

2 Chronicles 1

King James Version (KJV)

(This Book may have been written by Ezra. That would have been at the end of the Old Testament, after the Babylonian captivity)

(Chronicles = words of the days <Hebrew>)

(Chronicles = things omitted <Greek>)

(Second Chronicles proves one verse in First Chronicles – if thou seek the LORD, He will be found of thee; but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off for ever) see 1Chronicles-28:9

1 And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly. (the LORD his God – NOT the LORD our God; that says it all. Shortly after the death of King David, Israel was already falling into idol worship)

(God gave Solomon great wisdom and wealth. Solomon was faithful to God in his younger days, but not at the end. He degenerated into idol worship and perversion)

2 Then Solomon spake unto all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers. (Calling a meeting of the heads of the people)

3 So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness. (They are meeting at Gibeon. There was still an altar there; although David had already relocated the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem upon Mount Zion. Zadok is now the only high priest left; after Abiathar hanged himself for having betrayed David)

4 But the ark of God had David brought up from Kirjathjearim to the place which David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.

5 Moreover the brasen altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the LORD: and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it.

⁶And Solomon went up thither to the brassen altar before the LORD, which was at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it. (This brazen altar was the altar of burnt offerings. It was made from the melted sensors from Korah and his false priests. They rebelled against Moses, and were killed by God)

⁷In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee. 1Kings-3:5-15

⁸And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead. (Solomon is thanking God for His blessings upon David and himself)

⁹Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. (Solomon is humble before God)

¹⁰Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great? (That I may go out and come in - a Hebrew expression means - in my everyday life) (Solomon asked for wisdom to rule and to judge the people fairly and wisely)

¹¹And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king: (Because Solomon didn't ask for anything for himself, God gave him great riches and great wisdom to rule Israel)

NOTE: (This is how we can also obtain wisdom and knowledge)
Proverbs-1:7, James-1:5

¹²Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like. (God kept His promise to Solomon. He became the richest and wisest king of Israel)

(God would have also given Solomon long life; but unfortunately, he turned to idol worship and perversion in his later years. God cut his reign short because of that) 1Kings-3:14

(Solomon also wrote Ecclesiastes & Proverbs)

¹³ Then Solomon came from his journey to the high place that was at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel.

¹⁴ And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. (chariots = cavalry horses – this word in the Hebrew text is different than the word chariots in verse 17)

(God told the kings of Israel not to multiply horses and wives to themselves. This is where Solomon started to get off track concerning God's Word) Deuteronomy-17:16-17

¹⁵ And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem as plenteous as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycomore trees that are in the vale for abundance. (God blessed Solomon; he became the richest and most powerful of all the kings of Israel. Gold and silver were as plentiful as rocks in Jerusalem)

¹⁶ And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price. (linen yarn = in droves - or in huge numbers - bad translation)

(God told the Hebrews not to amass horses in Deuteronomy-17:16. HE also told them not to go back to Egypt for support and for trade)

¹⁷ And they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so brought they out horses for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their means. (These kings of the Hittites & Syria were vassal kings under Solomon's rule. Solomon is really going astray by ignoring God's commands. He keeps returning to Egypt for horses and other goods)

(This word chariot is the same meaning as our word chariot. A two wheeled cart drawn by horses for use in wartime)

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