



King Solomon

*1 Kings 1-11,
2 Chronicles 1-9*

Proverbs

Ecclesiastes

Song of Solomon

970-931 BC





David's Charge to Solomon

1 Kings 2 When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son.

² “I am about to go the way of all the earth,” he said. “So be strong, act like a man, ³ and observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go ⁴ and that the LORD may keep his promise to me: ‘If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.’”

David's Charge to Solomon

¹⁰ Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. ¹¹ He had reigned forty years over Israel—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. ¹² So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.





Solomon was known for:

Wisdom: Proverbs and Ecclesiastes

Wealth: enabled by peace, tributes, and trade

Temple: awe inspiring structure

Women: 700 wives and 300 concubines, Song of Solomon



Solomon asks for wisdom

1 Kings 3 Solomon made an alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt and married his daughter. He brought her to the City of David until he finished building his palace and the temple of the LORD, and the wall around Jerusalem. ² The people, however, were still sacrificing at the high places, because a temple had not yet been built for the Name of the LORD. ³ Solomon showed his love for the LORD by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.



Solomon asks for wisdom

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

⁶ Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.



Solomon
asks for
wisdom

⁷ “Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”



Solomon asks for wisdom

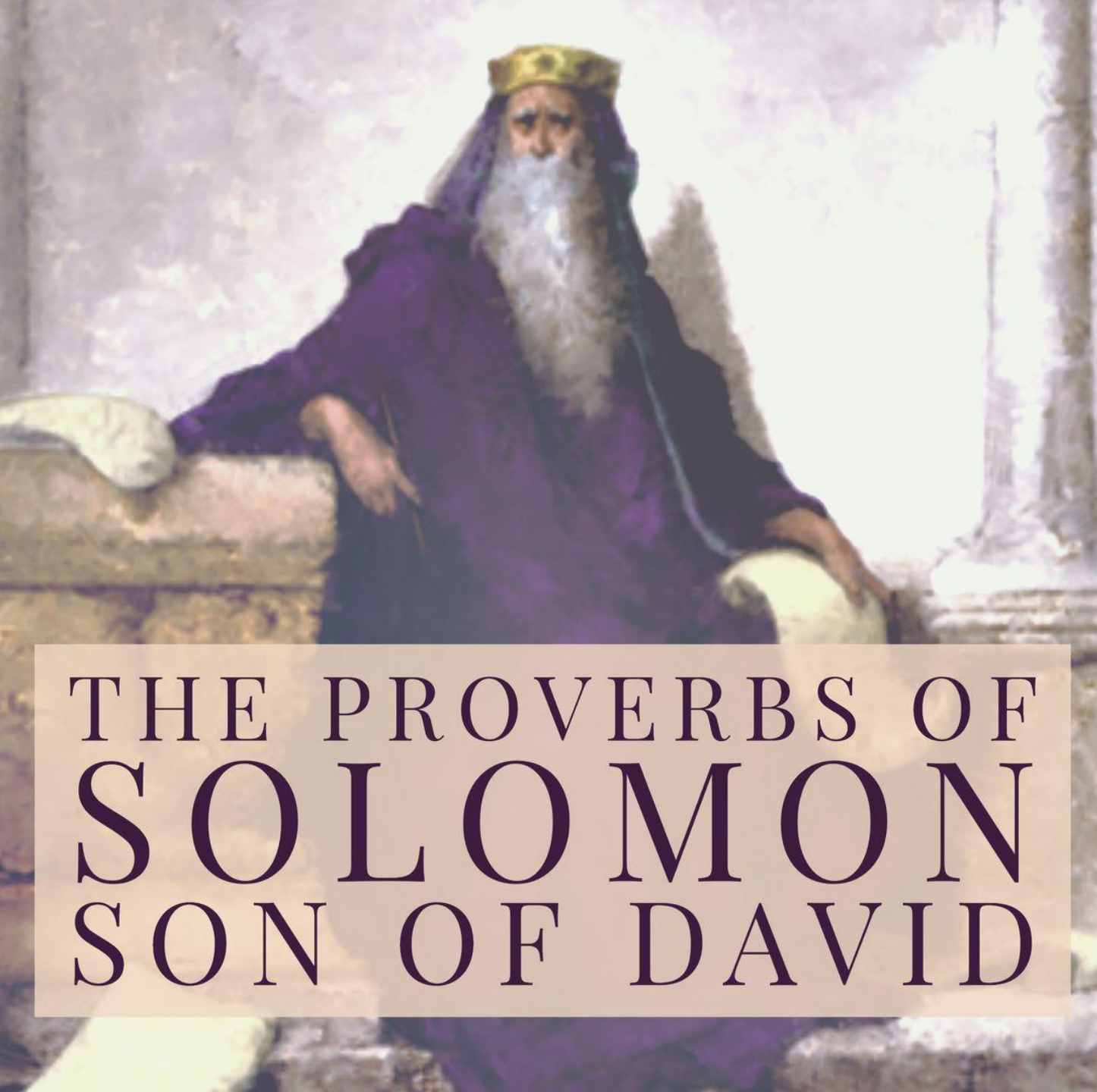
¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. ¹³ Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. ¹⁴ And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.” ¹⁵ Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream.



