

# 1 KINGS 10 vs 1

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The Bible is so interesting; even the Old Testament. Remember: when reading the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles... we read history and events recorded from the perspective of the 2 tribes of the **Southern Kingdom**, the House of **Judah**;

Solomon and the Queen of Sheba,

**<sup>1</sup> Now when the queen of Sheba** / she is from Arabia – a woman, can you imagine? from the lineage of Abraham, perhaps the greatest female to ever live; who we all will meet some day; **Jesus the Messiah** says she will be asked on judgment day to stand up and say a word or two. Wow! Don't you wonder what this woman is going to say? But let us not interrupt her; for now, she is on her way to meet Solomon...



she... **heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, and she came to test him with difficult questions.**

**<sup>2</sup> And she came to Jerusalem with a very great entourage, with camels carrying spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she came to Solomon, she conversed with him of all that was in her heart.**

**<sup>3</sup> And Solomon answered all her questions: not one thing did the king hide, which he could not explain to her.**

**<sup>4</sup> When the queen of Sheba perceived all of Solomon's wisdom; the house that he built,**

**<sup>5</sup> and the variety of food at his table, the seating of his servants, and the attendance of his servants and their attire, his loyal cupbearers, and his stairway by which he went up to the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her** / in other words, it all was breath taking – by the way did you notice, from the palace in the City of David, the king went upward to the temple; when Messiah comes again we are told there will be a mighty earthquake, and I'm sure a lot of the structures in the neighborhood will be cleared away in a few minutes, which is why Isaiah and Zachariah tells us Messiah will build the next holy place to gather, that will be a tent; no more bloody sacrifices are needed.

**<sup>6</sup> And she said to the king, It is a true report that I heard in my own land of your deeds and your wisdom.**

**<sup>7</sup> However I could not believe the reports, until I came, and with my eyes saw it: and indeed, the half was not told me. You exceed in wisdom and prosperity that which I heard.**

**<sup>8</sup> How blessed are your men, blessed are your servants, who stand before you continually, hearing your wisdom.**

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**<sup>9</sup> Blessed be the LORD your God, who delights in you, to set you on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel forever, so He made you king, to rightly do justice.**

**<sup>10</sup> And she gave the king 120 talents of gold / a single talent is the weight of one man; so that is a lot of gold, and a great quantity of spices, and precious stones. Never again did such abundance of spices come as what the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.**

**<sup>11</sup> And also the ships of Hiram / archeology reveals the hidden truths, that Phoenician trading ships from Tyre and Sidon, first stopped at their partners in Carthage, North Africa, on their way to the whole world – India and China, as well as to North American Indians in modern day Michigan, that brought gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir a great amount of almug trees, and precious stones.**

**<sup>12</sup> And the king made of the almug trees supports for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, also harps and guitars for singers: such almug trees have not come again, nor have they been seen to this day.**

**<sup>13</sup> And King Solomon gave to the Queen of Sheba all she desired, whatever she asked, beside what Solomon gave her according to his royal bounty. Then she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.**

**<sup>14</sup> Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was 666 talents of gold,**

**<sup>15</sup> beside what he had from the merchants and traders of spices, and of all the kings of the Arabs / who were all distant cousins, and of the governors of the country.**

**<sup>16</sup> And King Solomon made 200 large shields of beaten gold: 600 shekels of gold went to one large shield.**

**<sup>17</sup> And he made 300 shields of beaten gold; using three minas of gold for one shield: and the king put them at the house in the forest of Lebanon.**

**<sup>18</sup> Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the finest gold.**

**<sup>19</sup> There were six steps to the throne with a round top on its backside: and there were anchors / perhaps rails... on both sides of the seat, and two lions stood beside the rails.**

**<sup>20</sup> And twelve lions stood there on one side or the other of the six steps: and nothing like it was made in any other kingdom.**

**<sup>21</sup> And all King Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver: it was not considered of value in the days of Solomon.**

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**22 For the king had at sea the ships of Tarshish / Gibraltar, southern Spain with the ships of Hiram / reaching to the whole world: once every three years the ships of Tarshish came, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.**

**23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.**

**24 And all the earth searched out Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God put in his heart.**

**25 And each one brought gifts: items of silver, and items of gold, garments, weapons, spices, horses and mules, so much year after year.**

**26 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had 1,400 chariots, and 12,000 horsemen, whom he assigned to the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.**

**27 And the king made the silver in Jerusalem to be as common as stones, and cedars he made as abundant as sycamore trees in the lowlands.**

**28 Also Solomon imported horses from Egypt, and linen: the king's merchants received the linen at a price / the two chief commodities of Egypt; this is a rare moment in bible translation: the Hebrew word is: **miq-vey**; the earlier Septuagint bible uses the name: **Thekoa**; Tekoa is a city mentioned also by Amos; an island city in the Mediterranean. What we know is; Solomon made lots of deals and received lots of things from lots of places. In our genius 21<sup>st</sup> century, the name **South Central** – in Los Angeles California, is no longer identified on the map – it happens; Solomon was a lot like Mr. Trump.**

**29 And a chariot was imported from Egypt for 600 shekels of silver, and a horse for 150: and so by the same method, they exported them to all the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of Syria.**

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