



## Lesson 107

# Solomon's Glory

### Story Elements

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Text:</b> 1 Kings 9:10:29; 2 Chronicles 8:1-9:28</li> <li>● <b>Setting:</b> circa 946 B.C.</li> <li>● <b>Main Characters:</b> God, Solomon, Hiram king of Tyre, and the queen of Sheba.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Plot:</b> Solomon grows in fortune and fame.</li> <li>● <b>Key word(s):</b> “wisdom and _____”</li> <li>● <b>Climax:</b> 1 Kings 10:7 ...<i>the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard..</i></li> </ul> |
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## Solomon's Wealth

1. (1 Ki. 9:10-14) Solomon spent twenty years building the temple and the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>. The King of Tyre's access to building materials and skilled labor proved beneficial to Solomon in his endeavors.
2. Solomon paid Hiram for his resources with twenty border towns in Galilee. Hiram was displeased with the Canaanite cities and gave them back to Solomon. The area was called “Cabul,” which means “\_\_\_\_\_.” Solomon, then, invested in the cities' infrastructure and colonized them with Hebrews.
3. (1 Ki. 9:26-28) With the help of Hiram, Solomon established a navy in the Red Sea. These boats made voyages to Ophir and brought to Solomon's kingdom 420 talents of gold (almost \_\_\_\_ tons). Additionally:
  - (a) Solomon received 120 talents of gold from the queen of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Ki. 10:10)
  - (b) Solomon received \_\_\_\_\_ talents of gold yearly from tax revenue (1 Ki. 10:14)
  - (c) Solomon owned \_\_\_\_\_ horses (1 Ki. 4:26), 1,400 chariots (1 Ki. 10:26), and an ivory throne over-laid with gold. (10:18-20)
4. (1 Ki. 11:3) Solomon wealth and power enabled him to marry \_\_\_\_\_ women and support a harem of 300 concubines.

## Solomon's Wisdom

5. (1 Ki. 10:1-13) Solomon's fame spread throughout the Middle East and beyond, provoking the curiosity of many, including the queen of \_\_\_\_\_ who came to see for herself Solomon's fabled wealth and wisdom. The queen came a skeptic but left a believer, saying:

*1 Kings 10:6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. 7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine*

<sup>1</sup> That is, 7 years for the temple and 13 years for the palace

eyes had seen it: and, behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.

6. Solomon's studied jurisprudence (1 Ki. 3:28), administration ( 1 Ki. 4:29; 5:12), \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Ki. 4:32), natural science (1 Ki. 4:33), architecture and engineering (1 Ki. 5:1-7; 9:15-22), commercial enterprise ( 1 Ki. 9:26-10:29), philosophy (Ecc. 2:3), and horticulture (Ecc. 2:5)<sup>2</sup>

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## Application

7. The Savior said, “The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.” (Matt. 12:42)

(a) In what ways is Jesus greater than Solomon? \_\_\_\_\_

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(b) What does such a claim say about the Savior? \_\_\_\_\_

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Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Answer Key:** : Key word(s): prosperity • 1. palace • 2. dirty • 3. 16; a) Sheba; b) 666; c) 40,000 • 4. 700 • 5. Sheba; 1 Kings 10:6 - half • 6. poetry • 7. answers will vary

**How to use this worksheet for personal Bible study:** (1) Read the Bible passage given in the **Story Elements** section. (2) Read through the worksheet and try to fill in the blanks without looking at the **Answer Key**. (3) Check your answers with the key and make the necessary corrections. Keep in mind that some answers are a matter of opinion, and often more than one answer is correct. (4) Write down your own thoughts, applications, and questions for further study in the **Notes** section.

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<sup>2</sup>From *Wilmington's Guide to the Bible* (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, 1984) 115.