Solomon's wisdom



²⁹ God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore. ³⁰ Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the people of the East, and greater than all the wisdom of Egypt. ³¹ He was wiser than anyone else... And his fame spread to all the surrounding nations. ³² He spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs numbered a thousand and five. ³³ He spoke about plant life, from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of walls. He also spoke about animals and birds, reptiles and fish. ³⁴ From all nations people came to listen to Solomon's wisdom, sent by all the kings of the world, who had heard of his wisdom.



THE PROVERBS OF
SOLOMON
SON OF DAVID

Book of Solomon (chapters 1-24)

- 1-9 Value of wisdom
 - lengthy, well-crafted discourses
 - Wisdom personified as a woman
 - “Out in the open wisdom calls aloud, she raises her voice in the public square” (1:20)
- 10-24 Maxims
 - Short, pithy sayings
 - Without editorial arrangement
 - Tend to be more secular
- 25-29 Book of Hezekiah
- 30 Book of Agur
- 31 Book of Lemuel
 - The wife of noble character



Proverbs 1 – Purpose and Theme

1 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

2 for gaining wisdom and instruction;

for understanding words of insight;

3 for receiving instruction in prudent behavior,
doing what is right and just and fair;

4 for giving prudence to those who are simple,
knowledge and discretion to the young—

5 let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance—

6 for understanding proverbs and parables,
the sayings and riddles of the wise.

7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.



**Trust in the Lord
with all your heart**
and lean not on your own
understanding;

Proverbs 3:5 NIV

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Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.
~ Proverbs 4:23





**LAZY HANDS
MAKE A MAN
POOR, BUT
DILIGENT HANDS
BRING WEALTH.
PROVERBS 10:4, TLV**

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He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.

PROVERBS 15:32

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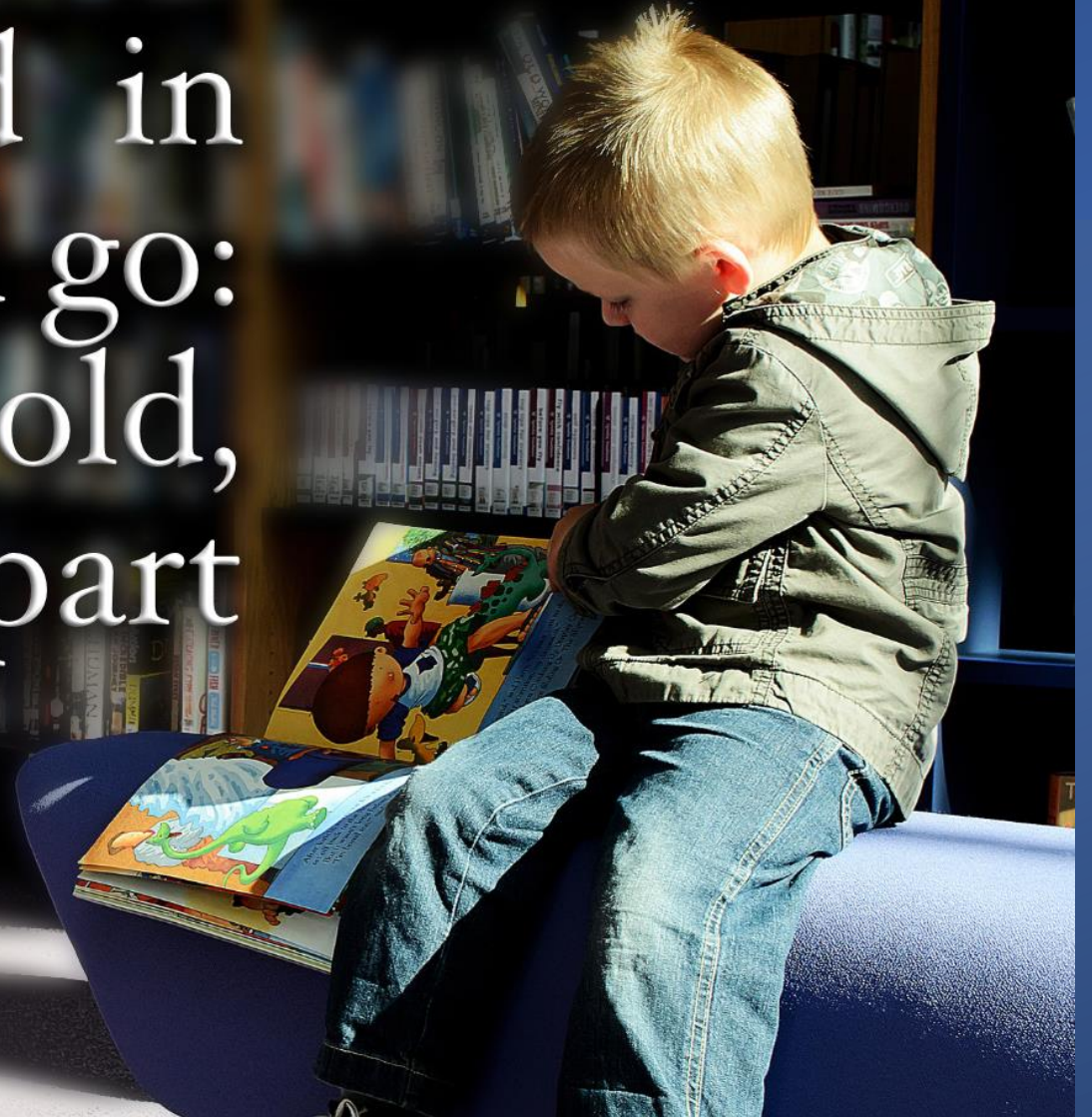


