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Wisdom and God's promises

First Kings chapter 4 records King Solomon's rule and rule. In this chapter, we see that Solomon built many important buildings, including the temple of the Lord, his own palace, and other buildings. He also organized a vast administrative system consisting of 12 provinces, each headed by an official. Solomon was also responsible for protecting the country's prosperity and security, as well as establishing trade relations with neighboring countries. This chapter also mentions Solomon's wisdom and knowledge, and the fact that people from all over the world came to learn from him.

Solomon's daily diet consisted of 6,600 litres of fine flour and 13,200 litres of coarse flour, 10 fat oxen, 20 cattle in the pastures, 100 sheep, deer, antelope, roe deer, and fattened fowl. This figure was the food of the entire court for a day. This included all of Solomon's officials and servants, as well as Solomon's own family. Solomon had seven hundred concubines and three hundred. Together with his officials, servants, etc., it is not surprising that so much food is spent in a day.

What is wisdom

Solomon wrote three thousand proverbs and a thousand and five hymns. Some of these are preserved in the Bible's Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon

Wisdom is the light in the depths of the human heart, the compass of the soul, leading us through the fog of life and exploring the treasure of truth. It is not only the accumulation of knowledge, but also a deep understanding of life and a keen insight into the world. Wisdom is not a single skill, but a comprehensive quality, which combines clarity of thinking, tenacity of emotions and nobility of morality.

The light of wisdom lies in its profound knowledge, but more importantly, in the flexible use of knowledge; It lies in deep thinking about complex problems, but more importantly, in the sublime respect for simple things; It lies in the summary of past experience, but more importantly, in a prudent outlook on the prospects of the future.

Wisdom is a wealth that transcends time and space, and it lies not only in the knowledge in books, but also in the experience of life and the revelation of the wise. It is a profound understanding, an insight that transcends formality, allowing people to be calm in the face of challenges, to persevere in the face of adversity, and to find direction in the midst of confusion.

Indeed, not a word of God's promise has been fulfilled

Genesis 15:18: "On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'I have given unto thy seed the land of the river Egypt unto the great river Euphrates. The "great river" mentioned in 1 Kings 4:21 refers to the "great river of Euphrates," and the "river of Egypt" is the border of Egypt, which is exactly the same as 1 Kings 4:21.

In Joshua 1:4, the Israelites were to be "from the wilderness and this Lebanon to the great river Euphrat, to all the land of the Hittites, and to the setting of the sea." This is essentially the same as Genesis 15:18. And the "land of the Philistines" mentioned in 1 Kings 4:21 is right on the shores of the Mediterranean, which is commonly referred to as "the place where the sea sets."

On the path of God's promise, every step is a footprint of faith, and every moment is a footnote of hope. God's promise is like a beacon that guides the way, illuminating the way ahead in the darkness. When we trust in God's promises, the path we embark on is no longer a lonely journey, but an amazing journey with God. No matter how unpredictable life may be, God's promises never change, and they are like solid rocks that sustain us as we move forward. Therefore, let us move with faith and hope firmly towards the bright future that God has promised, for with God all promises will never fail.

There are many passages in the Bible that contain God's promises, and here are some of them:

Joshua 1:9: "Have I not commanded you: Be strong and courageous, and be not afraid or dismayed; For the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. "

Psalms 23:1: "The Lord is my Shepherd, and I will not lack." "

Psalms 37:4: "Rejoice in Yahweh, and he will give you the desire of your heart." "

Isaiah 41:10: "Do not be afraid, for I am with you; Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, and I will sustain you with my righteous right hand. "

Matthew 28:20: "Behold, I am with you daily until the end of this generation." "

John 14:27: "I leave peace unto you, and I give you my peace; What I have given is not as the world has given me. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither be afraid. "

These chapters are God's promises to mankind that express His care, protection, and guidance. On the path of faith, these promises are the strength and support of believers, giving them courage and hope.

We pray.

Heavenly Father, we gather before you at this time to thank you for the precious promises of God you have given us. Your Word is a guide in our lives and a light on our way. Give us wisdom to deal with the promises you have given us.

Please allow us to not just pay lip service to your promises, but to understand and receive them from the depths of our hearts. May your words take root in our hearts and become the cornerstone and direction of our lives.

Give us the wisdom to be discerning in our dealings with your promises, free from outside temptations and distractions. Help us not to stray from your ways, not to forget your promises, and to guide us with your words at all times.

Give us the humility to obey your will with humility and not to be self-righteous but to rely on your wisdom and guidance. May we not be proud of our cleverness, but approach your promises with humility.

Lord, we believe that your promises are true and reliable, and give us firm faith to walk in faith and persevere in the pursuit of your promises until they are fulfilled. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

1 Kings 4

CHAPTER 4

1Kg. 4:1 So King Solomon ruled over all Israel.

1Kg. 4:2 And these were his chief officials: Azariah son of Zadok — the priest;

1Kg. 4:3 Elihoreph and Ahijah, sons of Shisha — secretaries; Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud — recorder;

1Kg. 4:4 Benaiah son of Jehoiada — commander-in-chief; Zadok and Abiathar — priests;

1Kg. 4:5 Azariah son of Nathan — in charge of the district officers; Zabud son of Nathan — a priest and personal adviser to the king;

1Kg. 4:6 Ahishar — in charge of the palace; Adoniram son of Abda — in charge of forced labour.

1Kg. 4:7 Solomon also had twelve district governors over all Israel, who supplied provisions for the king and the royal household.

Each one had to provide supplies for one month in the year.

