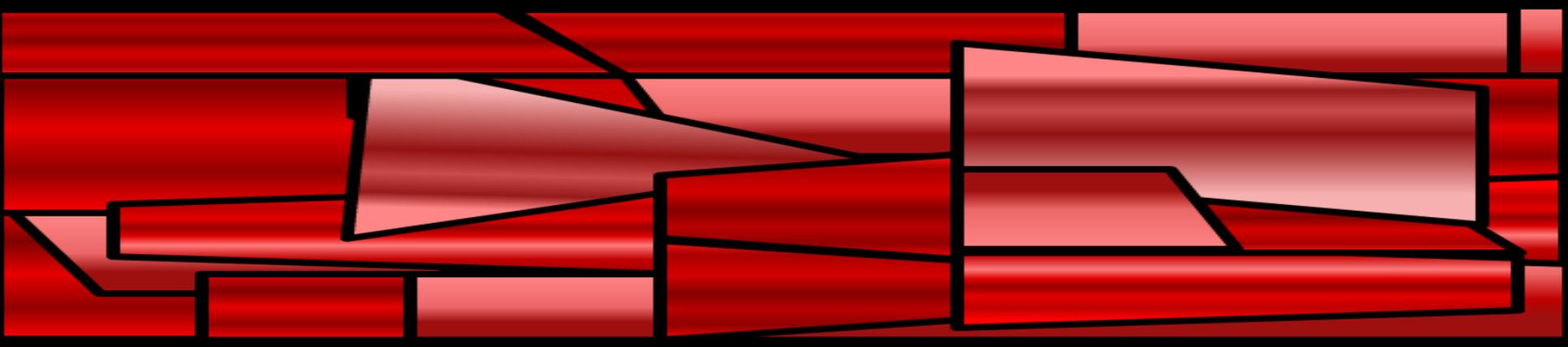


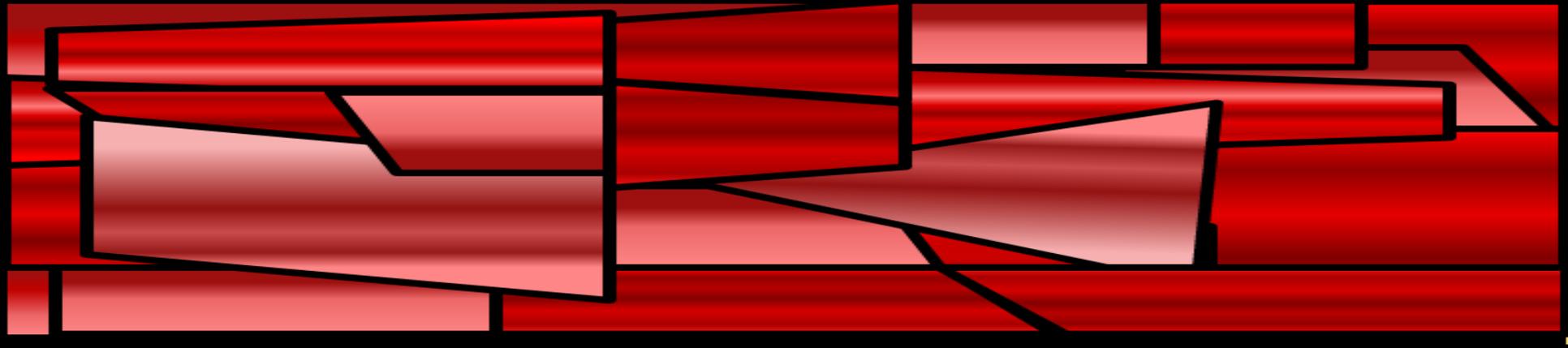
SAUL, DAVID, & SOLOMON

Lessons In Faith





I KINGS

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



Besides the temple and his houses, Solomon built a wall around Jerusalem and CITIES!

He had cities just to store his chariots and cities for his horsemen.



He had a navy on the Red Sea and a huge army.

His navy brought him spices, linen, gold, silver, apes, peacocks, and ivory.



He had a great throne of ivory overlaid with gold.

It had steps leading up to the throne with 12 lions on the steps. All his drinking vessels were gold.



Solomon had every reason to remain faithful to God.

Never before or since has anyone been so blessed.