**How much better it is to choose
wisdom than gold, to choose
understanding than silver.**

Proverbs 16:16

Train up a child in
the way he should go:
and when he is old,
he will not depart
from it.

—Proverbs 22:6



**As iron sharpens iron, so a
friend sharpens a friend.**

- Proverbs 27:17 NLT -



READ SCRIPTURE

ECCLESIASTES



BEAUTY
GOODNESS
JUSTICE

FRIENDSHIP

FAMILY

GOOD MEAL

SUNNY DAY

STRESS

TIME

CAREER

LEAVE IT BEHIND

AGE

GREAT

FAITH

THE GIFT OF GOD

HOW DO YOU
LIVE LIFE IN THE
MIDST OF HEVEL?

TEACHER'S WORDS

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Everything is meaningless

1 The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:

2 “Meaningless! Meaningless!”
says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless!
Everything is meaningless.”

3 What do people gain from all their labors
at which they toil under the sun?

4 Generations come and generations go,
but the earth remains forever.

9 What has been will be again,
what has been done will be done again;
there is nothing new under the sun.

10 Is there anything of which one can say,
“Look! This is something new”?

It was here already, long ago;
it was here before our time.

Meaningless

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! ¹⁴ I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.



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For
EVERYTHING
THERE *is*
a SEASON,
and a
time
for EVERY
PURPOSE
under HEAVEN.

ECCLESIASTES
3 ONE



Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:
Fear God, and keep his commandments:
for this is the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13



Wealth

²⁰ The people of Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand on the seashore; they ate, they drank and they were happy. ²¹ And Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the Euphrates River to the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt. These countries brought tribute and were Solomon's subjects all his life.





²² Solomon's daily provisions were 5.5 tons of the finest flour and 11 tons of meal, ²³ ten head of stall-fed cattle, twenty of pasture-fed cattle and a hundred sheep and goats, as well as deer, gazelles, roebucks and choice fowl. ²⁴ For he ruled over all the kingdoms west of the Euphrates River, from Tiphseh to Gaza, and had peace on all sides. ²⁵ During Solomon's lifetime Judah and Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, lived in safety, everyone under their own vine and under their own fig tree.

²⁶ Solomon had four thousand stalls for chariot horses, and twelve thousand horses.

²⁷ The district governors, each in his month, supplied provisions for King Solomon and all who came to the king's table. They saw to it that nothing was lacking. ²⁸ They also brought to the proper place their quotas of barley and straw for the chariot horses and the other horses.

Wealth

- Gold: Solomon received 4.5 tons annually, plus trade and gifts
- Silver had no value because it was so common.
- Fleet of trading ships

