

**1 Kings 3:16 - 5**  
**The Wisdom of Solomon**  
**Lesson 3**

God said to Solomon, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." Solomon answered, "Give me wisdom and knowledge that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?" (1 Chronicles 1:7, 10) Solomon realized that to be a successful king he must remain dependent upon the Lord just as his father had. This was God's kingdom and God's people; Solomon was a servant of The King, the Lord God of Israel.

**Two Women -Chapter 3**

1. Two prostitutes with a problem brought their case before King Solomon for settlement. The first woman began the defense. What did she tell Solomon? (vs. 16-21)
  
2. While the first woman was speaking, the second interrupted her and an argument erupted. What did they both insist upon? (vs. 22, 23)
  
3. How did the king show wisdom in this case? (vs. 24-25)
  
4. From verse 26, what did each of the women say in response to his suggestion?
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> woman
  
  
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> woman
  
5. What was the king's final verdict? (vs. 27)
  
6. "When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe..." Why? (vs. 28)

**Solomon's Prayer**

7. Psalm 72 is a prayer written either by Solomon or for him. It reflects Solomon's desire to use the wisdom from God to reign with justice and righteousness. According to Psalm 72 verses 2, 4 and 12-14 what would a righteous king do for his people?



12. How was life described during the reign of King Solomon? (vs. 20, 21, 24 & 25)

- And in 2 Chronicles 1:14-17?

### **Preparations For The Temple - Chapter 5**

13. Solomon was not distracted by war as his father David had been, and so he turned to building. What were his first two projects? (2 Chronicles 2:1)

14. What size work force did that require? (2 Chronicles 2:2)

15. Who was Hiram? (1 Kings 1:1 & 2 Chronicles 2:3)

16. What request did Solomon make of him and why? (1 Kings 1:3-7)

17. Why did Solomon ask Hiram for this? (2 Samuel 5:11 & 2 Chronicles 2:3)

18. How did he describe the temple to Hiram? (2 Chronicles 2:5, 6 & 9)

19. In addition to the wood and workers already requested, what else did Solomon ask for? (2 Chronicles 2:7)

20. How did Hiram answer Solomon? (2 Chronicles 2:11a)

21. What did he say? (2 Chronicles 2:11b-16 & 1 Kings 5:8,9) Please comment.

22. How was the request carried out? (vs. 10, 11)
23. “Solomon continued to do this for Hiram year after year.” (vs. 11b) How many years did this go on? (1 Kings 9:10)
24. Chapter 5 concludes with a description of Solomon’s work force. What does it say about each group? (vs. 13-18)
- The 30,000 Israelites conscripted laborers
  - The 150,000 alien slave laborers
  - The 3,300 Israelite foremen
  - The skilled laborers from Tyre & Israel