

Ladies Bible Class
1 Kings 4 Handout

Read: verses 1-6, 7-19 Solomon's Governmental Structure and Officials

1. Describe Solomon's government.

Read verses 20-27 Solomon's Daily Provisions

2. Who were these provisions for? How were the provisions provided to the palace? Do you think the amount of food was excessive?

185 bushels (6.6 kiloliters or 14.5 lbs) of fine flour and 375 bushels (13.2 kiloliters or 29 lbs) of meal

3. Specifically in v. 22 what is made reference to?

Read 26-34 Solomon's Wisdom

Demonstrated into his writing, also understanding of human nature, biologist, science teacher, botanist

4. How does the description of Solomon's kingdom in 1 Kings 4:21. Compare Solomon's reign with the promises God made to Abraham in Genesis 15: 20-21?

You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶ In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure."

5. What 3 promises did God make to Abraham? Read Gen 13:14-17

14 The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. 15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring[a] forever. 16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. 17 Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you."

How have these promises been fulfilled in Solomon's reign?

1. Read Deut. 12: 10-11

¹⁰ But you will cross the Jordan and settle in the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and he will give you rest from all your enemies around you so that you will live in safety. ¹¹ Then to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name—there you are to bring everything I command you: your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, and all the choice possessions you have vowed to the LORD.

2. .2 Samuel 7 God's Promises to David-

3. This is also a prophecy that David's son would be Jesus Christ, build the church of God through mankind

Solomon and Christ

6. What details in this chapter heightens the Messiahlike over tones of Solomon's reign?
Compare to Rev. 22: 1-5 22

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Think about the blessing that we have like those the people experienced under Solomon's rule

Think about the peace we have in the Savior's kingdom (Is. 65: 24-25)

²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are still speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

29-34 Solomon's Wisdom-wisdom was based first on the fear of God; Jesus said he is greater than Solomon (Matt. 12:42)

The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now something greater than Solomon is here.

Also see John 4:10

10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

and John 6:53-54

⁵³ Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

Problem with numbers; 40,000 (KJV) vs 4,000 (NIV) Not a matter of salvation