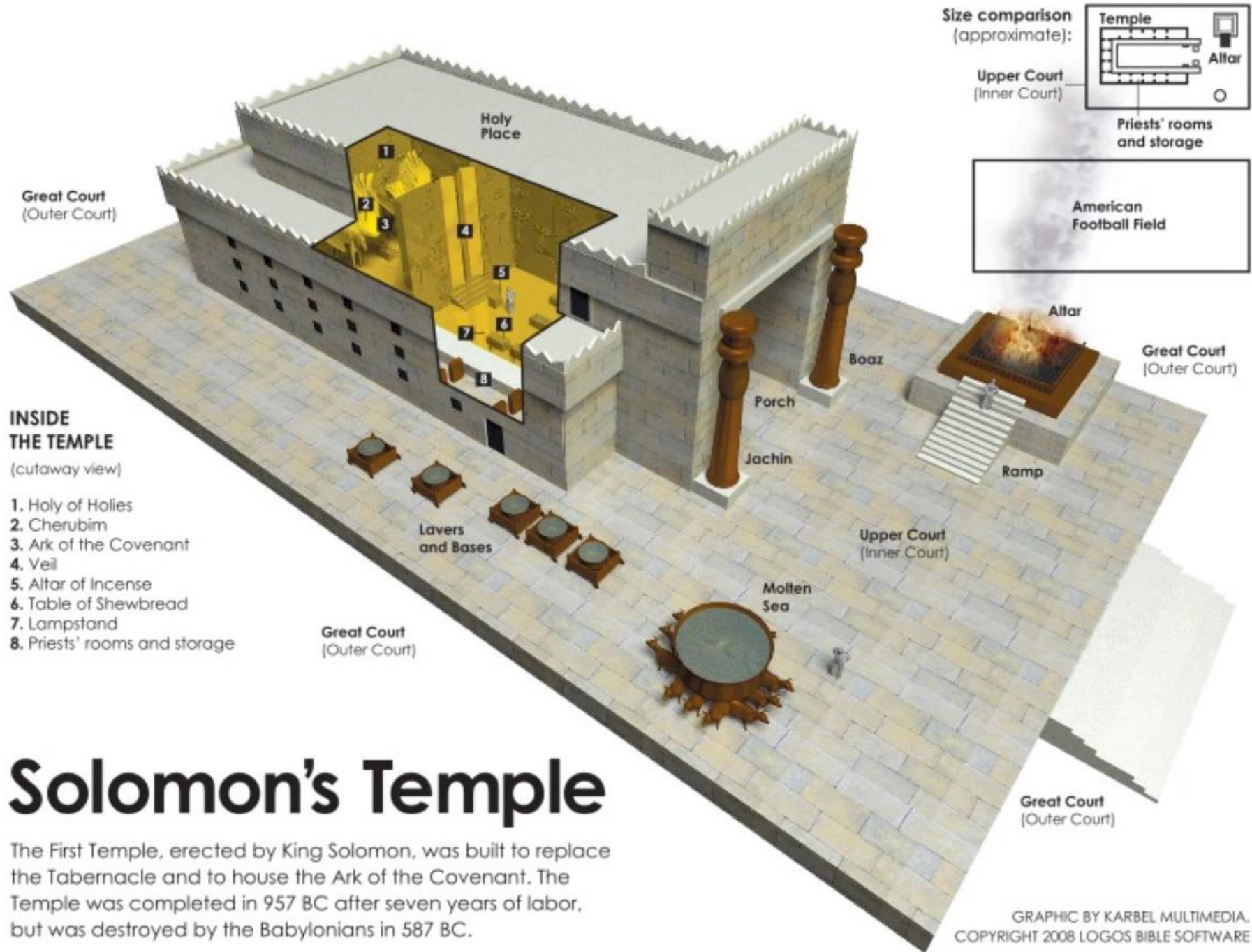


Preparations for Temple

- 480 years after leaving Egypt
- Partnership with Hiram King of Tyre (Lebanon) for timber
- 30,000 conscripted laborers to Lebanon
 - 3 monthly shifts
- 150,000 stonecutters and carriers in the hills
- 3,300 foremen
- Construction period = 7 years