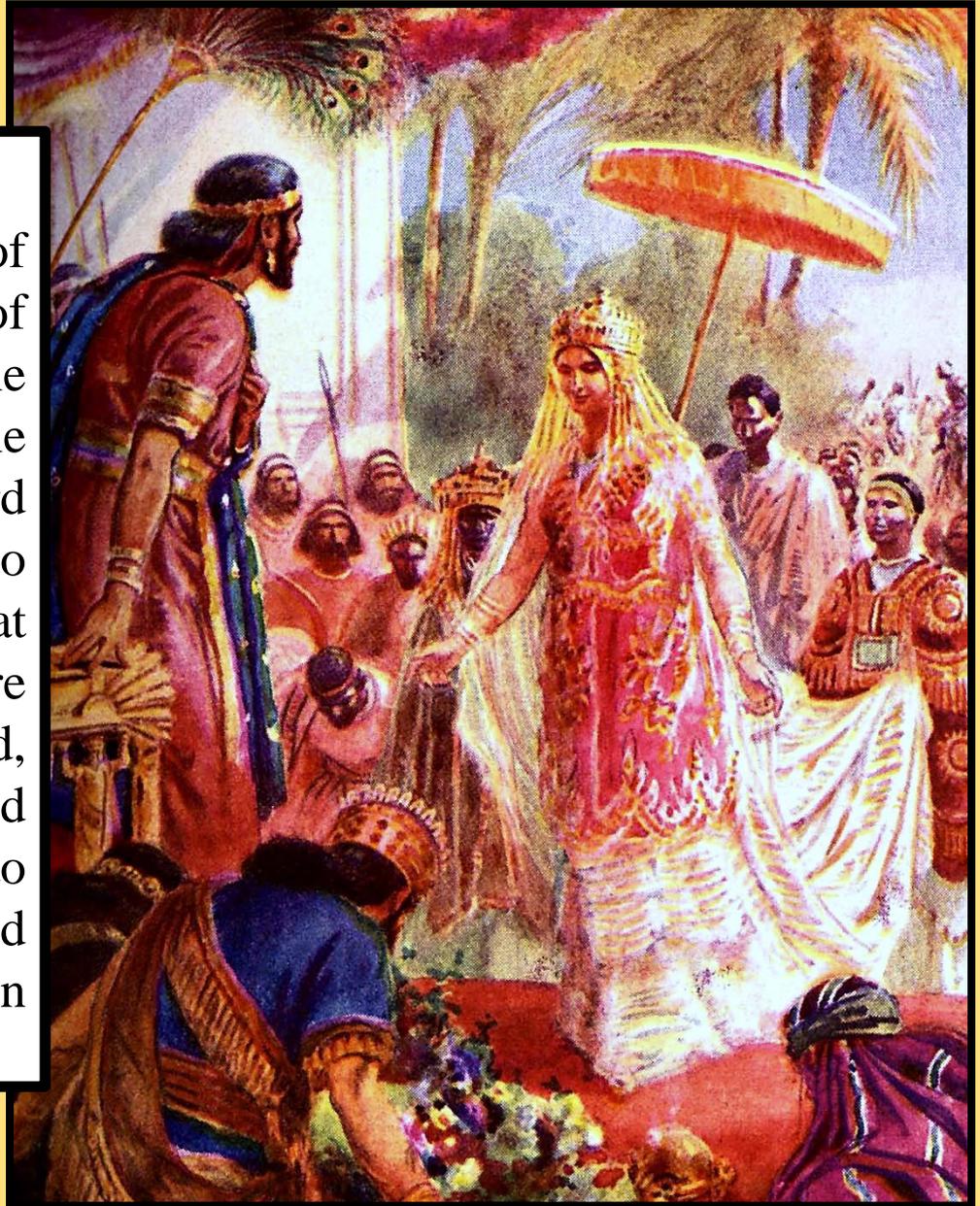




**The Queen of Sheba
Visited
SOLOMON**

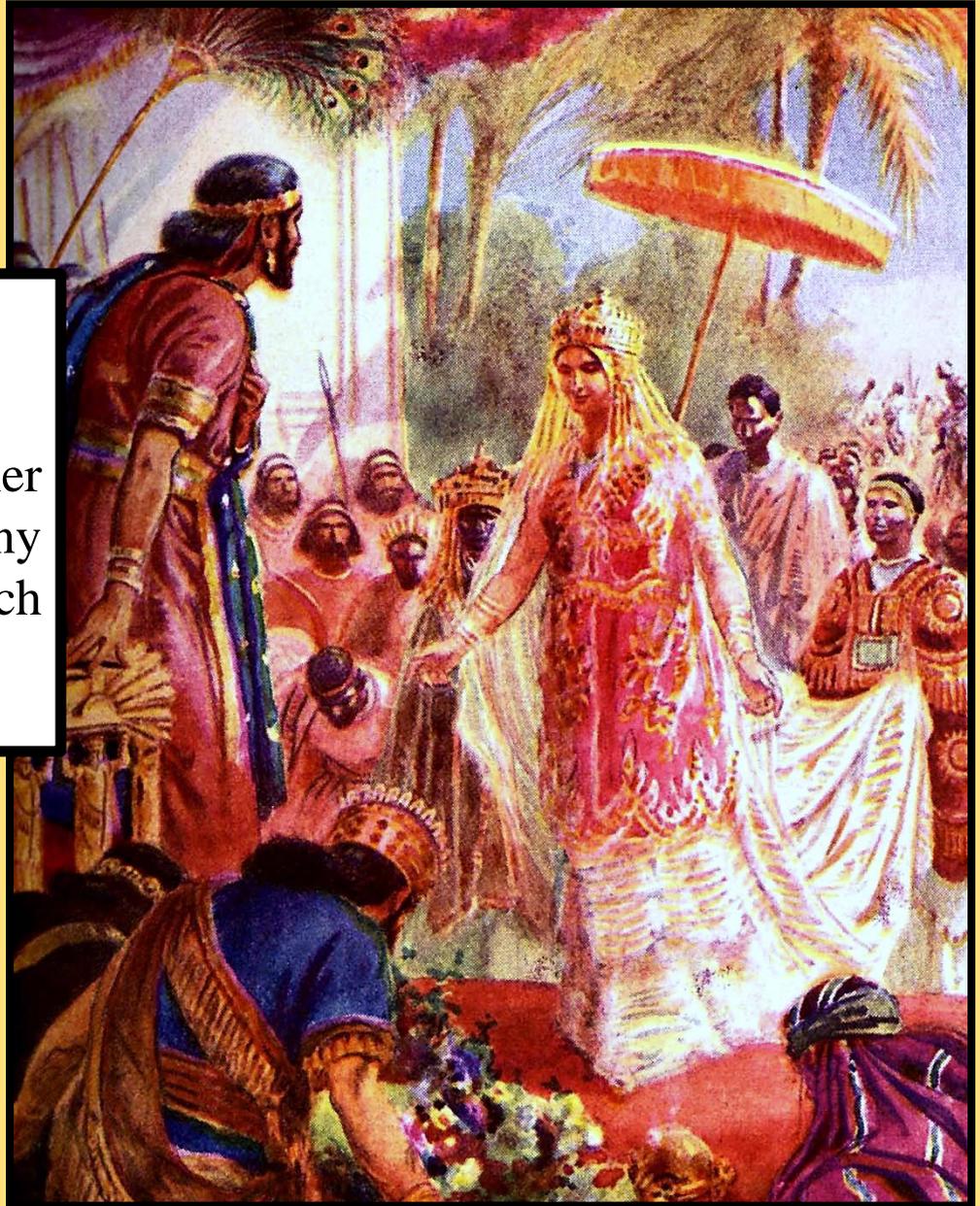
1 Kings 10

“¹And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions. ²And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.”



