THE PREACHER

CHAPTER 1
The words of the preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
Vanity of vanities, all is vanity: and what profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?
A generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.
The sun also ariseth, and the south goeth down, and hasteth to his place, where he arose.
The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about toward the north: it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuit.
The rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full: into the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.
All things are full of labour: man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.
The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be, and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

SOLOMON'S SONG, 1

And he that regardeth the clouds shall not rain.
As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.
In the morning show thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether thou shalt prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.
Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun:
But if a man live many years, and remember in them all: yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity.
Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.
Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity.
Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.
While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:
In the day when the keepers of the palace shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the gold shall be broken out as they are, and the silver shall be as dross.
Look out of the windows be darkened.

The fear of God the chief enditude to vanity

And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the rattling is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low:
Also before they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fear shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the arbutus shall be in the bud, and desire shall fall: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:
Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher broken at the fountains, or the wheel broken at the cistern, or the well broken in them all: yet let him remember the earth as grass, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.
Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher, all is vanity.
And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge: yet he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs.
The preacher sought to find out acceptable words, and that which was written was upright, even words of truth.
The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.
And further, by making many books, he admonished: of books, much study is a weariness of the flesh.
Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.
For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

THE SONG OF SOLOMON

CHAPTER 1
The song of songs, which is Solomon's.
Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine.
Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.
Draw me, we will run after thee: thou hast smitten a fountain, and the mountains will be glad, and shall sing forth in thy praise: thou shalt be as the garden of cinnamon, and as the cedars of Lebanon.
I have compared thee, O my love, to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots.
The necks are covered with rows of shields, thy neck with chains of gold.

1 Kings 4

“³³And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon 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. ³⁴And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.”



1 KINGS 5



SOLOMON

The Builder

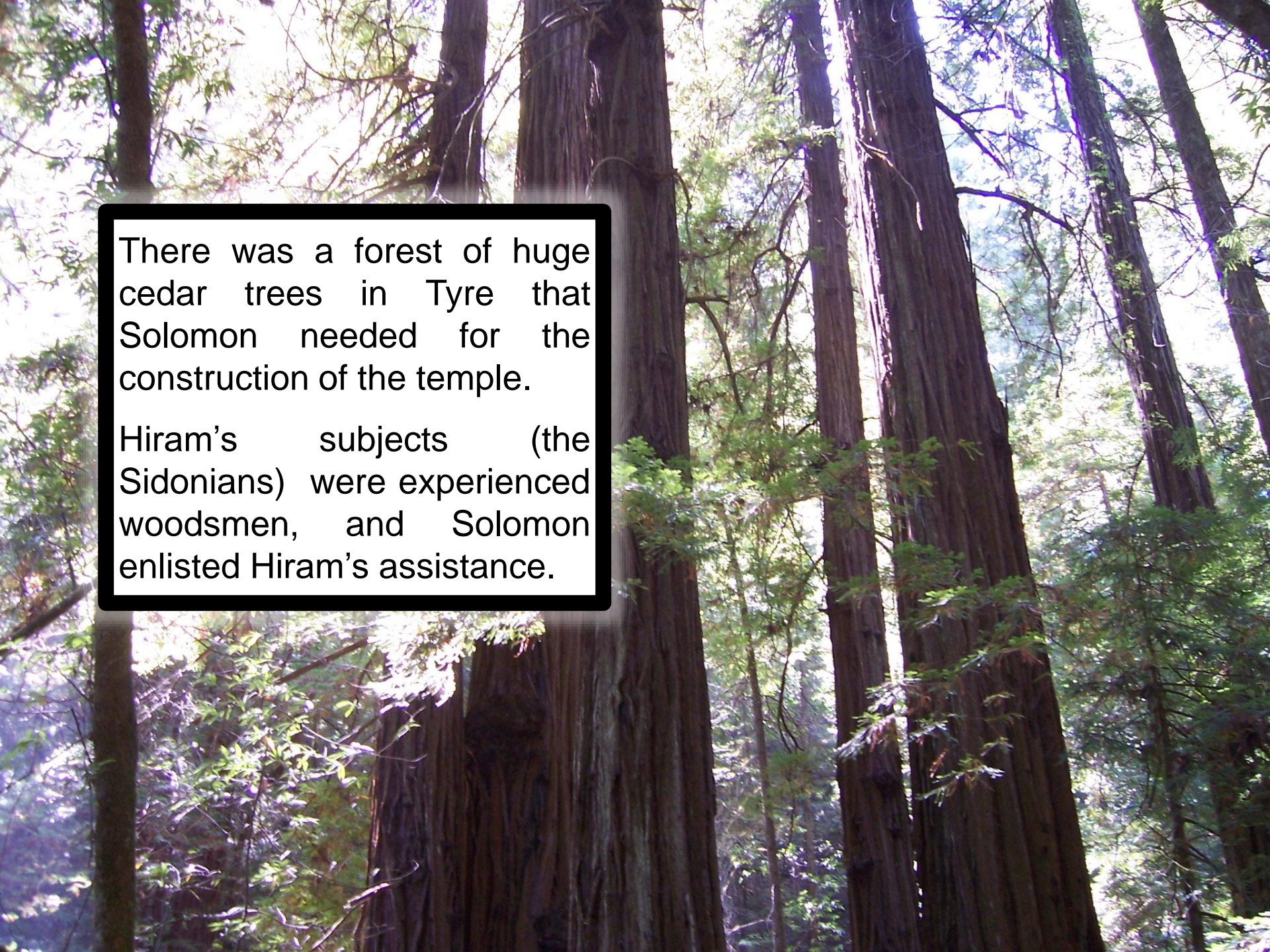
1 Kings 5

“¹And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.”