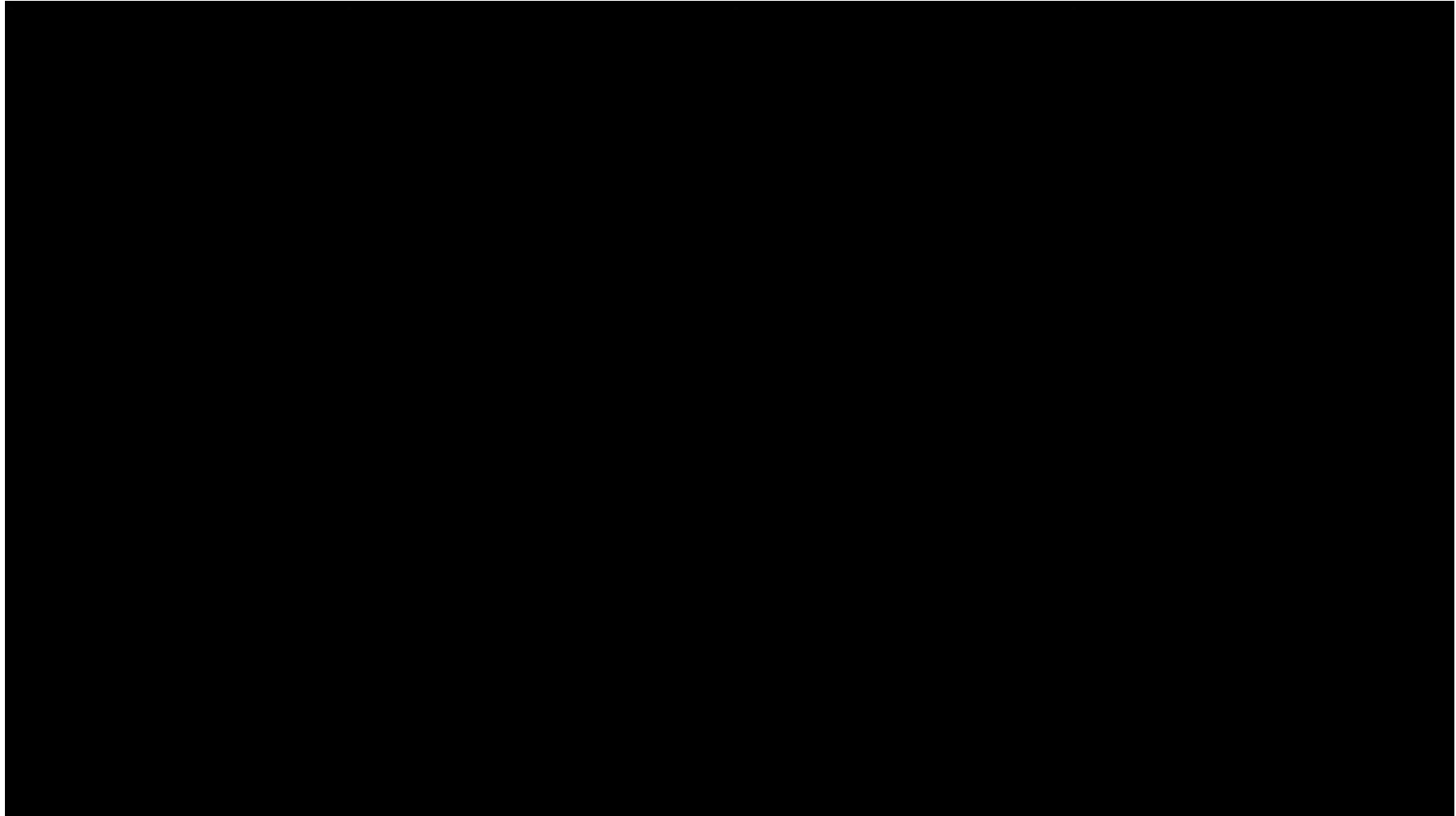






Solomon's Temple

The First Temple, erected by King Solomon, was built to replace the Tabernacle and to house the Ark of the Covenant. The Temple was completed in 957 BC after seven years of labor, but was destroyed by the Babylonians in 587 BC.



Prayer of Dedication (*excerpt*)