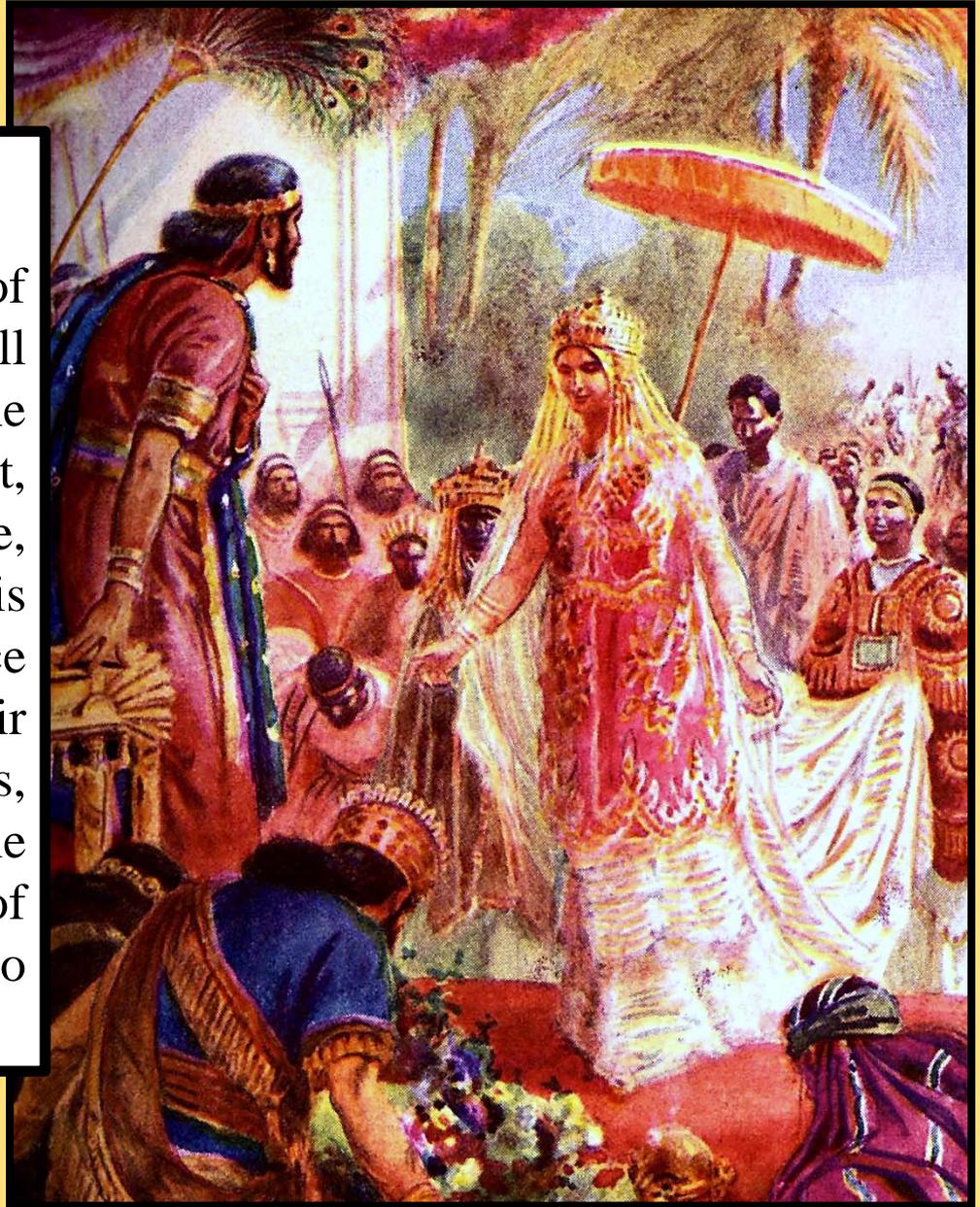
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“³And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not.”



1 Kings 10

“⁴And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon’s wisdom, and the house that he had built,
⁵And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.”



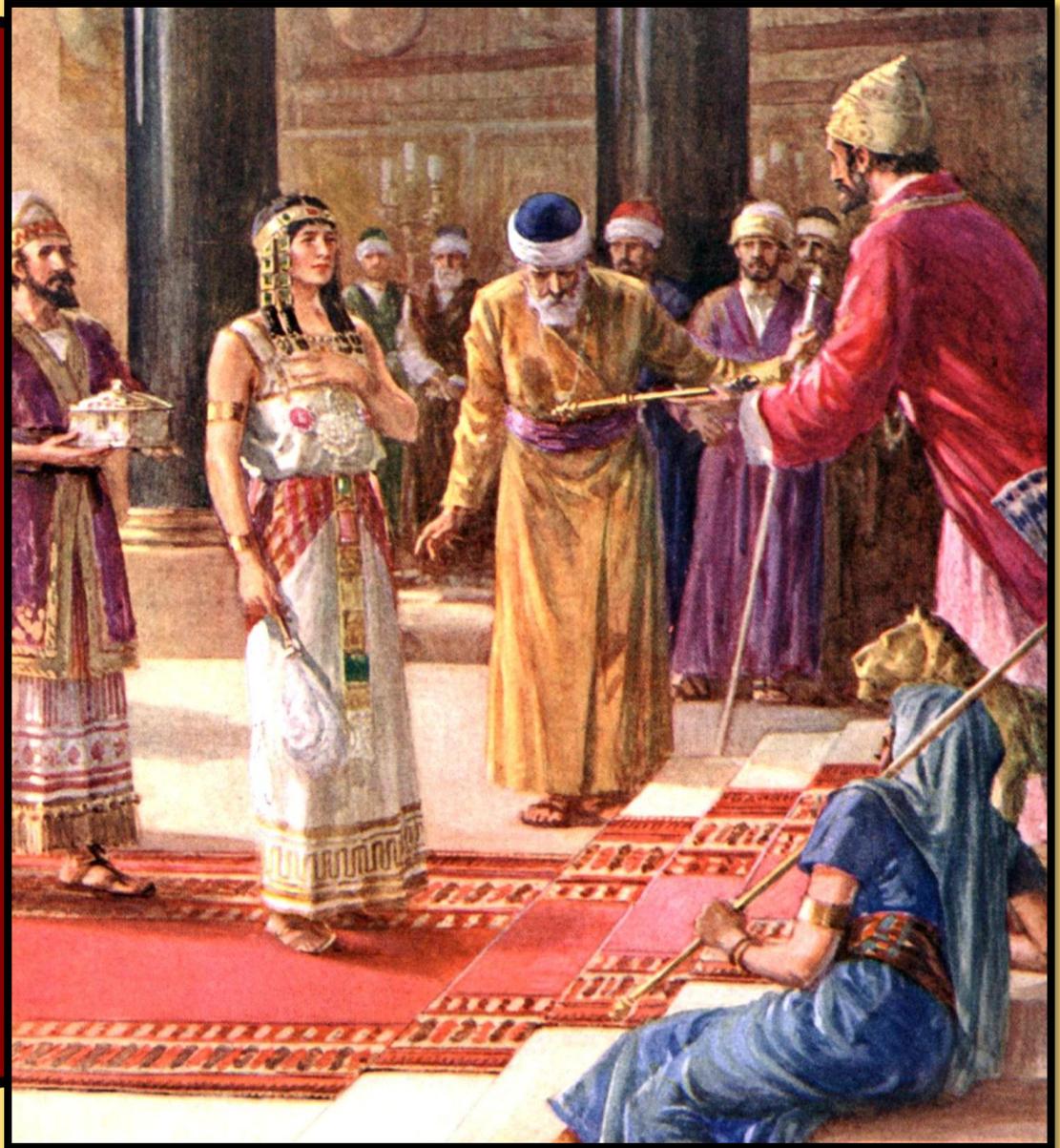
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“⁶And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. ⁷Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, **the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.**”



