

The Life and Writings of Solomon

Solomon's Power, Wealth, and Wisdom



*1 Kings 4,
2 Chronicles 1:14-17*



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1 Samuel 8:11–17 ¹¹He said, “This will be the procedure of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and place *them* for himself in his chariots and among his horsemen and they will run before his chariots. ¹²“He will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and of fifties, and *some* to do his plowing and to reap his harvest and to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. ¹³“He will also take your daughters for perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴“He will take the best of your fields and your vineyards and your olive groves and give *them* to his servants. ¹⁵“He will take a tenth of your seed and of your vineyards and give to his officers and to his servants. ¹⁶“He will also take your male servants and your female servants and your best young men and your donkeys and use *them* for his work. ¹⁷“He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his servants.

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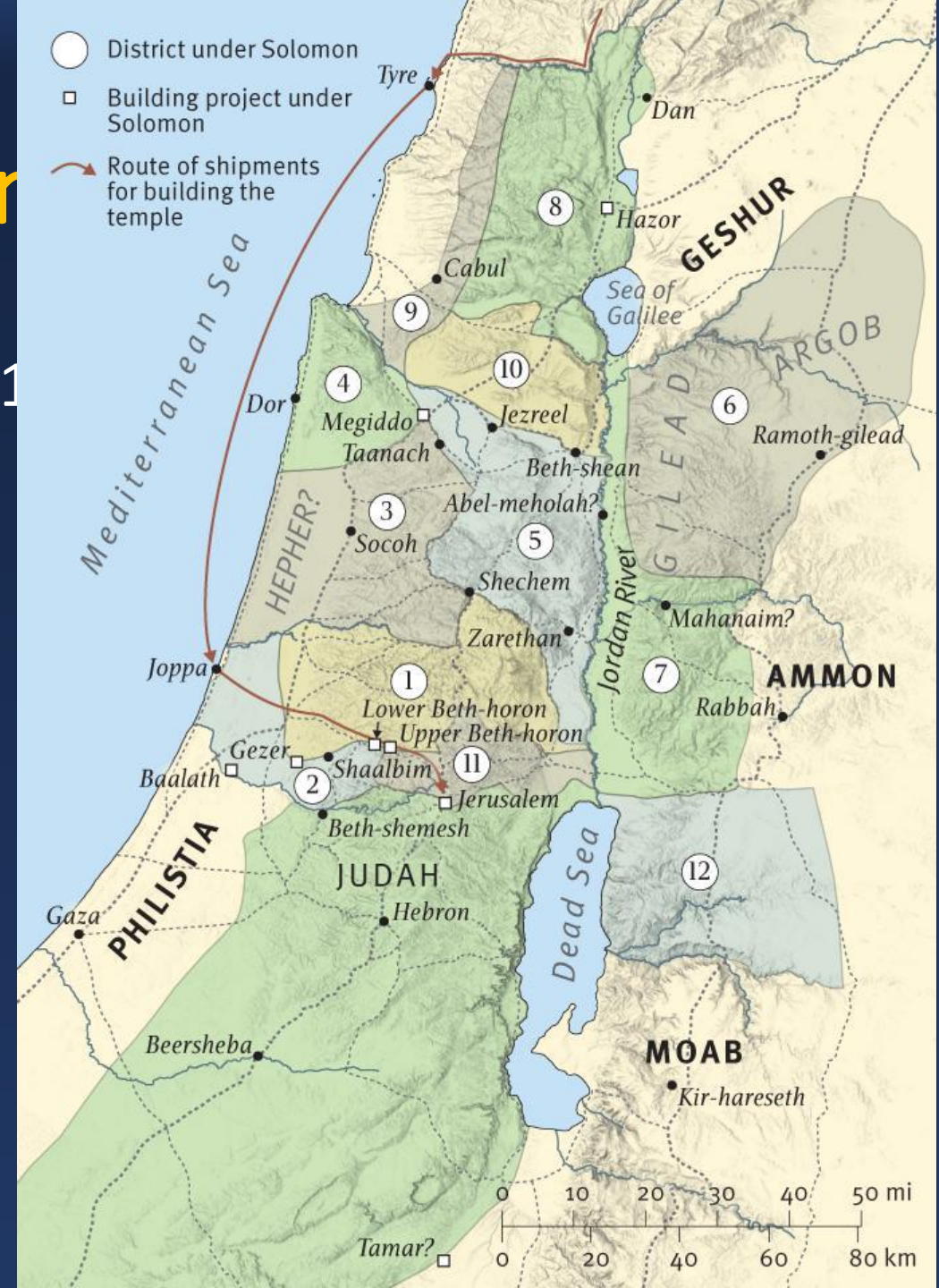
1 Kings 5:13–18 ¹³Now King Solomon levied forced laborers from all Israel; and the forced laborers numbered 30,000 men. ¹⁴He sent them to Lebanon, 10,000 a month in relays; they were in Lebanon a month *and* two months at home. And Adoniram *was* over the forced laborers. ¹⁵Now Solomon had 70,000 transporters, and 80,000 hewers *of stone* in the mountains, ¹⁶besides Solomon's 3,300 chief deputies who *were* over the project *and* who ruled over the people who were doing the work. ¹⁷Then the king commanded, and they quarried great stones, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house with cut stones. ¹⁸So Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and the Gebalites cut them, and prepared the timbers and the stones to build the house.