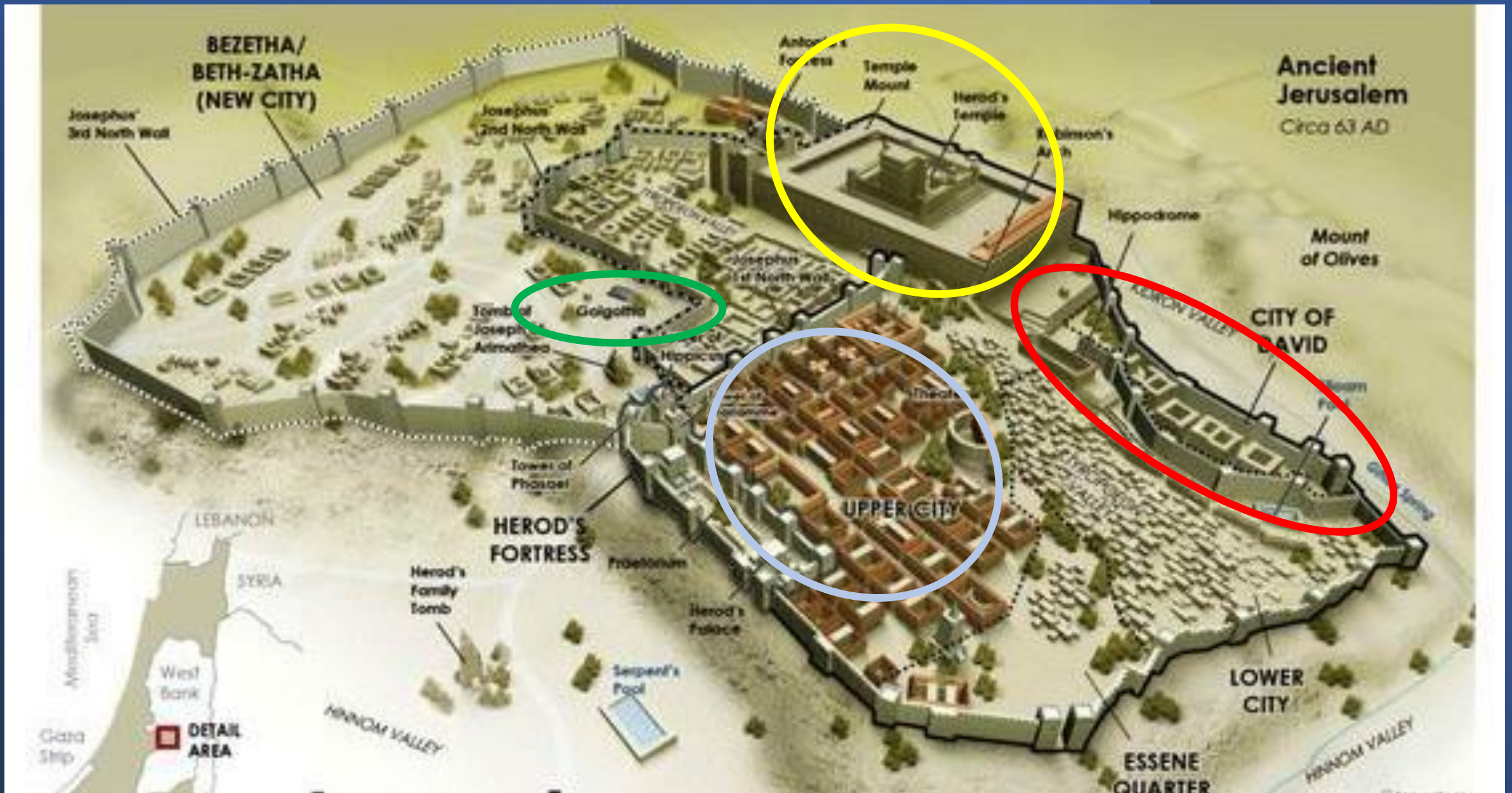


²⁵ “Now LORD, the God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, ‘You shall never fail to have a successor to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your descendants are careful in all they do to walk before me faithfully as you have done.’ ²⁶ And now, God of Israel, let your word that you promised your servant David my father come true.

²⁷ “But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! ²⁸ Yet give attention to your servant’s prayer and his plea for mercy, LORD my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day. ²⁹ May your eyes be open toward this temple night and day, this place of which you said, ‘My Name shall be there,’ so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰ Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