Tyre was a famous trading city that was close to the sea and the border of Israel.

Because Hiram was such a close friend of David we have reason to think he was a worshipper of the true God and had renounced the idolatry of his city.





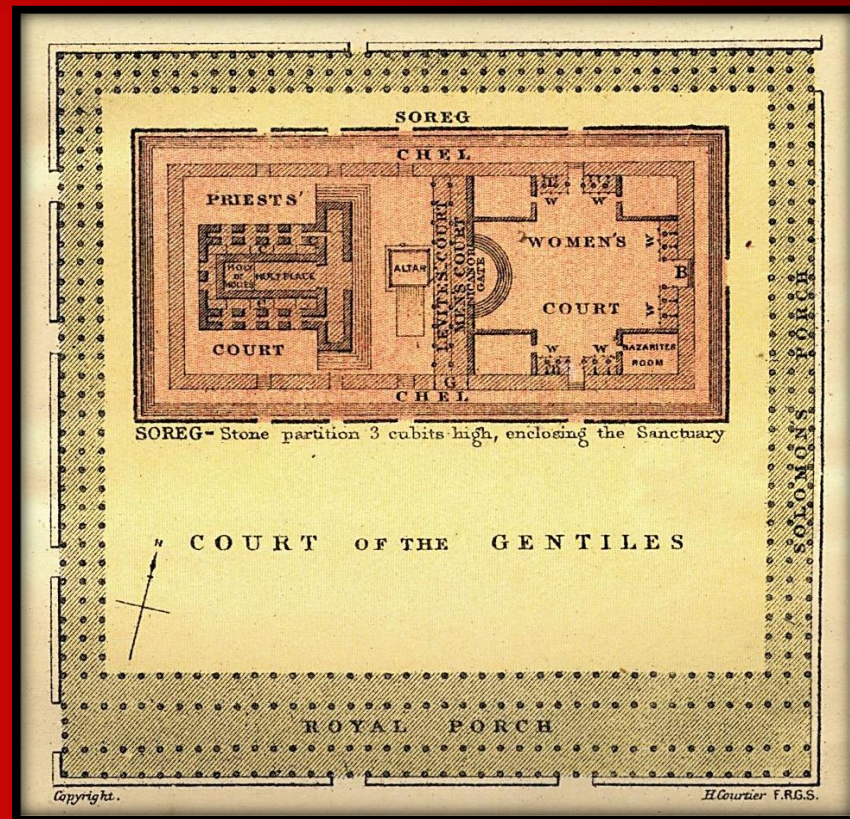
There was a forest of huge cedar trees in Tyre that Solomon needed for the construction of the temple.

Hiram's subjects (the Sidonians) were experienced woodsmen, and Solomon enlisted Hiram's assistance.

SOLOMON STARTED TO BUILD THE TEMPLE 480 Years After The Exodus From Egypt In The 4th Year Of Solomon's Reign

1 Kings 6

“¹And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD.”



1 Kings 6

“²And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits . . .

