

1 Kings 10:14-29 **Solomon's Great Wealth**

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16 And King Solomon made two hundred large shields of hammered gold; six hundred shekels of gold went into each shield. 17 He also made three hundred shields of hammered gold; three minas of gold went into each shield. The king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

18 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. 19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round at the back; there were armrests on either side of the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the armrests. 20 Twelve lions stood there, one on each side of the six steps; nothing like this had been made for any other kingdom.

21 All King Solomon's drinking vessels were gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were pure gold. Not one was silver, for this was accounted as nothing in the days of Solomon. 22 For the king had merchant ships at sea with the fleet of Hiram. Once every three years the merchant ships came bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and monkeys. 23 So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

24 Now all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. 25 Each man brought his present: articles of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year.

26 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; he had one thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem. 27 The king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar trees as abundant as the sycamores which are in the lowland.

28 Also Solomon had horses imported from Egypt and Keveh; the king's merchants bought them in Keveh at the current price. 29 Now a chariot that was imported from Egypt cost six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse one hundred and fifty; and thus, through their agents, they exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

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Facts Revealed:

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✧ Besides the gold that came to Solomon from normal business of traveling merchants, traders, by visiting kings of Arabia, and Governors of Israel, Solomon received an annual supply of 666 talents most likely by the ships coming from Ophir. [1 Kings 10:14, 22]

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- ✧ The House of the forest of Lebanon was a chamber in the palace called his own house. [1 Kings 7:2-5]
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- ✧ The great gold covered ivory throne speaks of great power and wealth, it was the throne of judgment in Solomon's kingdom.
- ✧ No other throne like it in all the earth before Solomon.
- ✧ It speaks to me as a preview of the final Great White Throne on which God sits to make the final judgment of all the earth. [Revelation 20:11-14]
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- ✧ Fame and fortune turn the head of even the wisest man that ever lived beside Jesus.
- ✧ Solomon would have been wiser if he read and followed the commandment of God.

Yet God had said:

- 14 "When you come to the land which the Lord your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,' 15 you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.
- 16 But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the Lord has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.' 17 Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself. [Deuteronomy 17:14-17] NKJV