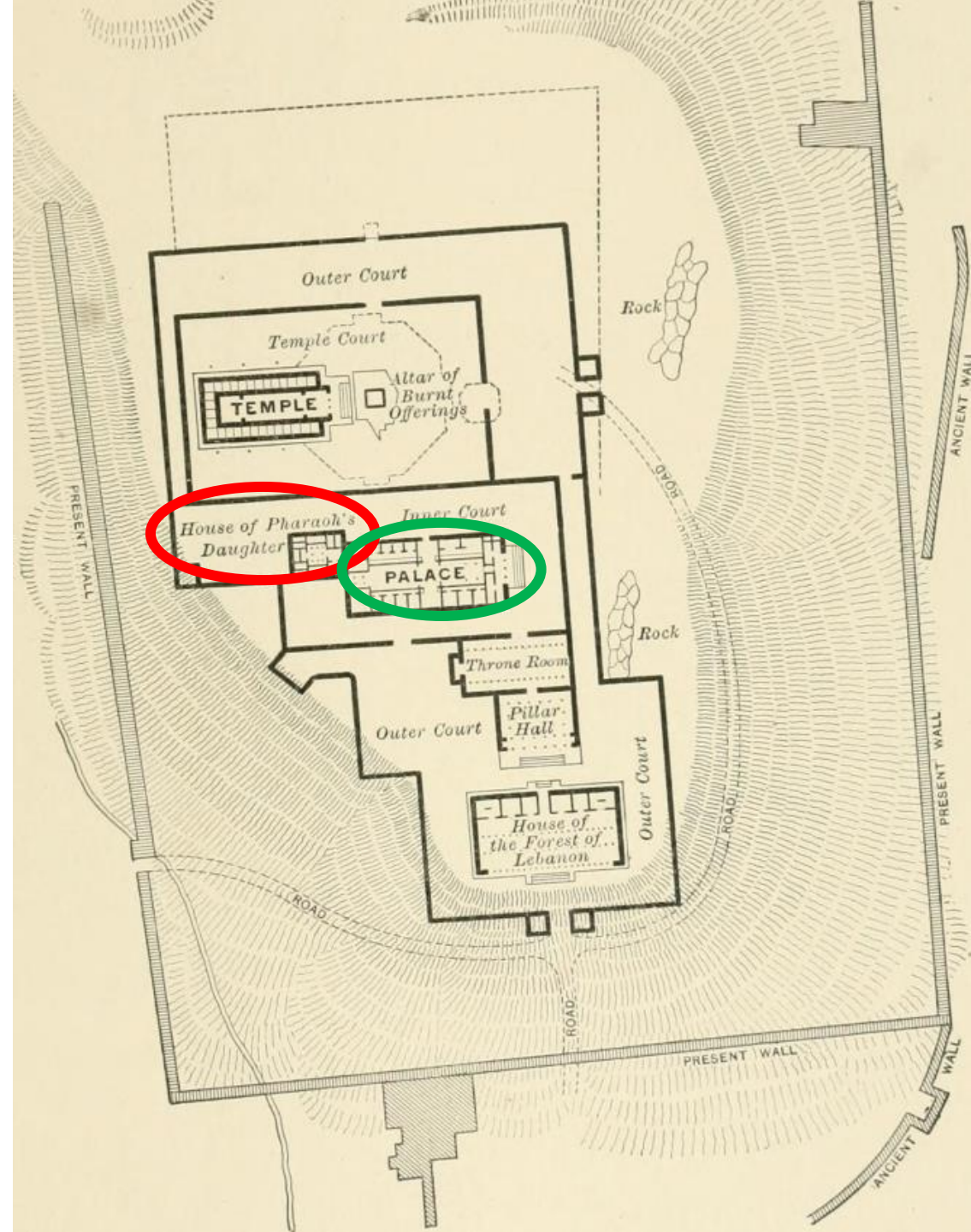


Jerusalem in the New Testament



Palaces for Solomon and Pharaoh's daughter.

2 Chronicles 8:11 Solomon brought Pharaoh's daughter up from the City of David to the palace he had built for her, for he said, "My wife must not live in the palace of David king of Israel, because the places the ark of the LORD has entered are holy."





Intermarrying (*from Moses*)

Deut. 7 When the LORD your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you—² and when the LORD your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy.³ Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons,⁴ for they will turn your children away from following me to serve other gods, and the LORD's anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you.



Solomon's wives

1 Kings 11 King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter—Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. ²They were from nations about which the LORD had told the Israelites, "You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods." Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love. ³He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. ⁴As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been. ⁵He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. ⁶So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the LORD; he did not follow the LORD completely, as David his father had done.



⁷ On a hill east of Jerusalem, Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable god of Moab, and for Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. ⁸ He did the same for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and offered sacrifices to their gods.



⁹ The LORD became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. ¹⁰ Although he had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods, Solomon did not keep the LORD's command. ¹¹ So the LORD said to Solomon, "Since this is your attitude and you have not kept my covenant and my decrees, which I commanded you, I will most certainly tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your subordinates. ¹² Nevertheless, for the sake of David your father, I will not do it during your lifetime. I will tear it out of the hand of your son. ¹³ Yet I will not tear the whole kingdom from him, but will give him one tribe for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."



About the wives...

First wife was daughter of Pharaoh.

Unusual for a daughter of pharaoh to marry outside of family.

The only wife with her own palace (others likely in harem)

Many of the wives were used to build alliances with neighboring nations

Converted to Judaism before marriage

As did others (Ruth, Samson's wife, etc.)

May not have been sincere

Some reverted back to their idolatrous ways

Solomon facilitated their idolatry

Only one wife is mentioned by name:

Naamah, an Ammonite, mother of Rehoboam

Song of Solomon

1.1



The Song of Solomon Illustrated

(For our literalist friends.)

"How beautiful you are, my darling,
how beautiful you are!

...Your eyes are like doves behind
your veil...

...Your hair is like a flock of goats...

...Your teeth are like a flock of
newly shorn ewes...

...Your lips are like a scarlet
thread...

...Your temples are like a slice
of pomegranate...

...Your neck is like the
tower of David... built
with rows of stones
on which are hung a
thousand shields...

...Your two breasts are
like two fawns,
twins of a gazelle
Which feed among the
silies...