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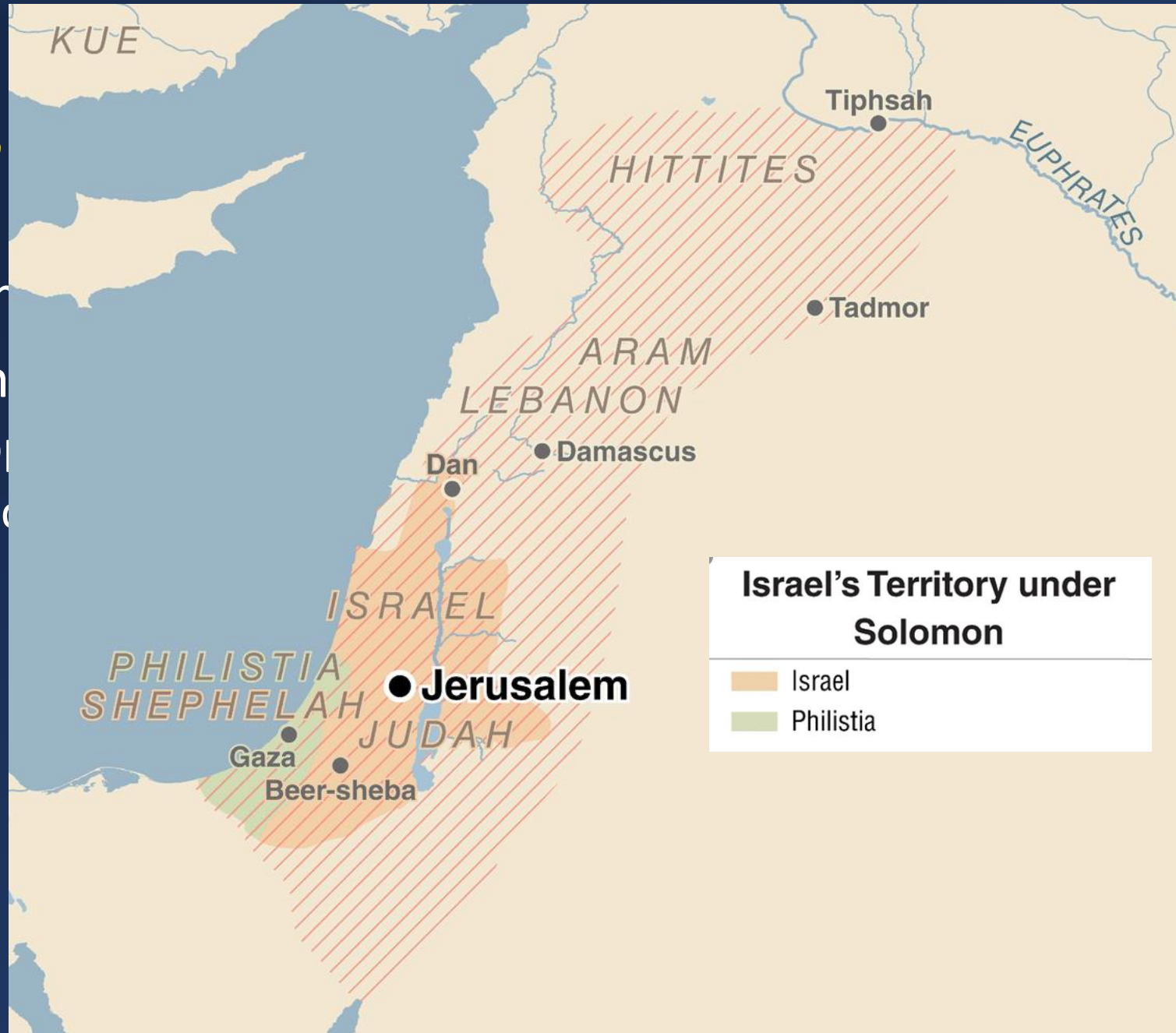
Genesis 22:17 ¹⁷indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies.

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Micah 4:1–4 ¹And it will come about in the last days That the mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains. It will be raised above the hills, And the peoples will stream to it. ²Many nations will come and say, “Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD And to the house of the God of Jacob, That He may teach us about His ways And that we may walk in His paths.” For from Zion will go forth the law, Even the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ³And He will judge between many peoples And render decisions for mighty, distant nations. Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they train for war. ⁴Each of them will sit under his vine And under his fig tree, With no one to make *them* afraid, For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

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1 Kings 3:12 ¹²behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you.

2 Chronicles 1:12 ¹²wisdom and knowledge have been granted to you. And I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings who were before you has possessed nor those who will come after you.”

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James 1:17 ¹⁷Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

1 Corinthians 4:7 ⁷For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

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1 Kings 3:8–9⁸“Your servant is in the midst of Your people which You have chosen, a great people who are too many to be numbered or counted. ⁹“So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?”

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Proverbs 29:2 ²When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, But when a wicked man rules, people groan.

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