

# 1 Kings

46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he went out and fell upon him so that he died. Thus the kingdom was established in the hands of Solomon.

## 52 Solomon Visits Gibeon

1 Kgs. 2:46b-3:15

2:46b Thus the kingdom was established in the hands of Solomon.

3:1 Then Solomon formed a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her to the city of David until he had finished building his own house and the house of the LORD and the wall around Jerusalem.

2 The people were still sacrificing on the high places, because there was no house built for the name of the LORD until those days.

3 Now Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place;

*importance of city*

*public celebration*

*importance of Tabernacle*

Solomon

offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

5 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night;

and God said, "Ask what you wish Me to give you."

6 Then Solomon said, "You have shown great lovingkindness to Your servant David my father, according as he walked before You in truth and righteousness and uprightness of heart toward You; and You have reserved for him this great lovingkindness,

that You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7 "Now, O LORD my God,

You have made Your servant king in place of my father David,

2 Chron. 1:1-13

1:1 Now Solomon the son of David established himself securely over his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him and exalted him greatly.

*omit marriage to pharaoh's daughter*

*omit mention of sacrifices at high places - Gibeon an exception, because Tabernacle there*

2 Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the commanders of thousands and of hundreds and to the judges and to every leader in all Israel, the heads of the fathers' households.

3 Then Solomon and all the assembly with him went to the high place which was at Gibeon, for God's tent of meeting was there, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness.

4 However, David had brought up the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim to the place he had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it in Jerusalem.

5 Now the bronze altar, which Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, was there before the tabernacle of the LORD, and Solomon and the assembly sought it out.

6 Solomon went up there before the LORD to the bronze altar which was at the tent of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

7 In that night God appeared to Solomon

*no dream*  
and said to him, "Ask what I shall give you."

8 Solomon said to God, "You have dealt with my father David with great lovingkindness,

*parablepsis*

and have made me king in his place.

9 "Now, O LORD God, Your promise to my father David is fulfilled, for You have made me king

*omit repetition*

*Fulfillment of divine promise*



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yet I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

8 "Your servant is in the midst of Your people which You have chosen, a great people who are too many to be numbered or counted.

9 "So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil.

For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

10 It was pleasing in the sight of the Lord that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 God said to him, "Because you have asked this thing

and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself discernment to understand justice,

12 behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart,

so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you.

13 "I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you all your days.

14 "If you walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and commandments, as your father David walked, then I will prolong your days."

15 Then 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 burnt offerings and made peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Solomon already a mature King

over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth.

perhaps ref. to census - cf. Gen 13:16

10 "Give me now wisdom and knowledge,

king rather than judge?

that I may go out and come in before this people,

for who can rule this great people focus on wisdom of Yours?" for leadership rather than wisdom in its own right

11a God said to Solomon, "Because you had this in mind,

11d nor have you even asked for long life,

11b and did not ask for riches, wealth or honor,

11c or the life of those who hate you,

11e but you have asked for yourself wisdom and knowledge that you may rule My people over whom I have made you king,

12a wisdom and knowledge have been granted to you.

12c such as none of the kings who were before you has possessed nor those who will come after you."

12b And I will give you riches and wealth and honor,

no dream

13 So Solomon went from the high place which was at Gibeon, from the tent of meeting, to Jerusalem,

and he reigned over Israel.

## 53 Solomon's Judgment 1 Kgs. 3:16-28

16 Then two women who were harlots came to the king and stood before him.

17 The one woman said, "Oh, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth to a child while she was in the house.

18 "It happened on the third day after I gave birth, that this woman also gave birth to a child, and we were together. There was no stranger with us in the house, only the two of us in the house.

19 "This woman's son died in the night, because she lay on it.

20 "So she arose in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your maidservant slept, and laid him in her bosom, and laid her dead son in my bosom.