1Kg. 4:8 These are their names: Ben-Hur — in the hill country of Ephraim;

1Kg. 4:9 Ben-Deker — in Makaz, Shaalbim, Beth Shemesh and Elon Bethhanan;

1Kg. 4:10 Ben-Hesed — in Arubboth (Socoh and all the land of Hopher were his);

1Kg. 4:11 Ben-Abinadab — in Naphoth Dor [Or in the heights of Dor]

(he was married to Taphath daughter of Solomon);

1Kg. 4:12 Baana son of Ahilud — in Taanach and Megiddo, and in all of Beth Shan next to Zarethan below Jezreel, from Beth Shan to Abel Meholah across to Jokmeam;

1Kg. 4:13 Ben-Geber — in Ramoth Gilead (the settlements of Jair son of Manasseh in Gilead were his, as well as the district of Argob in Bashan and its sixty large walled cities with bronze gate bars);

1Kg. 4:14 Ahinadab son of Iddo — in Mahanaim;

1Kg. 4:15 Ahimaaz — in Naphtali (he had married Basemath daughter of Solomon);

1Kg. 4:16 Baana son of Hushai — in Asher and in Aloth;

1Kg. 4:17 Jehoshaphat son of Paruah — in Issachar;

1Kg. 4:18 Shimei son of Ela — in Benjamin;

1Kg. 4:19 Geber son of Uri — in Gilead (the country of Sihon king of the Amorites and the country of Og king of Bashan). He was the only governor over the district.

1Kg. 4:20 The people of Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand on the seashore; they ate, they drank and they were happy.

1Kg. 4:21 And Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the River [That is, the Euphrates; also in verse 24] to the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt. These countries brought tribute and were Solomon's subjects all his life.

1Kg. 4:22 Solomon's daily provisions were thirty cors [That is, probably about 180 bushels (about 6.6 kilolitres)] of fine flour and sixty cors [That is, probably about 365 bushels (about 13.2 kilolitres)] of meal,

1Kg. 4:23 ten head of stall-fed cattle, twenty of pasture-fed cattle and a

hundred sheep and goats, as well as deer, gazelles, roebucks and choice fowl.

1Kg. 4:24 For he ruled over all the kingdoms west of the River, from Tiphseh to Gaza, and had peace on all sides.

1Kg. 4:25 During Solomon's lifetime Judah and Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, lived in safety, each man under his own vine and fig-tree.

1Kg. 4:26 Solomon had four [Some Septuagint manuscripts (see also 2 Chron. 9:25); Hebrew forty] thousand stalls for chariot horses, and twelve thousand horses. [Or charioteers]

1Kg. 4:27 The district officers, each in his month, supplied provisions for King Solomon and all who came to the king's table. They saw to it that nothing was lacking.

1Kg. 4:28 They also brought to the proper place their quotas of barley and straw for the chariot horses and the other horses.

1Kg. 4:29 God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore.

1Kg. 4:30 Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the men of the East, and greater than all the wisdom of Egypt.

1Kg. 4:31 He was wiser than any other man, including Ethan the Ezrahite — wiser than Heman, Calcol and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his fame spread to all the surrounding nations.

1Kg. 4:32 He spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs numbered a thousand and five.

1Kg. 4:33 He described plant life, from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of walls. He also taught about animals and birds, reptiles and fish.

1Kg. 4:34 Men of all nations came to listen to Solomon's wisdom, sent by all the kings of the world, who had heard of his wisdom.

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4.1-19: A list of Solomon's officials, including his 12 governors and two secretaries.

4.20-28: The prosperity and opulence of Solomon's reign, including abundant agriculture and commerce, as well as his wealth and influence.

4.29-34: Solomon's wisdom and learning, including his literary and scientific achievements, and his studies of plants and animals.

These verses describe the administrative structure that Solomon established during his reign and his team of officials, as well as the prosperity and opulence he brought. At the same time, these verses also emphasize Solomon's wisdom and learning, including his scientific achievements and study of the natural world, which made him a well-known wise man and ruler in the world at that time.

First Kings 4 tells the story of the wisdom and wisdom of King Solomon of Israel and how his wisdom helped him govern the nation and build the temple. Here are the main ideas of this chapter and what you can learn from reading it:

Central:

The central idea of this chapter is to illustrate the remarkable and miraculous wisdom of Solomon, and how he used it to establish a period of prosperity within the nation. The chapter also describes how Solomon's intelligence attracted people from all over the world to him for wisdom and discerning insight.

After reading it, you will get:

**The Value of Wisdom:** This chapter emphasizes the value of wisdom and cleverness. Solomon became a great king because of his wisdom, which enabled him to handle all kinds of complex matters wisely and make the nation prosperous. This reminds us that wisdom is a valuable resource that can help us make wise decisions in life.

**Wisdom Seeking Attitude:** In Kings 4, it is mentioned that many people from all over the world came to Solomon for wisdom and insight. This shows that the desire for wisdom is universal. We should have an open-minded attitude to learn and be willing to learn from people with wisdom and experience, so that we can continue to grow and progress in life.

**Principles of Success:** Solomon's success comes not only from his intellect, but also from his ability to organize and manage affairs. He hired a group of capable officials to assist him in running the country, which helped to make the government more efficient and robust. Effective organization and management is also very important in our lives and careers in order to achieve better results.

**God's Grace:** While Kings 4 emphasizes Solomon's wisdom, it also shows God's grace toward him. At the beginning of his reign, Solomon prayed for wisdom rather than wealth or longevity, and God gave him extraordinary wisdom as a result. This reminds us that when we seek God's will and wisdom, He will also give us the grace and strength we need.

Overall, 1 Kings 4 tells us about the importance of wisdom and shows how wisdom can be used to achieve success and prosperity through the story of Solomon. At the same time, this chapter reminds us to be humble and humble in our pursuit of wisdom and to seek God's guidance and grace.