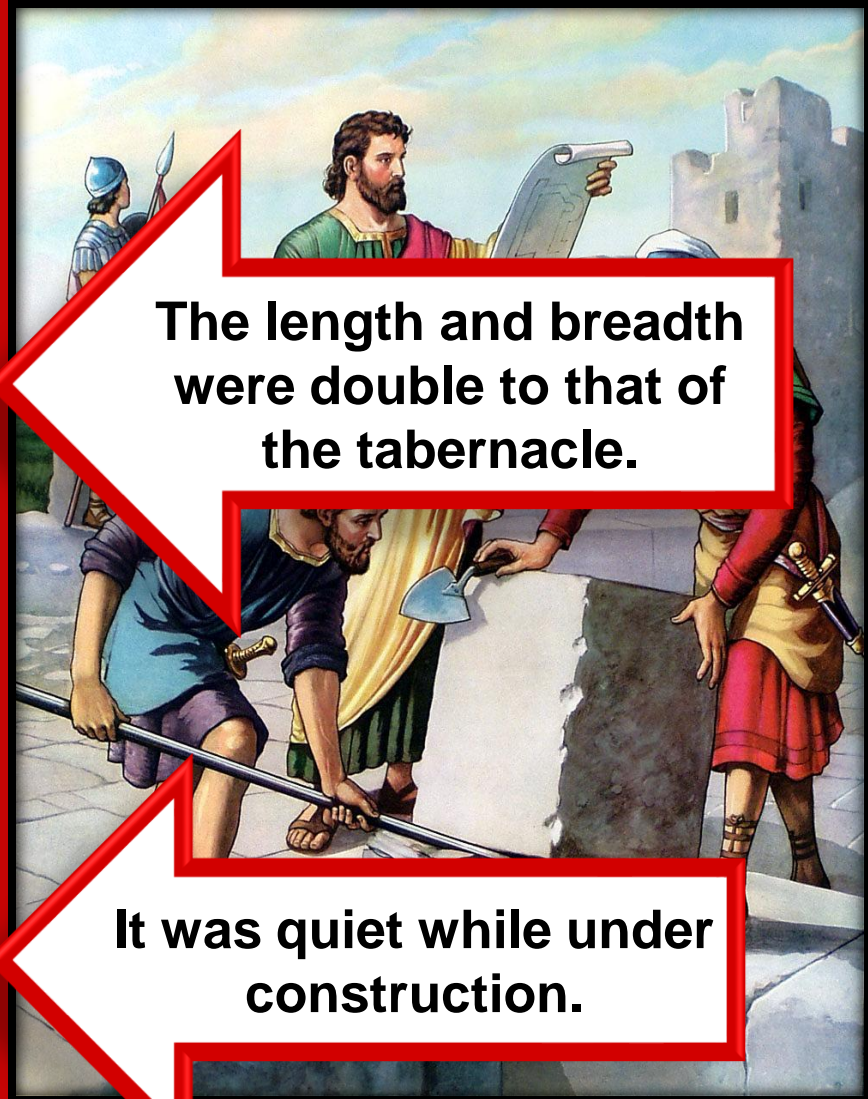
⁷And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.”



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The length and breadth were double to that of the tabernacle.

It was quiet while under construction.

1 Kings 6

“⁸The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went up with **winding stairs** into the **middle chamber**, and out of the middle into **the third**. ⁹So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar. ¹⁰And then he built **chambers against all the house**, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.”

