

## 2 Chronicles 1:1-12 **Yahweh Granted Solomon his Request for Wisdom**

### Tabernacle and Altar of Burnt Offerings at the high place at Gibeon

**1** Now Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and Yahweh Elohay (the Lord his God) was with him and exalted him exceedingly.

**2** And Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, to the judges, and to every leader in all Israel, the heads of the fathers' houses.

**3** Then Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for the tabernacle of meeting with Elohiym (God) was there, which Moses the servant of Yahweh (the Lord) had made in the wilderness.

**4** But David had brought up the ark of Elohiym (God) from Kirjath Jearim to the place David had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.

**5** Now the bronze altar that Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he put before the tabernacle of Yahweh (the Lord); Solomon and the assembly sought Him there.

**6** And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before Yahweh (the Lord), which was at the tabernacle of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

### Solomon's Request of God

**7** On that night Elohiym (God) appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

**8** And Solomon said to Elohiym (God): "You have shown great mercy to David my father, and have made me king in his place.

**9** Now, O Yahweh Elohiym (Lord God), let Your promise to David my father be established, for You have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.

**10** Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?"

### God's answer to Solomon

**11** Then Elohiym (God) said to Solomon: "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life — but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king — **12** wisdom and knowledge are granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who were before you, nor shall any after you have the like."

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### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Yahweh kept His promise to David as He strengthened and exalted the kingdom under Solomon exceedingly. [[1 Chronicles 17:11-14](#), [2 Chronicles 1:1](#)]

### Tabernacle and Altar of Burnt Offerings at the high place at Gibeon

- ✧ The Tabernacle and all its furnishings (except the Ark of the Covenant) were at the high place in Gibeon where it had been when Samuel anointed Saul to be king of Israel. [[1 Samuel 9:1-27](#), [10:1](#), [2 Chronicles 1:2-3](#)]
- ✧ David had brought the Ark of the Covenant from the house of Abinadab in Kirjath Jearim to the tent he had prepared for it at Jerusalem. [[2 Chronicles 1:4](#), [2 Samuel 6:1-17](#)]

- ✧ Solomon and all the leaders of Israel went to the Tabernacle of Yahweh at Gibeon to sacrifice on the bronze Altar of Sacrifice and seek Yahweh there. Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on it. [\[2 Chronicles 1:2-6\]](#)

### Solomon's Request of God

- ✧ On that night Elohiym (God) appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "Ask! What shall I give you?" [\[2 Chronicles 1:7\]](#)
- ✧ Solomon acknowledged that Yahweh had kept His promise to David in making him king over Israel, Yahweh's people, and asked that it be established. [\[2 Chronicles 1:8-9\]](#)
- ✧ Solomon asked for wisdom and knowledge to be king over such a multitude of people, for who can judge this great people of Yours. [\[2 Chronicles 1:9-10\]](#)
- ✧ The kingdom belongs to Yahweh.

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