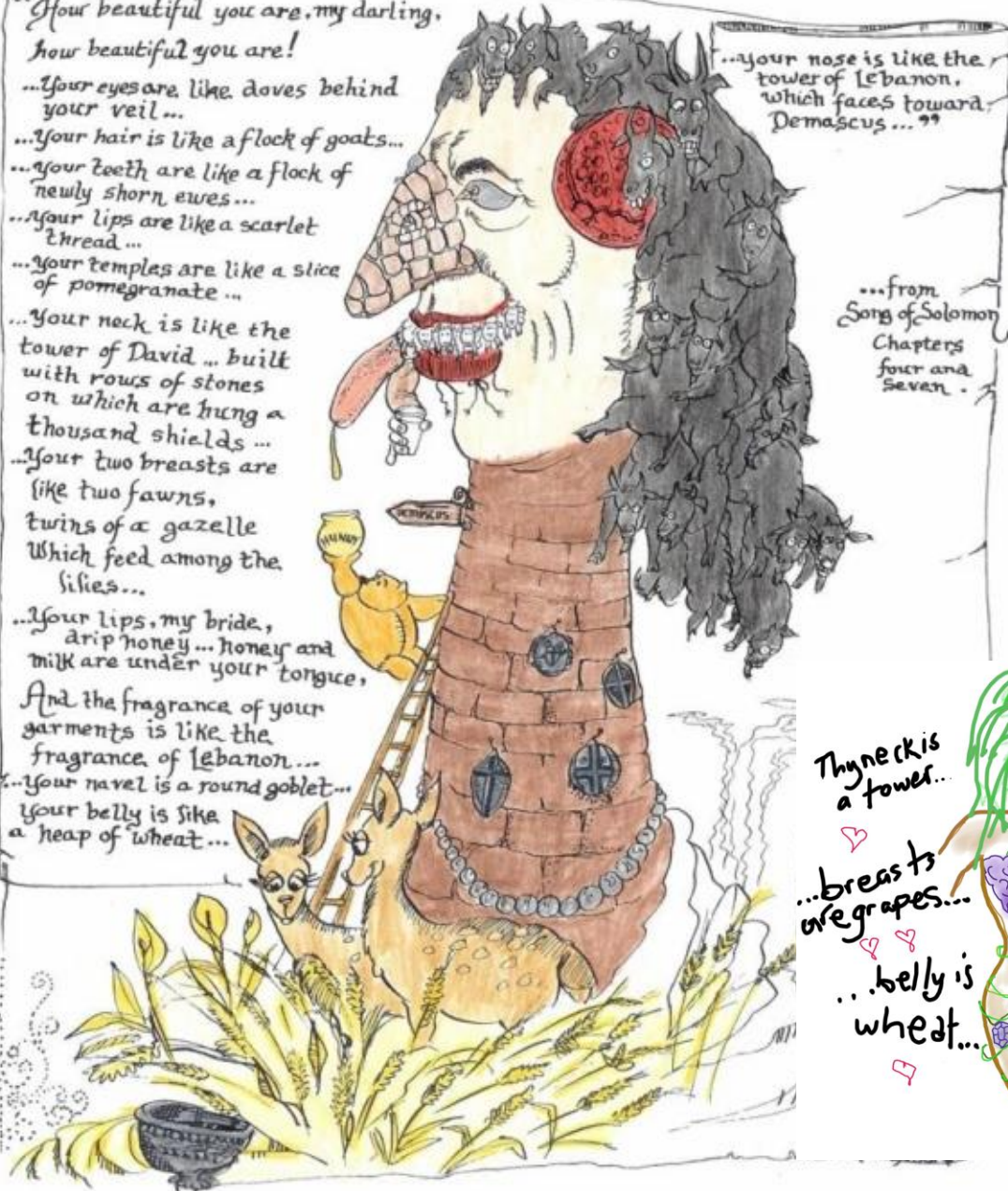
...Your lips, my bride,
drip honey... honey and
milk are under your tongue,

And the fragrance of your
garments is like the
fragrance of Lebanon...

...Your navel is a round goblet...
Your belly is like
a heap of wheat...

...your nose is like the
tower of Lebanon,
which faces toward
Demascus..."

...from
Song of Solomon
Chapters
four and
Seven.



Song of Solomon 4:1-5



Themes and Key Takeaways





The Nation of Israel

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Numerical proverb from Agur

Proverbs 30:18

“There are three things that are too amazing for me,
four that I do not understand:
¹⁹ the way of an eagle in the sky,
the way of a snake on a rock,
the way of a ship on the high seas,
and the way of a man with a young woman.

She is clothed
IN STRENGTH
AND DIGNITY,
and she laughs
WITHOUT FEAR
OF THE FUTURE.
When she speaks,
HER WORDS
ARE WISE,
and she gives
INSTRUCTIONS
WITH KINDNESS.

PROVERBS 31:25-26





I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13