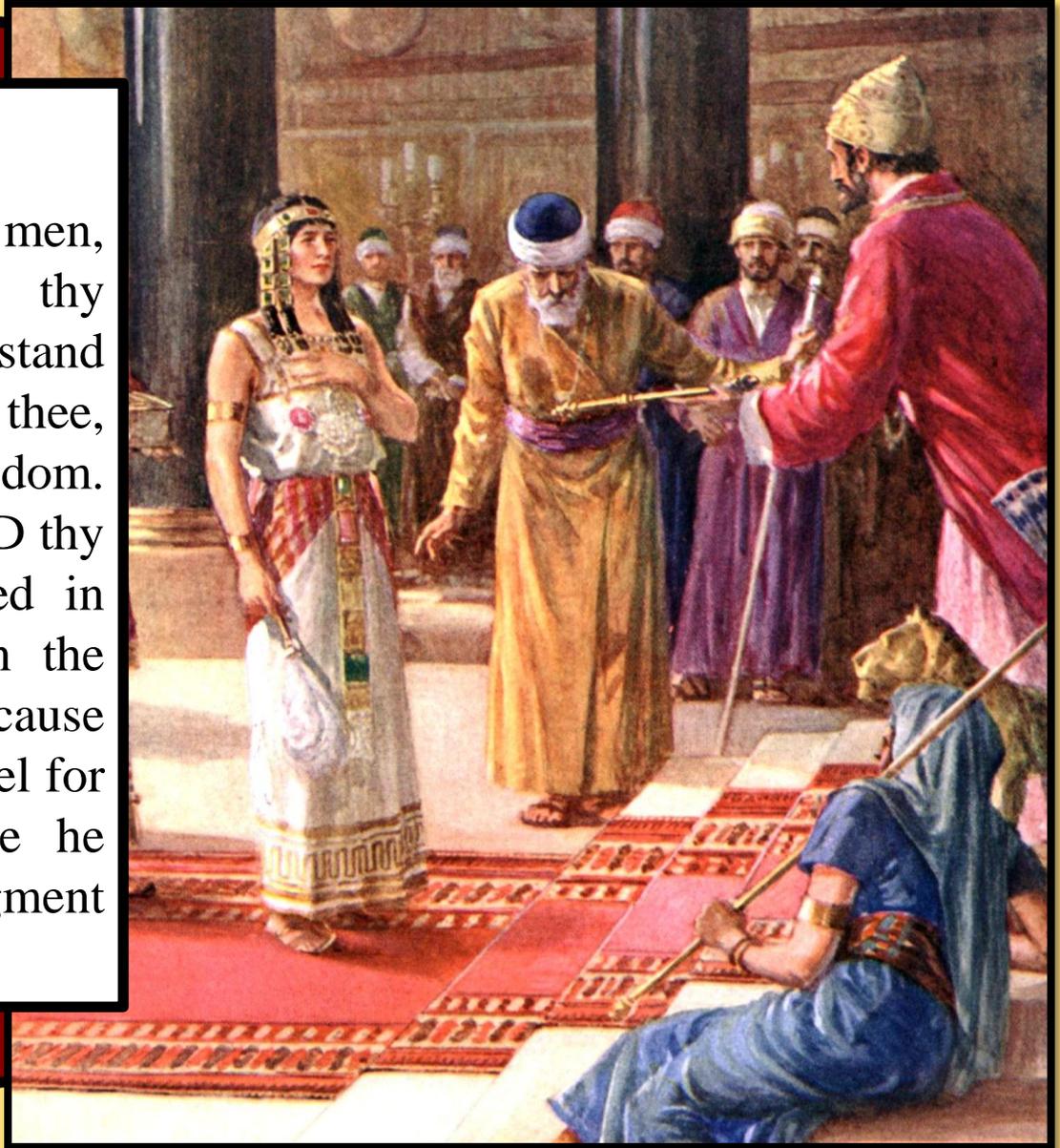
The Queen of Sheba was impressed with Solomon's wealth and the love his servants had for him.

He gave God the glory for all his blessings.



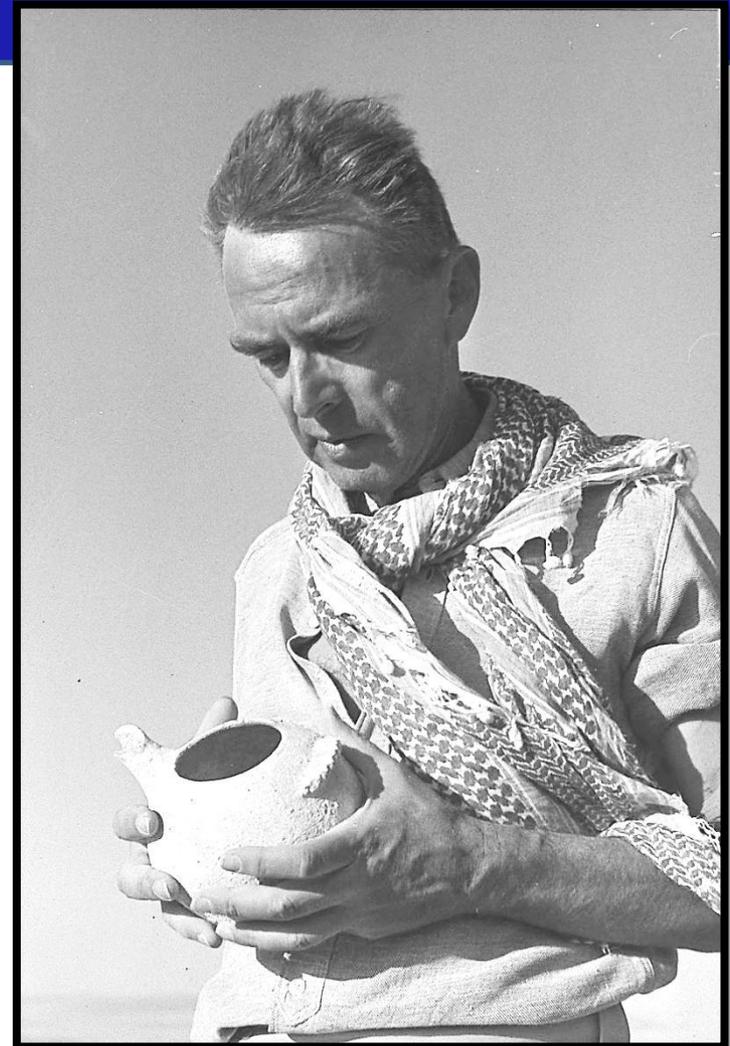
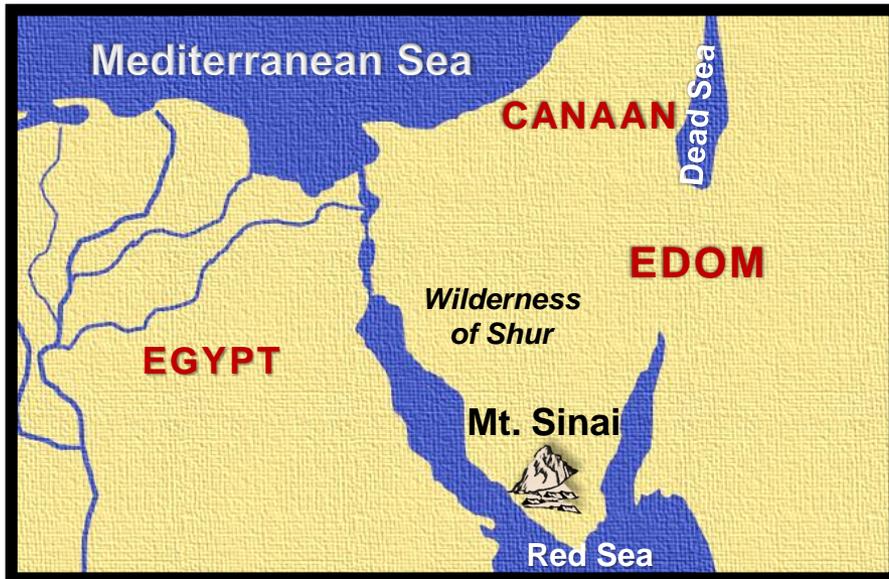
1 Kings 10

“⁸Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.
⁹Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.”