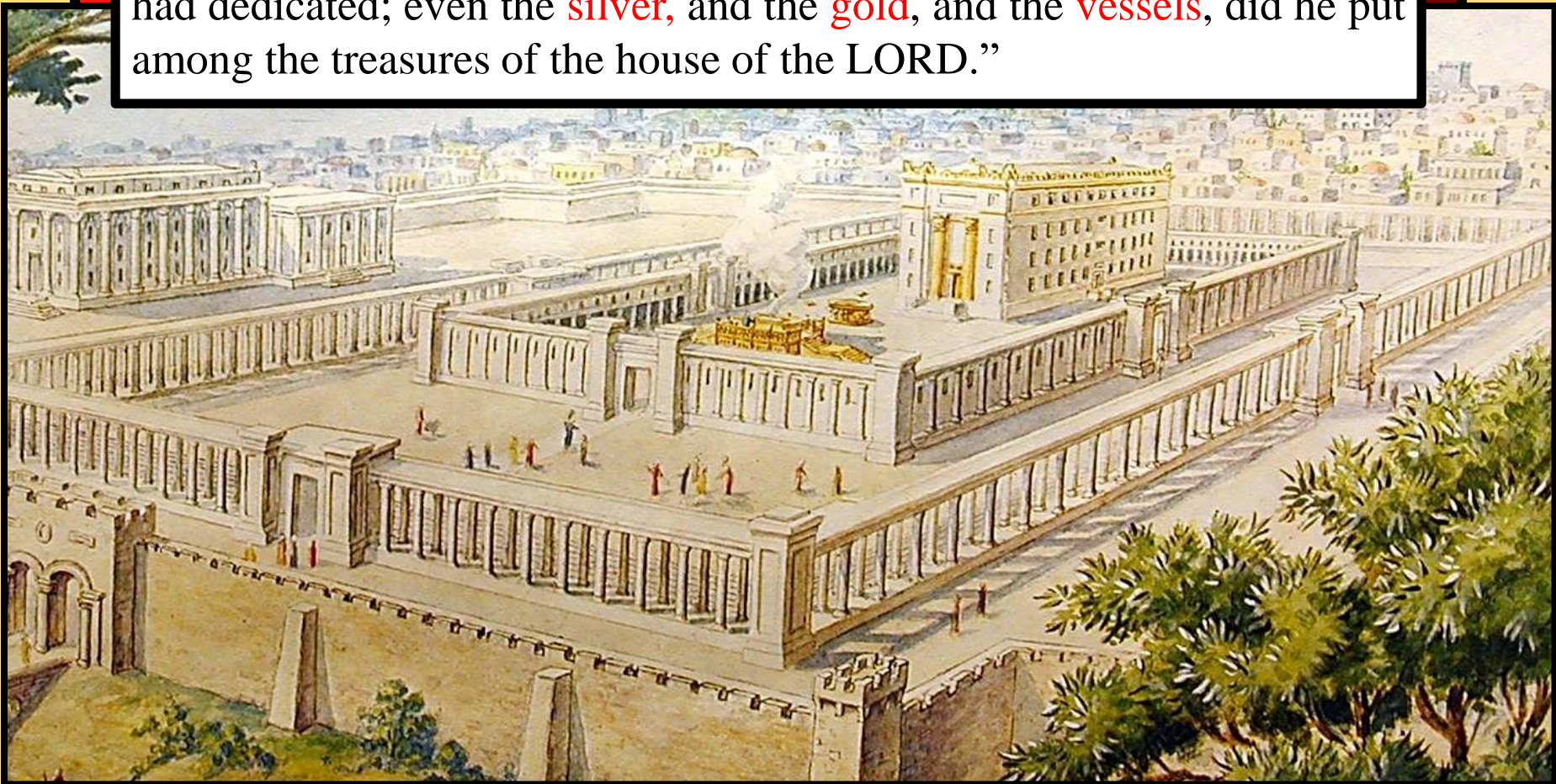


The temple had more rooms than the tabernacle which was only the Most Holy Place, Holy Place, and the courtyard. The temple had rooms for storage and for the priests to work and dress.



1 Kings 7

“⁵¹So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; even the **silver**, and the **gold**, and the **vessels**, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.”



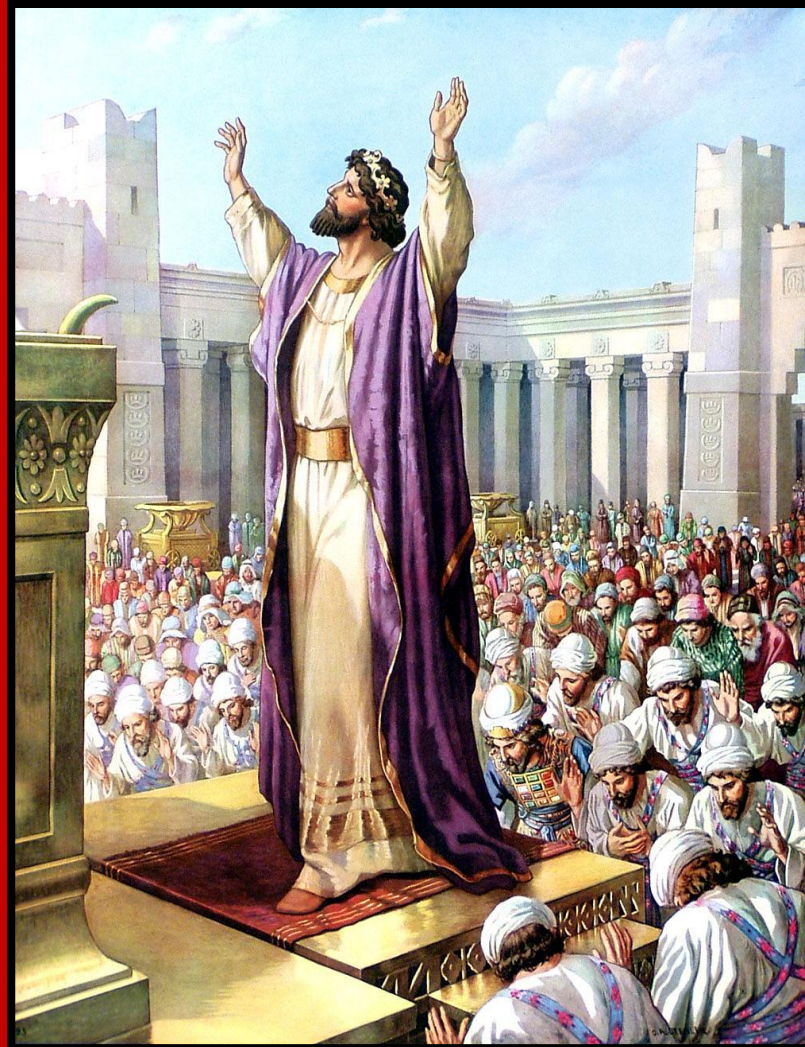


God did not allow David to build the temple, but David did prepare a treasury for the temple that his son Solomon would build.

DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE

1 Kings 8

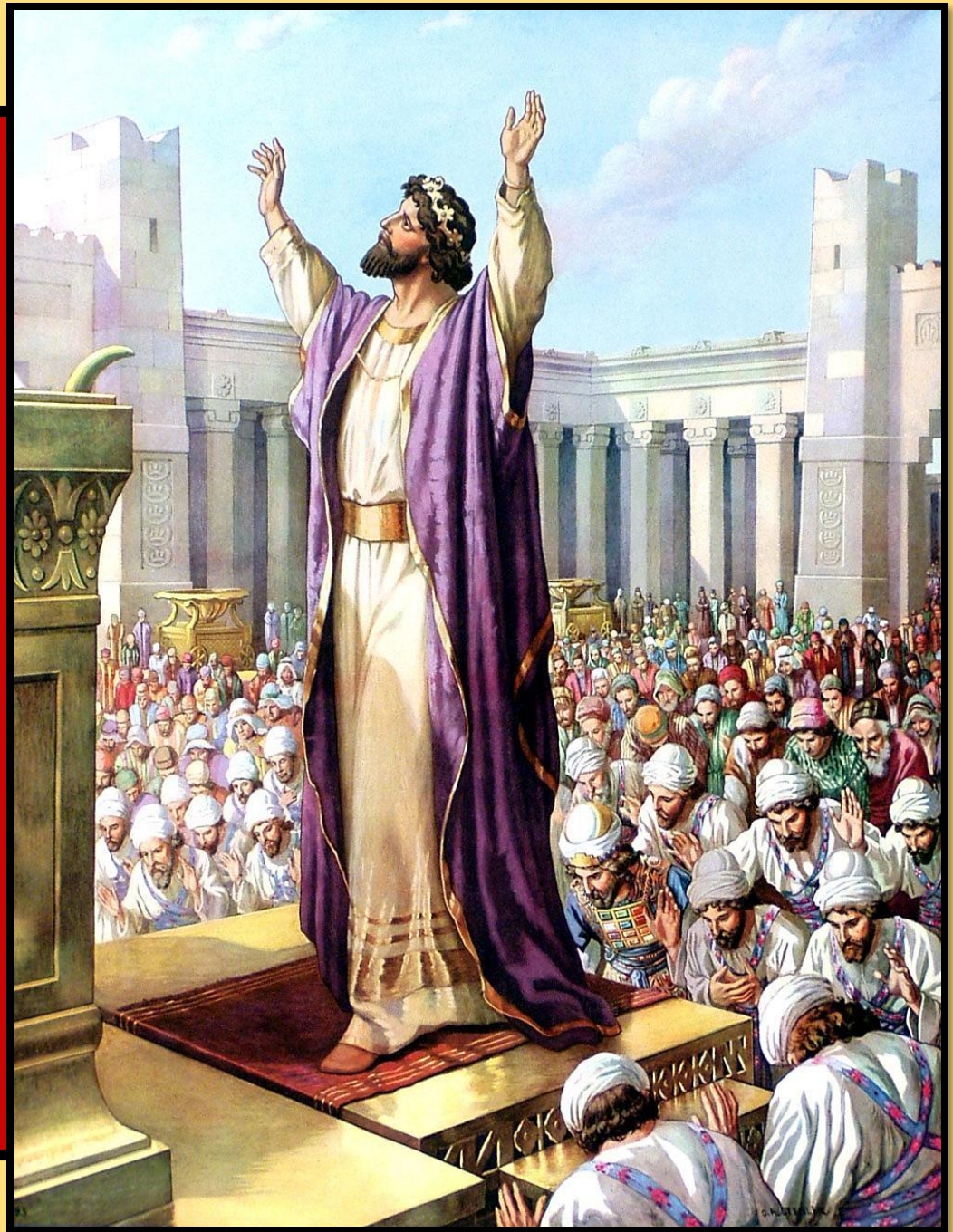
“²²And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven: ²³And he said, LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart.”

