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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**;

not when reading 1st and 2nd Kings... where we read the historical perspective of the 10 tribes of the **Northern Kingdom**... the House of **Israel**.

Solomon is king over all Israel,

1 Now Solomon the son of David established himself in his kingdom, and the LORD, his God was with him, and made him very great.

2 Solomon issued orders to all Israel, to the generals of thousands and captains of hundreds, and to the judges, and to all the officials in Israel, to every leader of their father's people.

3 So Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for there was the Tent of the Assembly of God, that Moses the servant of the LORD made in the wilderness.

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

5 There also was the bronze altar that Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur made, he put in front of the Tent of the LORD: and Solomon and the assembly sought the LORD there.

6 And there Solomon went up to the bronze altar in front of the Tent of the Assembly of the LORD, and on it offered 1,000 burnt offerings.

7 In that night, God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, Ask what I am to give you.

8 Solomon said to God, You have showed great mercy to my father David, and made me to reign in his place.

9 Now, O LORD God, let Your promise to David my father be established: as You made me king over a people who number like the dust of the earth.

10 So give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can rule this great people of Yours?

11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in your heart, and you did not ask for riches, wealth, or honor, or the life of your enemies, nor did you ask for long life;



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

¹² wisdom and knowledge have been granted to you. And I will give you riches, and wealth, and honor, such as none of the kings who were before you possessed, nor those who will come after you.

¹³ Then Solomon from his journey to the high place at Gibeon, in front of the Tent of the Assembly returned to Jerusalem, and reigned over **Israel**.

¹⁴ And Solomon amassed chariots and horsemen. He had 1,400 chariots, and 12,000 calvary, which he stationed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

¹⁵ And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem as plentiful as stones, and he made cedar trees as plentiful as sycamores in the lowlands.

¹⁶ And Solomon imported horses from Egypt and from Kue: the royal merchants paid cash for those horses from Kue / this verse is clearly obscure. What was traded here is uncertain, but Amos affirms that trade was going on in the Mediterranean region from Egypt to Kue and beyond.

¹⁷ And they got, and brought from Egypt chariots each for 600 shekels of silver, and each horse for 150: and by the same means, they exported horses for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria.

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