Archeology And The Bible

Important discoveries have been made with regard to iron and copper mines in Edom. Nelson Glueck before World War II carried out extensive surface explorations of the area. He found several large ancient mines.

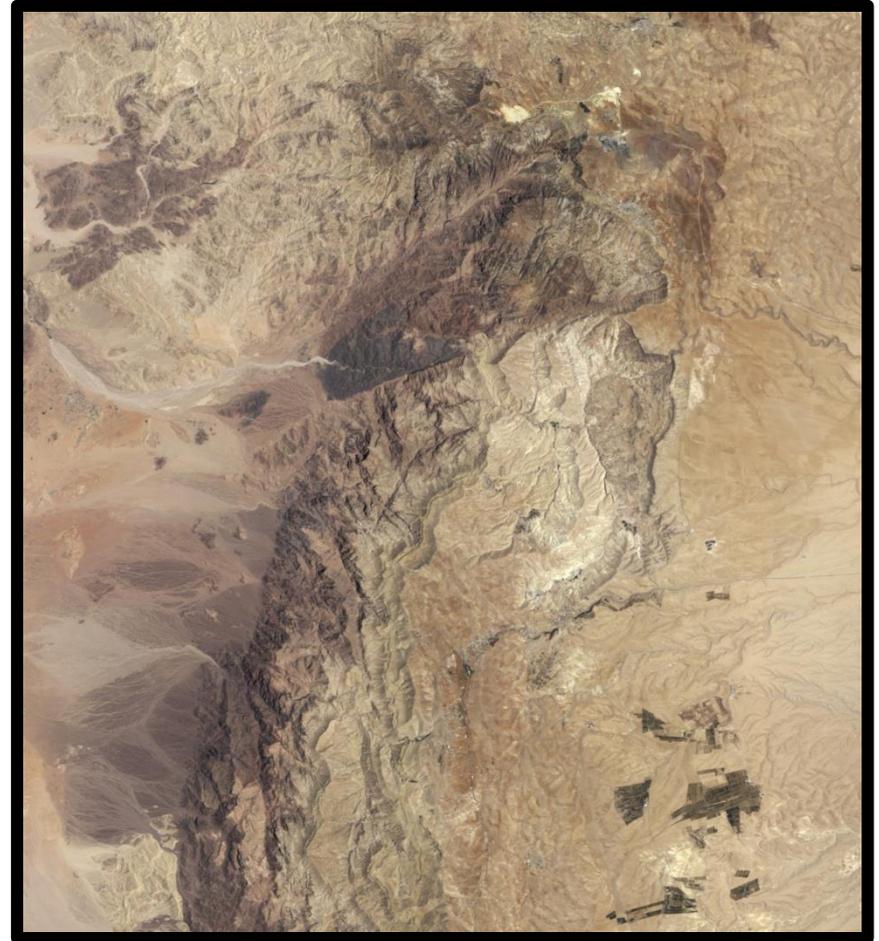


Nelson Glueck

Archeology And The Bible

There was evidence that these mines had been exploited before and after King Solomon's reign. Huge heaps of slag left near them are witnesses of the extensive mining operations that had been carried on.

In this satellite image of Khirbat en-Nahas (the location of ancient Edom) you can see black piles of slag that define the ancient copper mining site.

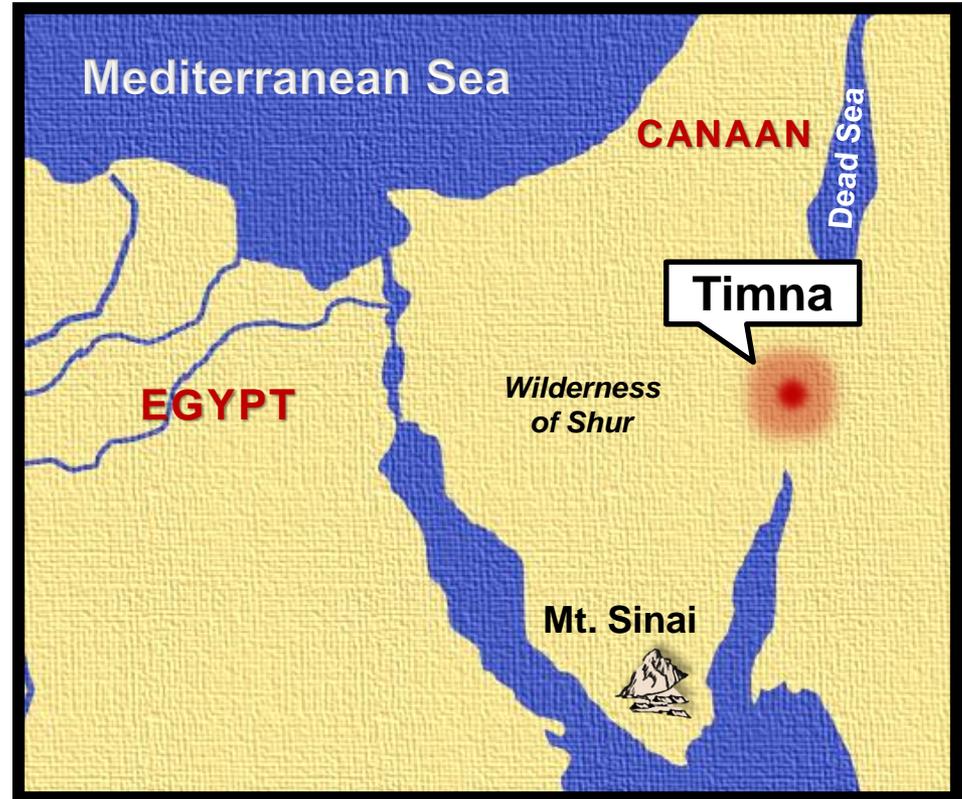


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Beginning in 1950 archeologist Beno Rothenberg systematically explored Israel's ancient mining areas. At one place called Timna the ruins of an ancient

Egyptian temple were discovered which served the miners, showing that the Egyptians operated the Timna mines before the Hebrews took them over.

