

**1A God provides for the transition of the kingship from David to Solomon in fulfillment of the Davidic covenant (1 Kgs 1–11)**

**2B God establishes Solomon's kingdom (2:13–46)**

**3B Solomon's wisdom displayed in his administration and organization  
3:1–4:46**

**1C God gives Solomon wisdom  
3:1–15**

**2C Solomon's wisdom  
demonstrated 3:16–4:34**

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מַלַּךְ *mālak* in the hiphel is causative,  
Solomon acknowledges God’s sovereignty.

**Proverbs 3:34, “Surely He scorns the scornful,  
but gives grace to the humble.”**

**1 Peter 5:5, “Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’**

**1 Peter 5:6, “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,”**

**Proverbs 11:2, “When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble *is* wisdom.”**

**Proverbs 16:19, “Better *to be* of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.”**

**Proverbs 29:23, “A man’s pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor.”**

**שָׁמַע *šāma*: a listening heart, used as an idiom  
for an obedience.**

**בִּינָה *biyn*: to discern, to be able to intelligently  
consider and choose wisely.**



חָכָם *hā-kām*: An adjective meaning wise. This word is used to describe one who is skilled or experienced.

**בִּינָה *biyn*: A verb meaning to discern, to perceive, to observe, to pay attention to, to be intelligent, to be discreet, to understand.**

**1 Kings 4:22, “Now Solomon’s provision for one day was thirty kors of fine flour, sixty kors of meal,**

**1 Kings 4:23, “ten fatted oxen, twenty oxen from the pastures, and one hundred sheep, besides deer, gazelles, roebucks, and fatted fowl.”**



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Sea of Galilee  
(Sea of Kinnereth)

Tiberias  
Nazareth

▲ Mt. Tabor  
▲ Mt. Moreh

Kishon R.  
Mt. Carmel

Yarmuk R.

Mt. Gilboa

PLAIN OF SHARON

HILL COUNTRY  
OF EPHRAIM

Jordan R.

Mt. Ebal  
Shechem  
▲ Mt. Gerizim

Jabbok R.

Tel Aviv  
Joppa

Yarkon R.

BENJAMIN  
MTS.

Rabbah  
(Amman)

Jericho

Mt. of Olives

Mt. Nebo

Jerusalem

ABARIM  
MTS.

Bethlehem

FOOTHILLS (SHEPHELAH)  
JUDEAN  
MTS.

Hebron

En Gedi

Ammon R.  
Dead Sea  
(Salt Sea)

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Besor R.

Beersheba

NEGEV