

# “Preserving a Nation for Messiah’s Future Reign” Granting a fallen king the Wisdom to Lead a Nation 1 Kings 4 – 2 Chronicles 1:14-17

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## Introduction:

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## Book Outline:

### I. The United Kingdom:

The Reign of Solomon (1 Kings 1:1–11:43)

### II. The Divided Kingdom:

The Kings of Israel and Judah (1 Kings 12:1–2 Kings 17:41)

### III. The Surviving Kingdom:

The Kings of Judah (2 Kings 18:1–25:21)

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## Section Verses:

21 Now **Solomon ruled** over all the kingdoms from the River to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt; **they brought tribute** and served Solomon all the days of his life.

25 So **Judah and Israel lived in safety, every man under his vine and his fig tree**, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

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I. Solomon’s Cabinet 4:1-7 \_\_\_\_\_.

II. Solomon’s Council 4:7-19 \_\_\_\_\_.

III. Judah and Israel’s Consistency 4:20 \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. Solomon’s Collection 4:21-23 \_\_\_\_\_.

V. Solomon’s Control 4:24 \_\_\_\_\_.

VI. Judah and Israel’s Contentment 4:25 \_\_\_\_\_.

VII. Solomon’s Chariots 4:26 \_\_\_\_\_.

VIII. Solomon’s Charge 4:27-28 \_\_\_\_\_.

IX. Solomon’s Counsel 4:29-34 \_\_\_\_\_.

X. Scripture's Caution \_\_\_\_\_.

XI Yahweh's Call \_\_\_\_\_.

### Theme:

All of the kings of the Davidic line, including Solomon, proved themselves to be disobedient to the Lord. Yet, Yahweh is not a "preterist" and does not bring David's family line (Judah) to an end as he did the Northern families of Jeroboam I, Omri, and Jehu.

Hope for the coming appearance of the "Seed" of David, the Lord Jesus Christ (see 2 Sam. 7:12–16), continues even as Kings closes on negative note.

But 2 Chronicles reminds us of God's eternal commitment to Israel by stirring Cyrus' heart and call the Jewish remnant to rebuild Jerusalem!

So, the line of David miraculously continues climaxing in the conception and birth of the promised King and God-man and Immanuel, the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Kings 25:27–30).

### Implications:

1. God always keeps His word and fulfills his promises. The hero of Chapter 4 and for the rest of Kings and Chronicles is none other than Yahweh, not King Solomon. If you are studying Revelation on Sunday evenings with our Pastor, we are seeing the rest of this history being fleshed out in the Book of Revelation.

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2. God grants Solomon his request and answers him as if his request has already been granted, past tense.

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3. God keeps His promises with you as a believer in Christ. He will not renege or go back on what He has granted you in eternity past. We possess "eternal life" now if you are in Christ. You have everything pertaining to life right now! (1 Peter 1:3-12)

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4. God is the source of all good things. The United Kingdom enjoyed peace and security based on Yahweh not on Solomon's good nature. Everything Solomon enjoyed was a gift from the Lord.

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5. Solomon asks for spiritual giftedness to serve those who are in his sphere of influence. We are gifted to serve with the gifts that God has granted us through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Enabler.

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**Bottom Line:** The Lord is always faithful to His chosen people. His Word is trustworthy and it never fails. "Little compromises" always grow to large fissures (a long, narrow openings of breakage made by cracking or splitting) unless they are confessed and repented for and forsaken. We His chosen children must continually marinate in His Word for our spiritual nourishment and vector correction as He directs us in our pilgrim's progress (Matthew 4:4).

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