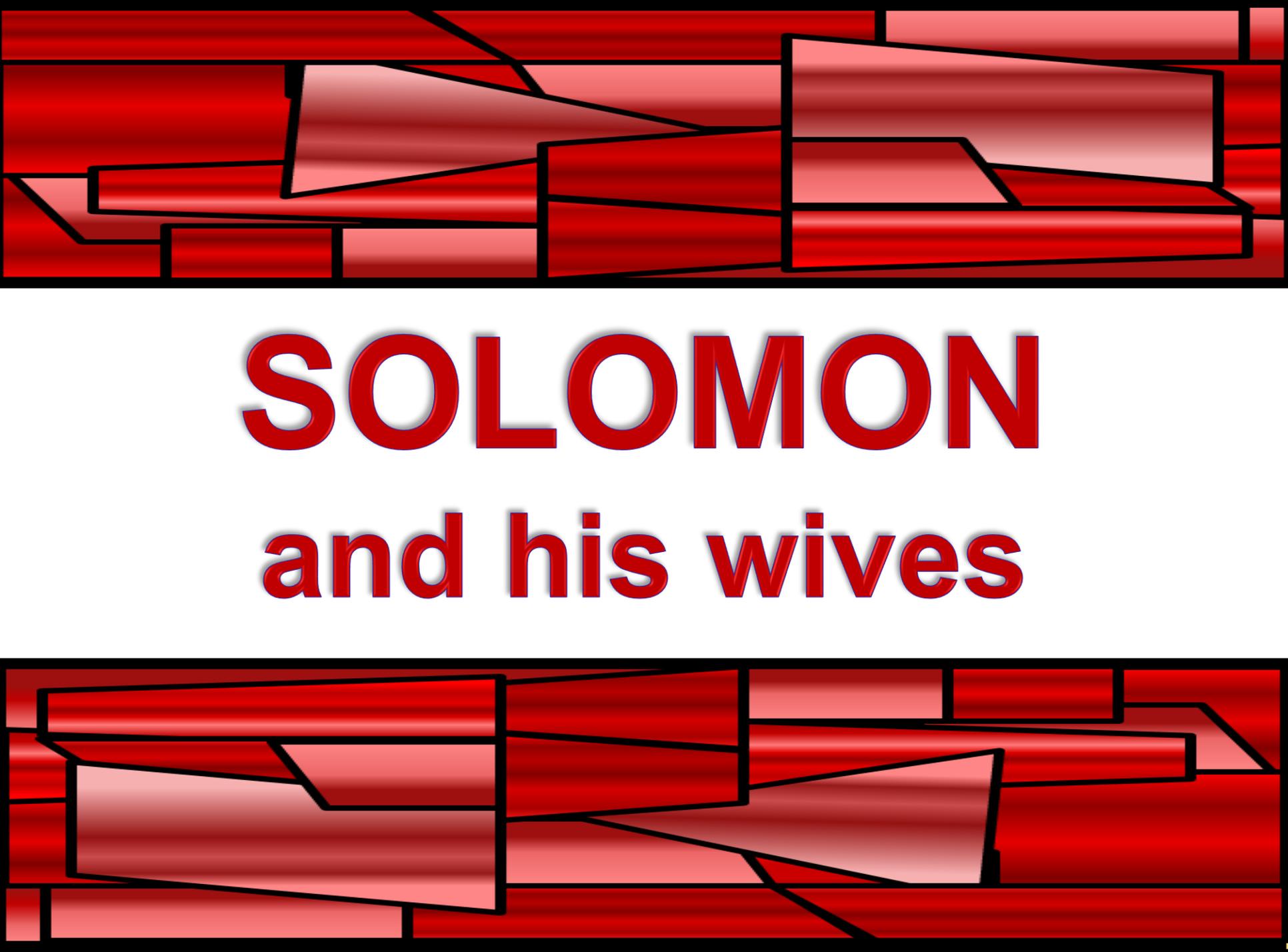


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The discovery of these mines has vindicated the statement Moses made concerning the future land of Canaan, as being a “land whose stones were iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass” (Deuteronomy 8:9).

The existence of these ancient mines explains also how King Solomon could be so wealthy in metals of which Egypt as well as Mesopotamia and other countries were in great need (1 Kings 7:46, 47; 2 Chronicles 4:17, 18; 9:13, 14, 27).





SOLOMON

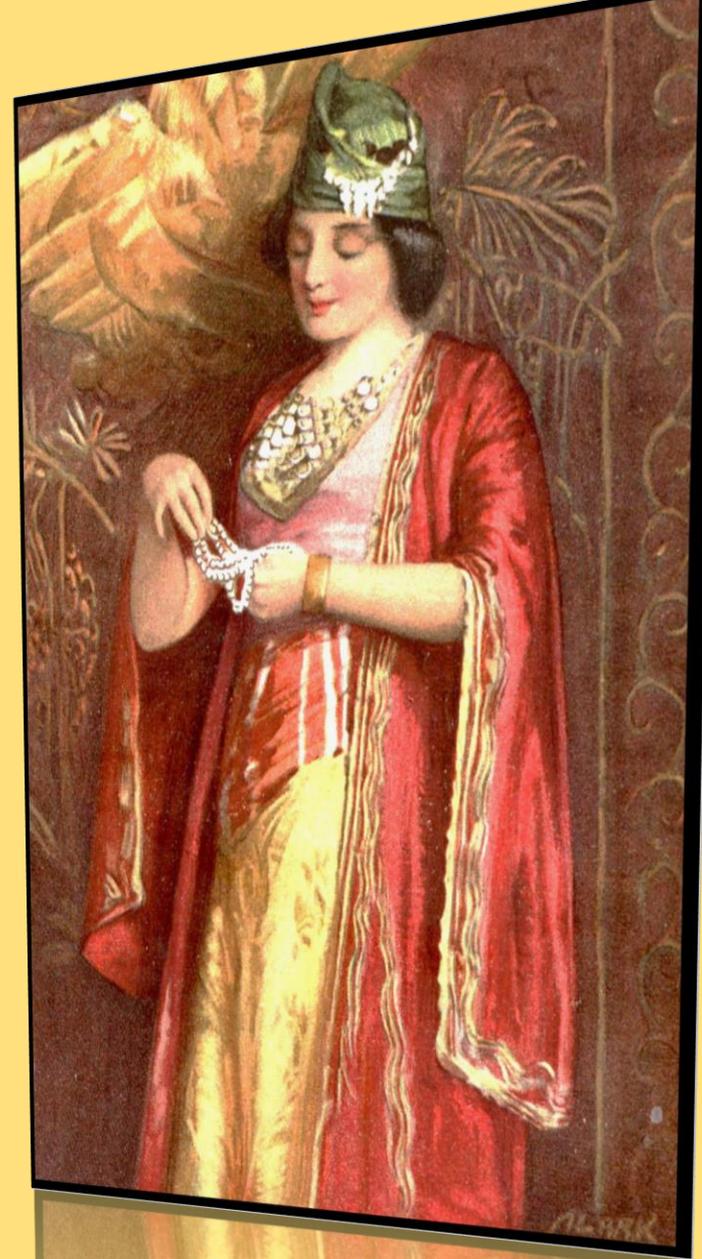
and his wives

1 Kings 11

“**But** king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;

²Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.”

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1 Kings 11

“³And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.”



1 Kings 11

“⁴For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.”



