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## The Story Continues...

*God's glory in the establishment of His kingdom  
in and through Jesus Christ*

"Now King Solomon was king over all Israel."

(1 Kings 4:1)

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## Solomon the Wise (pt. 2)

- God's promises to His people are fulfilled through the wisdom of His king

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<sup>1</sup>Now King Solomon was king over all Israel. <sup>2</sup>These were his officials: Azariah the son of Zadok was the priest; <sup>3</sup>Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha were secretaries; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder; <sup>4</sup>and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the army; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests; <sup>5</sup>and Azariah the son of Nathan was over the deputies; and Zabud the son of Nathan, a priest, was the king's friend; <sup>6</sup>and Ahishar was over the household; and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the men subject to forced labor.

<sup>7</sup>Solomon had twelve deputies over all Israel, who provided for the king and his household; each man had to provide for a month in the year.

(1 Kings 4:1-7)

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## Solomon the Wise (pt. 2)

### 1. The Administration of Wisdom (4:1-19)

- displays Solomon's administrative wisdom given by God

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<sup>20</sup>Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand that is on the seashore in abundance; they were eating and drinking and rejoicing.

<sup>21</sup>Now Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the River to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt; they brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.

<sup>22</sup>Solomon's provision for one day was thirty kors of fine flour and sixty kors of meal, <sup>23</sup>ten fat oxen, twenty pasture-fed oxen, a hundred sheep besides deer, gazelles, roebucks, and fattened fowl. <sup>24</sup>For he had dominion over everything west of the River, from Tiphseh even to Gaza, over all the kings west of the River and he had peace on all sides around about him.

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<sup>25</sup> So Judah and Israel lived in safety, every man under his vine and his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon. <sup>26</sup> Solomon had 40,000 stalls of horses for his chariots, and 12,000 horsemen. <sup>27</sup> Those deputies provided for King Solomon and all who came to King Solomon's table, each in his month; they left nothing lacking. <sup>28</sup> They also brought barley and straw for the horses and swift steeds to the place where it should be, each according to his charge.

(1 Kings 4:20-28)

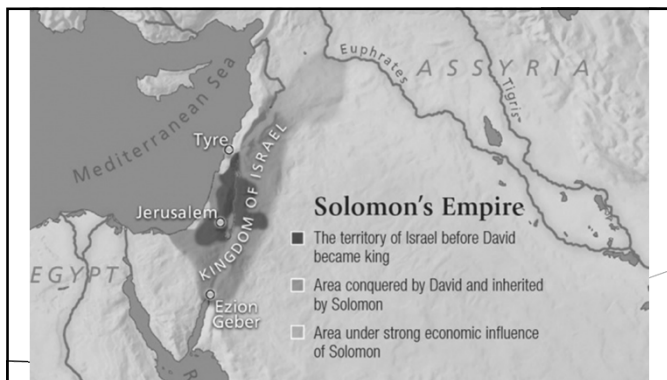
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- God's promise to Abraham is now fulfilled to it's greatest extend ever in Israel
- Solomon's reign provided for the peace, security and well-being of the people

*(ominous note – questions about his wisdom)*

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<sup>29</sup> Now God gave Solomon wisdom and very great discernment and breadth of mind, like the sand that is on the seashore. <sup>30</sup> Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the sons of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt. <sup>31</sup> For he was wiser than all men, than Ethan the Ezrahite, Heman, Calcol and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was *known* in all the surrounding nations. <sup>32</sup> He also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005. <sup>33</sup> He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon even to the hyssop that grows on the wall; he spoke also of animals and birds and creeping things and fish. <sup>34</sup> And they came from all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom.

(1 Kings 4:29-34)

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## Solomon the Wise (pt. 2)

### 3. The Breadth of Wisdom (4:29-34)

- God's gift of wisdom to Solomon extended to literary arts and scientific discovery
- Solomon's unsurpassed wisdom was a blessing and marvel to the nations

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## Solomon the Wise (pt. 2)

### ➤ *Glimpses of a Greater Kingdom*

- pictures the unending enjoyment of peace, safety and prosperity of God's redeemed people under God's wise King

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<sup>3</sup> And He will judge between many peoples  
And render decisions for mighty, distant nations.  
Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares  
And their spears into pruning hooks;  
Nation will not lift up sword against nation,  
And never again will they train for war.  
<sup>4</sup> Each of them will sit under his vine  
And under his fig tree,  
With no one to make *them* afraid,  
For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

(Micah 4:3-4)

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## Solomon the Wise (pt. 2)

### ➤ *Glimpses of a Greater Kingdom*

- pictures the unending enjoyment of peace, safety and prosperity of God's redeemed people under God's wise King
- pictures the reign of the One "in whom are hidden all treasures of wisdom," to whom the nations come

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