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

The marriage of Solomon,

¹ And Solomon made an alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took the daughter of Pharaoh, and brought her into the city of David, until he finished building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall surrounding Jerusalem / had they so quickly forgotten they were slaves in Egypt, and the Lord led them out?

² The people still sacrificed in high places, because there was no house built to the Name of the LORD, until those days.

³ And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: yet he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places / so he wasn't as smart as he has been presented.

⁴ And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings Solomon offered on that altar.

⁵ In Gibeon, the LORD appeared to Solomon at night in a dream: and God said, Ask what you would like Me to give you.

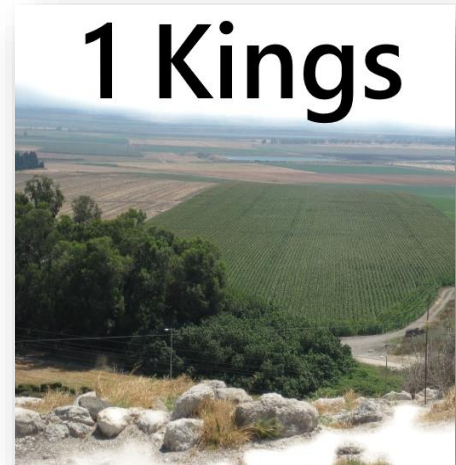
⁶ Then Solomon said, You have shown great mercy to your servant David my father, according as he walked before You in truth, and in rightness, and in integrity of heart with You; and You have kept for him this great kindness, that You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

⁷ And now, O LORD my God, You have made your servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a child: I do not hardly know how to go out or come in.

⁸ And Your servant is among Your people whom You have chosen, a great multitude of people, who cannot be numbered or counted.

⁹ So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between right and wrong: for who is able to judge this great people of Yours?

¹⁰ And it pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this.



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¹¹ And God said to him, Because you asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life; nor asked for riches for yourself, nor for the life of your enemies; but asked discernment for yourself to understand justice;

¹² behold, I have done according to your words: mark this: I have given you a wise and understanding heart; so that there has been no one like you previous to you, nor after you will anyone arise like you.

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

¹⁴ And if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My instruction, as your father David walked, then I will extend your days.

¹⁵ And 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 up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

¹⁶ Then there came to the king, two women, who were whores, and stood before him.

¹⁷ And the first woman said, O my lord, this woman and I dwell in the same house; and I delivered a child with her in the house.

¹⁸ And it happened the third day after I delivered, that this woman also delivered: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, only the two of us in the house.

¹⁹ And this woman's child died in the night; because she lay on it.

²⁰ And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while your maidservant slept, and laid it on her bosom, and laid her dead child on my bosom.

²¹ And when I arose in the morning to nurse my child, behold, it was dead: but when I carefully considered it in the morning, behold, he was not my son, whom I had borne.

²² And the other woman said, No; the living one is my son, and the dead one is your son. And the first said, No; but the dead is your son, and the living is my son. Thus they spoke before the king.

²³ Then the king said, The one says, This is my son who lives, and your son is dead: and the other says, No; but your son is dead, and my son lives.

²⁴ And the king said, Get me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.

²⁵ And the king said,

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Divide the living child in two, and give half to one, and half to the other.

²⁶ Then the woman whose child was living said to the king, for she was deeply moved over her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the child, but in no way kill him. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor yours, divide it.

²⁷ Then the king answered and said, Give the first woman the child, and in no way kill him: she is his mother.

²⁸ When all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had determined; they were amazed with the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to accomplish justice.

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