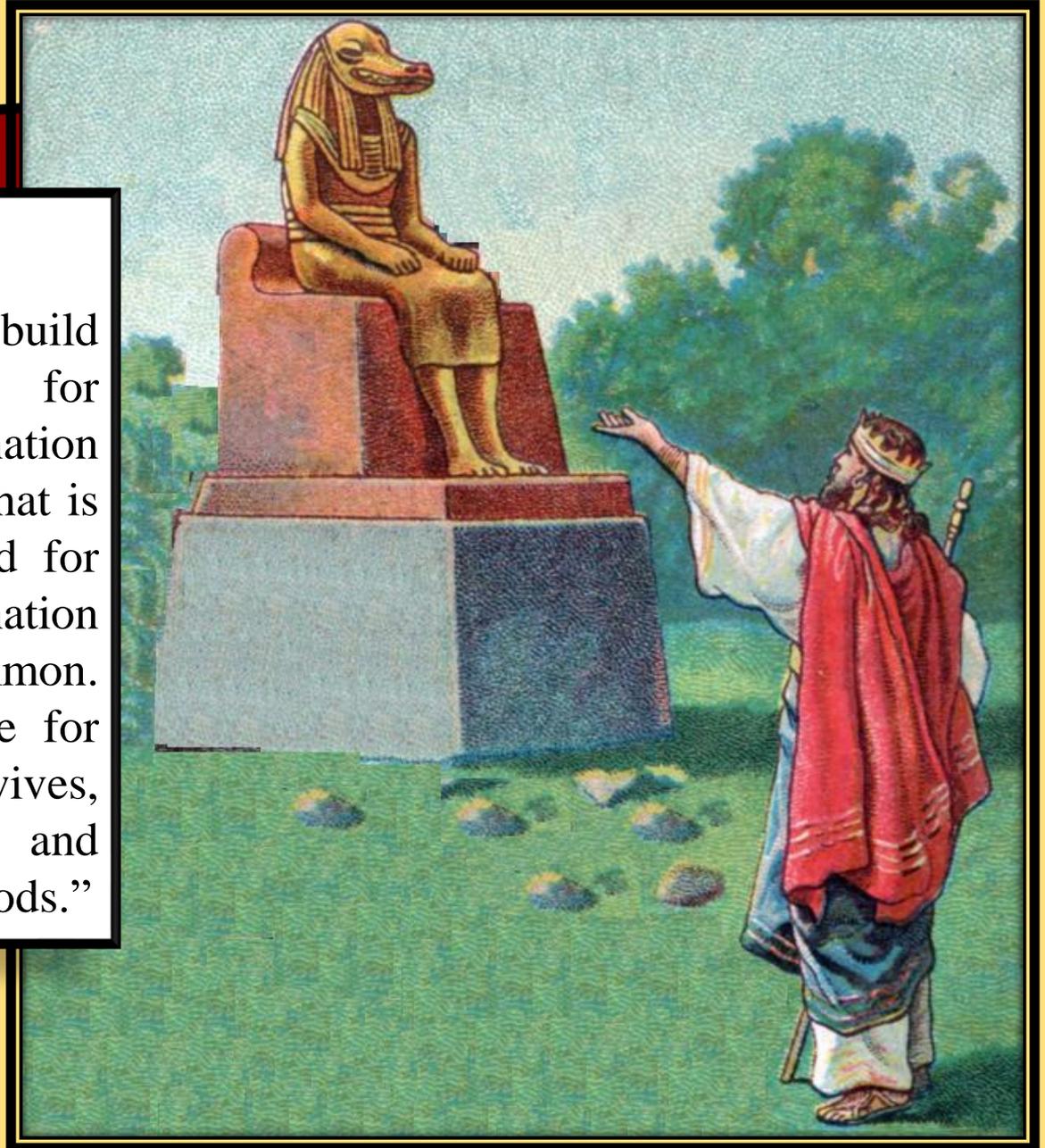
1 Kings 11

“⁵For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. ⁶And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father.”



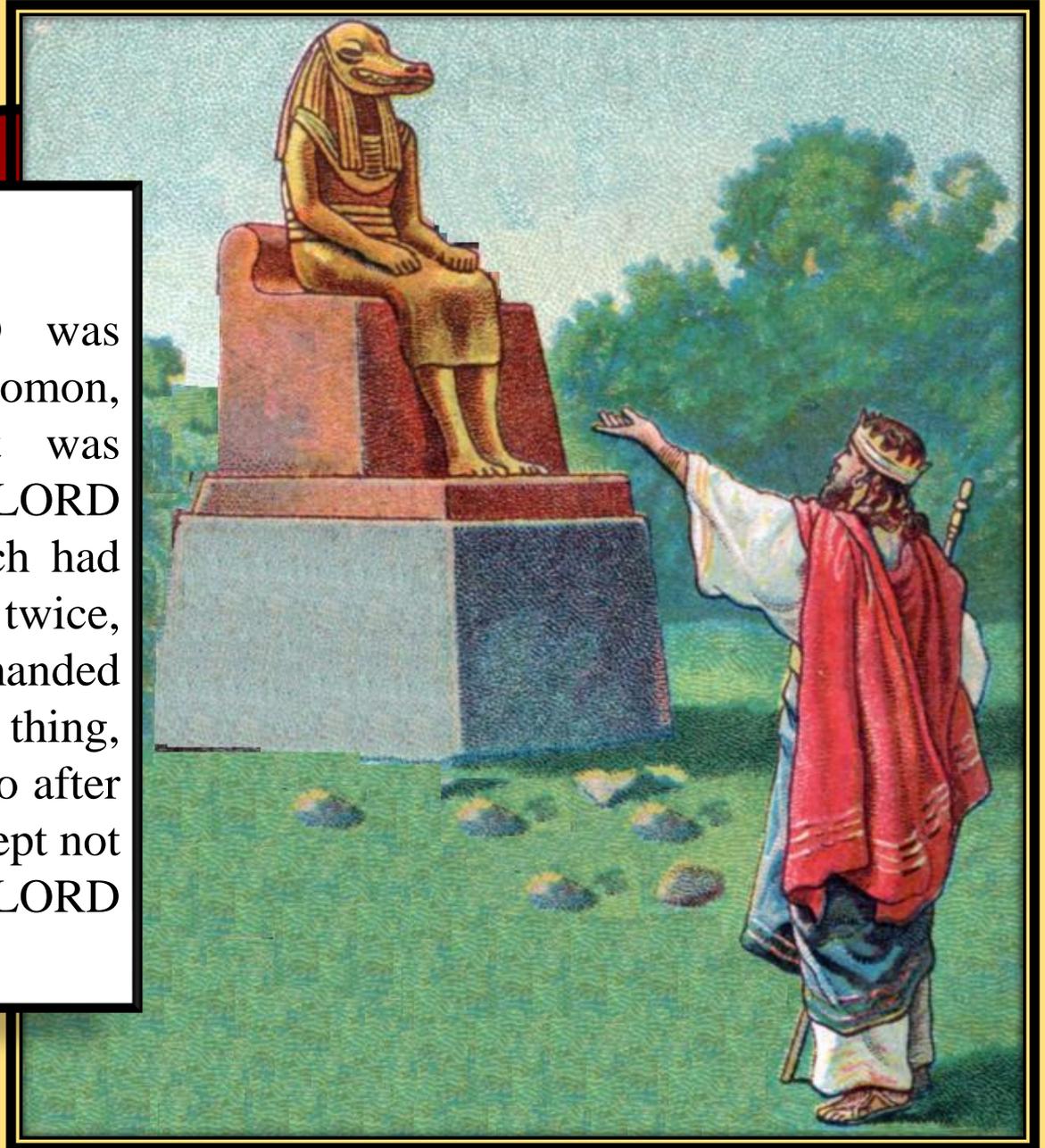
1 Kings 11

“⁷Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. ⁸And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.”



