



**The Kings
of Israel**

Lesson #33

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- Adonijah
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Solomon Prays for Wisdom

1 Kings 3:3 (ESV)

3 Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father, only he sacrificed and made offerings at the high places.

1 Kings 3:5 (ESV)

5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you."

1 Kings 3:7 – 9 (ESV)

7 And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. 9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

1 Kings 3:10 – 14 (ESV)

10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. 13 I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. 14 And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

1 Kings 3:15 (ESV)

15 And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

King Solomon's wisdom is tested!

1 Kings 3:16 (ESV)

16 Then two prostitutes came to the king and stood before him.

1 Kings 3:23 – 25 (ESV)

23 Then the king said, “The one says, ‘This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead’; and the other says, ‘No; but your son is dead, and my son is the living one.’” 24 And the king said, “Bring me a sword.” So a sword was brought before the king. 25 And the king said, “Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one and half to the other.”

1 Kings 3:26 (ESV)


26 Then the woman whose son was alive said to the king, because her heart yearned for her son, “Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and by no means put him to death.” But the other said, “He shall be neither mine nor yours; divide him.”

1 Kings 3:27 (ESV)

27 Then the king answered and said, "Give the living child to the first woman, and by no means put him to death; she is his mother."

1 Kings 3:28 (ESV)

28 And all Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to do justice.

A close-up photograph of three glass chess pieces on a white surface. The pieces are a king, a queen, and a pawn, all made of clear, faceted glass. The king is in the center, the queen is to its left, and the pawn is to its right. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**In our next study, we will
continue to look at the reign of
King Solomon!**