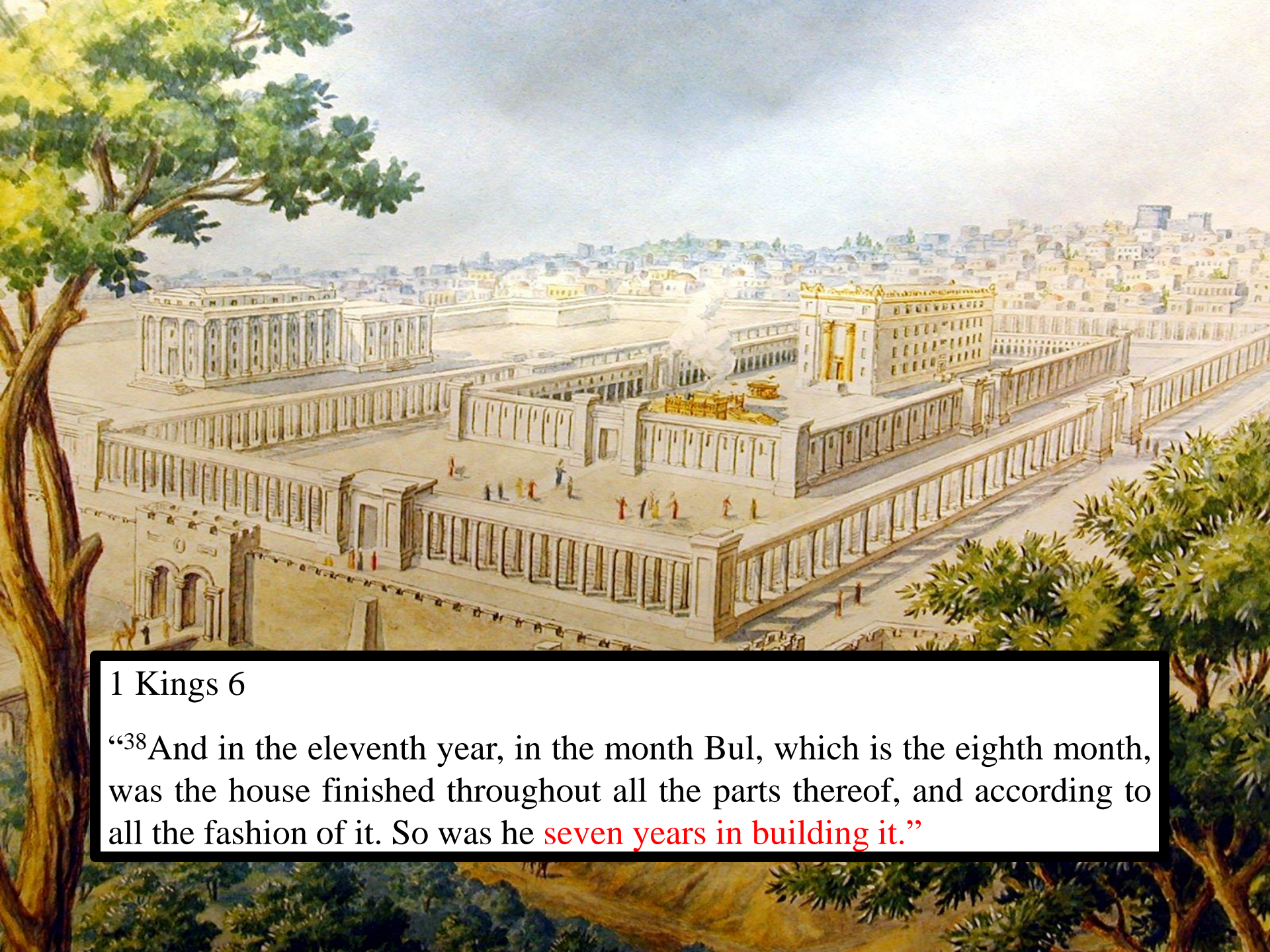


1 Kings 8

Verses 24 to 61 are Solomon's prayer

“⁶²And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD. ⁶³And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, **two and twenty thousand oxen**, and **an hundred and twenty thousand sheep**. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.”





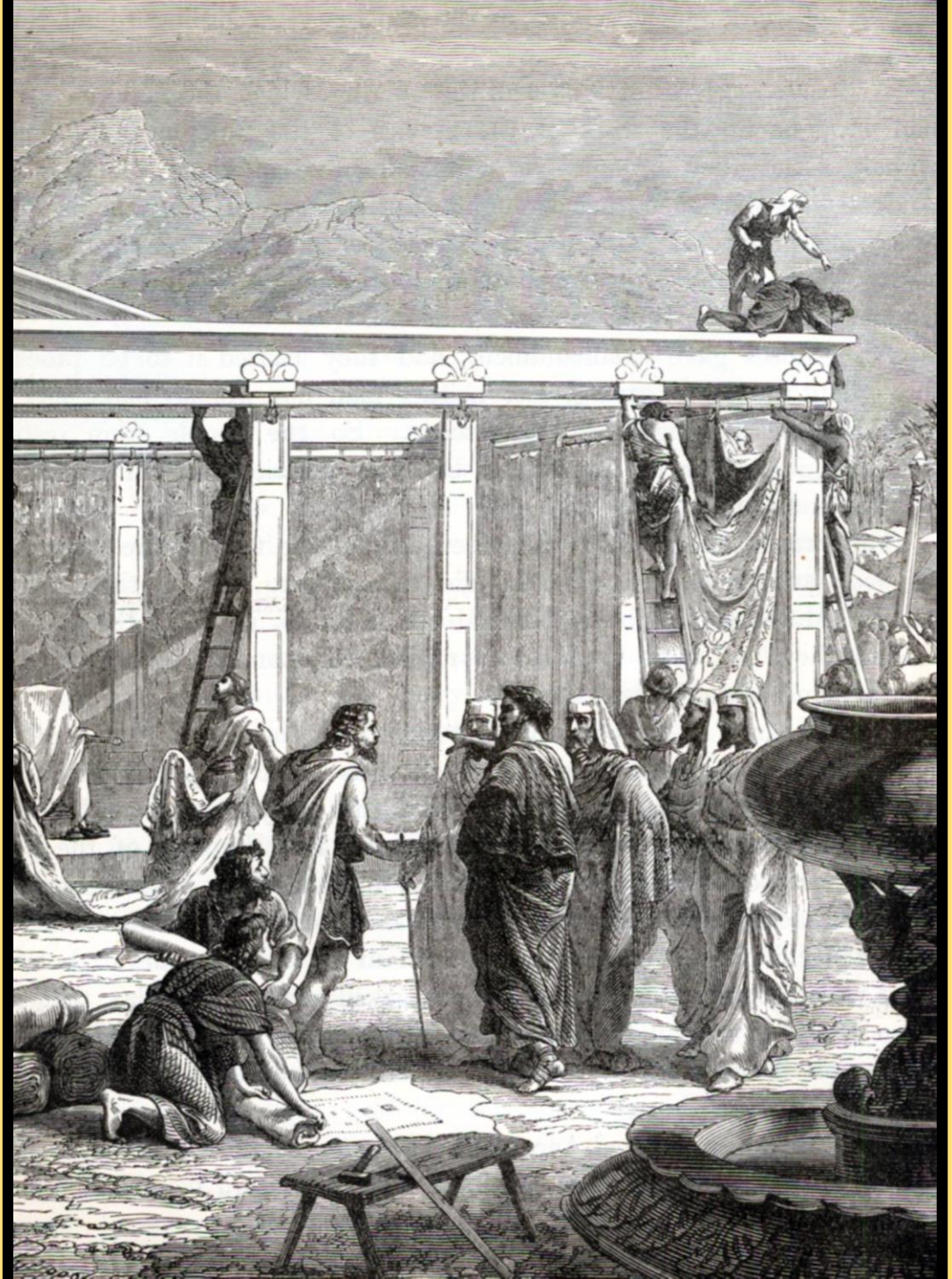
1 Kings 6

“³⁸And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he **seven years in building it.**”

