

# Someone Greater Than Solomon

**BUILDING  
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## SEARCHING FOR THE K I N G

**Solomon** was the son who ruled Israel after David and he was given an incredible invitation by God: “Ask what I shall give you” (1 Kings 3:5). Listen to Solomon’s great answer:

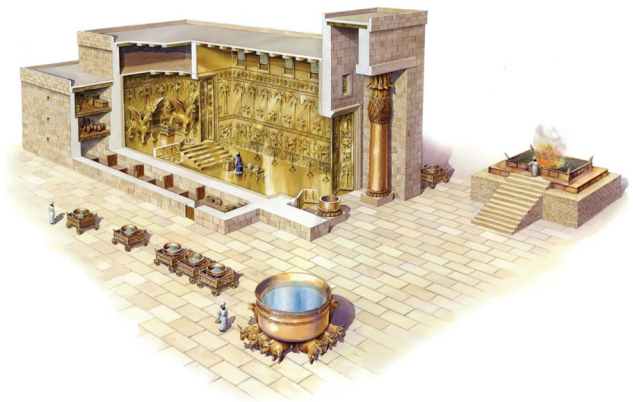
“Give your servant therefore an \_\_\_\_\_ mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil...” (1 Kings 3:9)

1 Kings 4 goes on to describe a kind of “golden age” during Solomon’s rule:

Judah and Israel were as many as the sand by the sea. They ate and drank and were \_\_\_\_\_ (4:20)

God gave Solomon \_\_\_\_\_ and understanding beyond measure... (4:29)

And people of all nations came to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom. (4:34)



One of those visitors is described in 1 Kings 10: the queen of \_\_\_\_\_. When she saw and heard all the wisdom of Solomon and the incredible things he had built, “there was no more breath in her” (10:5). She was even moved to bless the LORD by what she saw in Israel. **But what does this have to do with our search for OUR king?**

Matthew 12 describes a time in Jesus’ life when some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.” After referencing the prophet Jonah (who we’ll talk about soon), notice what Jesus said next:

“The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something \_\_\_\_\_ than Solomon is here.” (12:42)

What is this “judgment” Jesus was referring to? What does the “queen of the South” have to do it? And what (or who) was “greater than Solomon”? **Let’s talk about it...**

# FOUNDATION STONES



“He also spoke 3,000 proverbs...” (1 Kings 4:32). We have an entire book of the Bible called **Proverbs**. Can you find it in your Bible? What is a proverb? Let’s even pick out one or two that we can work on memorizing this week.

Can you think of any ways that our King is even “greater than Solomon”?

What is the temple that **OUR** King is building? **1 Peter 2:4-5** might be helpful in your answer...

## 1 Kings 8:27

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built!”