1 Kings 11

“⁹And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,
¹⁰And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.”



1 Kings 11

“¹¹Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.”



1 Kings 11

“¹²Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father’s sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.

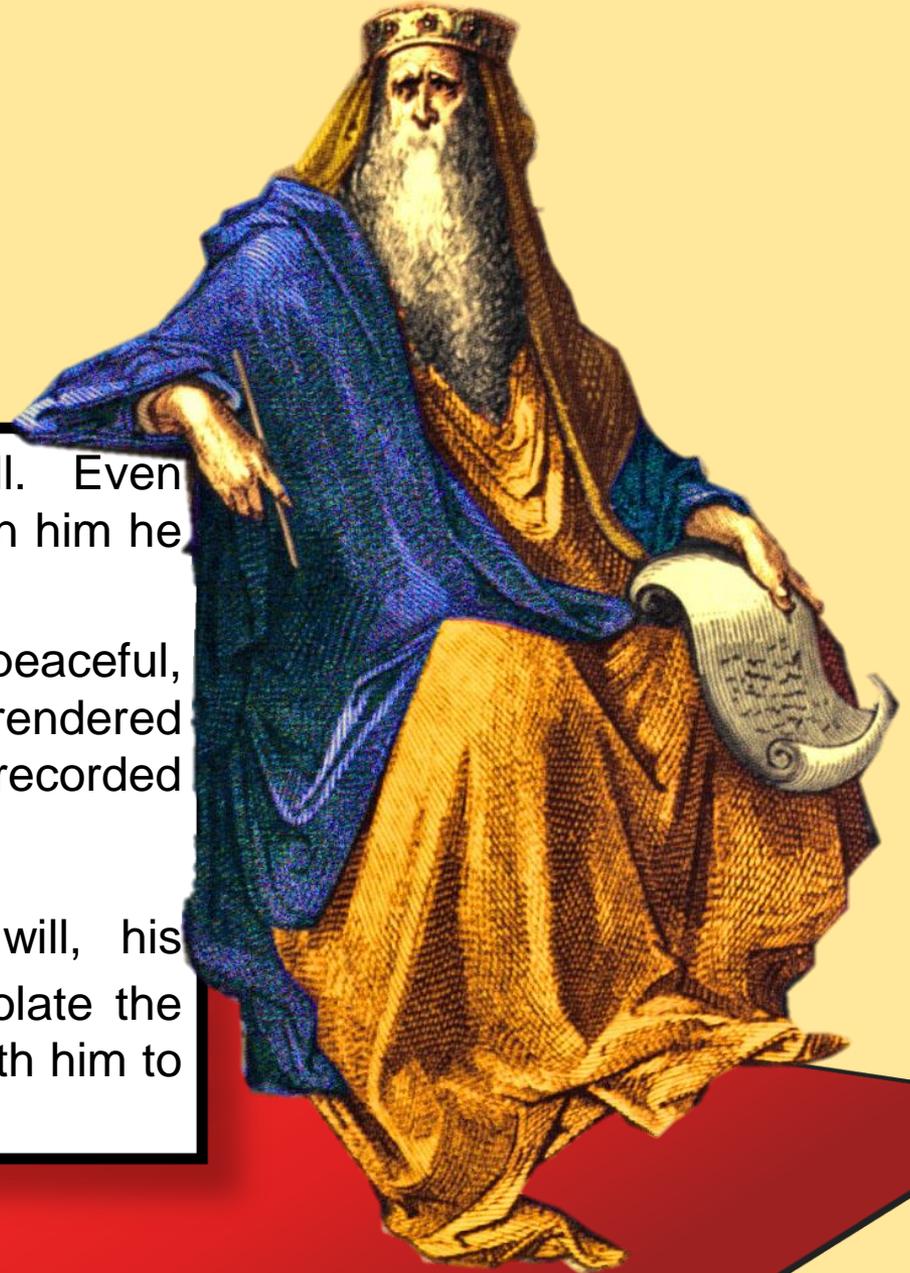
¹³Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant’s sake, and for Jerusalem’s sake which I have chosen.”

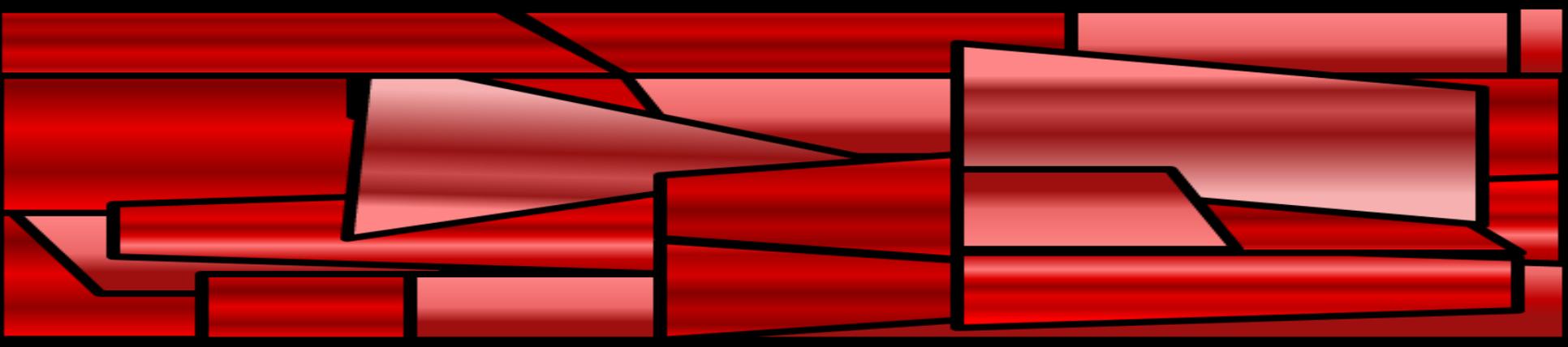


In his old age Solomon lost it all. Even with all the wisdom God had given him he was tempted and sinned.

His wisdom built a powerful, peaceful, plentiful kingdom. His wisdom rendered judgments, wrote songs, and recorded insights in proverbs.

But, it did not control his will, his choices . . . and he chose to violate the very commandment God plead with him to keep.





THE END