THIRTEEN YEARS TO BUILD HIS HOUSE

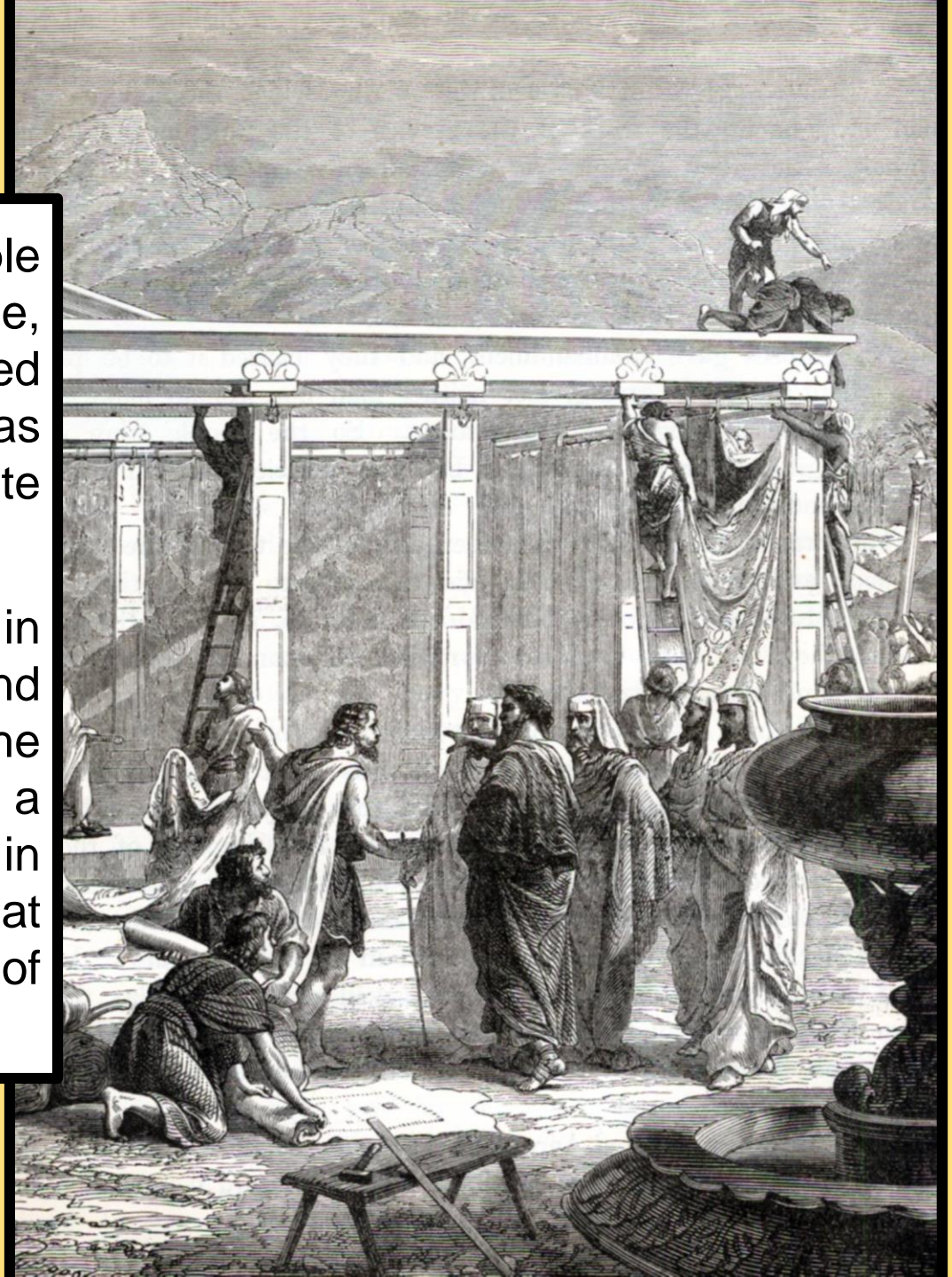
1 Kings 7

“¹But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.”



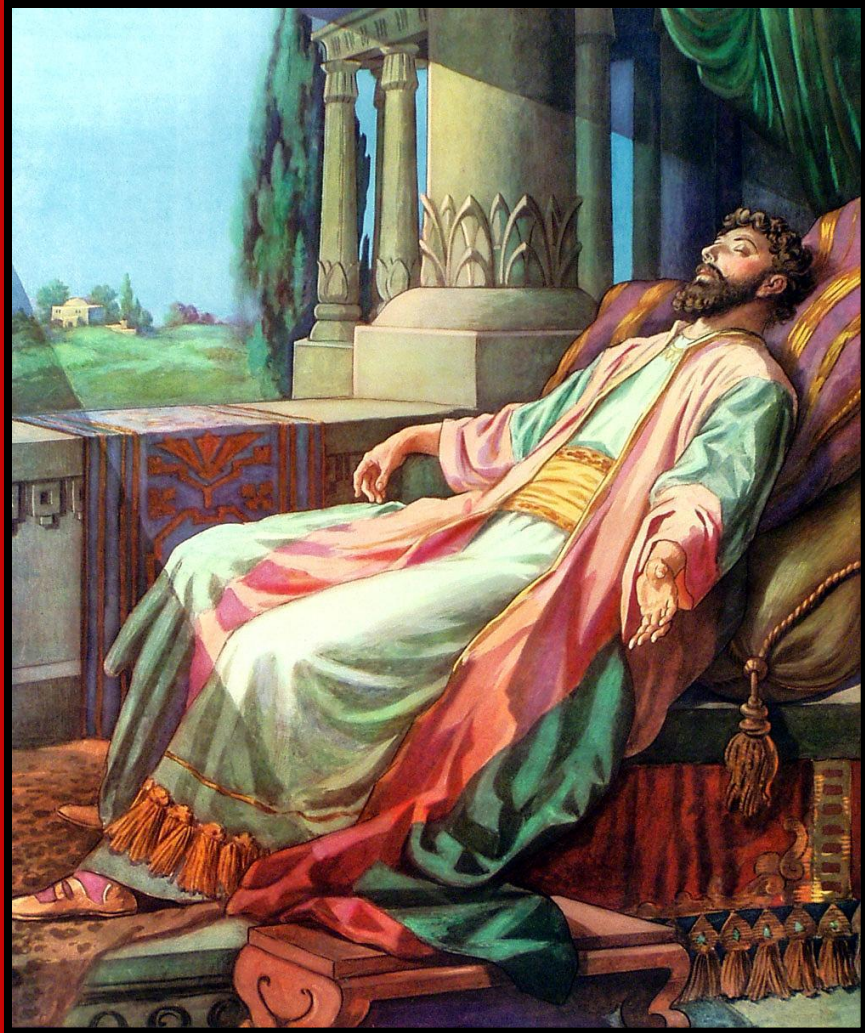
Solomon built the temple first and in record time, because it was needed for worship, but he was in no hurry to complete his houses.

He built houses in Jerusalem, Lebanon, and a house for his wife. The house in Lebanon had a tower. The house in Jerusalem had a great wall and a porch of judgment.



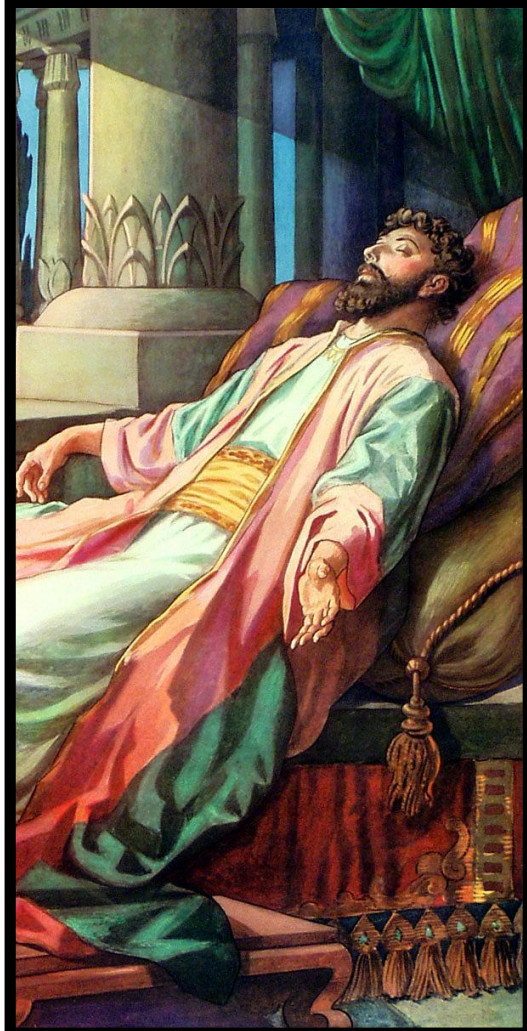
I Kings 9

“1. . . When Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king’s house, and all Solomon’s desire which he was pleased to do, ²That **the LORD** appeared to **Solomon the second time**, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon. ³And the LORD said unto him . . .”



I Kings 9

“³I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me . . . ⁴And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked . . . ⁵Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever . . . ⁶But if ye shall at all turn from following me, **ye or your children**, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, **but go and serve other gods, and worship them:** ⁷Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and **Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people.**”



**God blessed
Solomon with
wisdom,
honor, length
of days and
RICHES . . .**



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