

**Deut 17:14, “When you come to the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, ‘I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,’**

**Deut 17:15, “you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.**

Deut 17:16, “But he **shall not multiply horses** for himself, nor cause the people **to return to Egypt to multiply horses**, for the LORD has said to you, ‘You shall not return that way again.’

Deut 17:17, “**Neither shall he multiply wives** for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor **shall he greatly multiply silver and gold** for himself.

Deut 17:18, “Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, **that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites.**

Deut 17:19, “And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may **learn to fear the LORD his God** and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes,

**Deut 17:20, “that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.”**

**1 Kings 3:3, “Now Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.”**

**1 Kings 3:11, “God said to him, ‘Because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself discernment to understand justice,**

**1 Kings 3:12, “‘behold, 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.’**

**1 Kings 3:13, “I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you all your days.”**

**1 Kings 10:1, “Now when the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with difficult questions.”**



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# Chiasm: **X Marks the Emphasis**

**A 9:1–3 Introductory Narrative**

**B 9:4–5 Observations of Solomon's Blessings**

**B' 9:6–9 Speaks of Solomon's Blessings**

**A' 9:10 Concluding Narrative**

**1 Kings 10:2, “So she came to Jerusalem with a very large retinue, with camels carrying spices and very much gold and precious stones. When she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart.**

**1 Kings 10:3, “Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was hidden from the king which he did not explain to her.**

**1 Kings 10:4, “When the queen of Sheba perceived all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built,**

**1 Kings 10:5, “the food of his table, the seating of his servants, the attendance of his waiters and their attire, his cupbearers, and his stairway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her.**

**1 Kings 10:6, “Then she said to the king, ‘It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom.**

**1 Kings 10:7, ““Nevertheless I did not believe the reports, until I came and my eyes had seen it. And behold, the half was not told me. You exceed *in* wisdom and prosperity the report which I heard.**

**1 Kings 10:8, “How blessed are your men, how blessed are these your servants who stand before you continually *and* hear your wisdom.**

**1 Kings 10:9, “Blessed be the LORD your God who delighted in you to set you on the throne of Israel; because the LORD loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do justice and righteousness.’**

**1 Kings 10:10, “She gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and a very great *amount* of spices and precious stones. Never again did such abundance of spices come in as that which the queen of Sheba gave King Solomon.”**

**Matt. 12:42, “*The Queen of the South* will rise up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.”**

**1 Kings 10:14, “The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold,**

**1 Kings 10:15, “besides that from the traveling merchants, from the income of traders, from all the kings of Arabia, and from the governors of the country.”**

**“Those who would consider his income of 666 talents (ca. 21.6 tons) of gold exaggeration should compare this with amounts registered in ancient Egypt about this time, ‘where gold is like dust in the land’ and Osorkon I in his first four years (ca. 924–920 BC) accumulated eighteen tons of gold, to which some of the loot taken by his father Shishak from Jerusalem should be added (cf. 14:25–27). Similar large-scale acquisition and use of gold in temple building is attested from Mesopotamia.”**

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**1 Kings 10:16, “King Solomon made 200 large shields of beaten gold, using 600 *shekels of* gold on each large shield.**

**1 Kings 10:17, “*He made* 300 shields of beaten gold, using three minas of gold on each shield, and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.**

**1 Kings 10:18, “Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with refined gold.**

**1 Kings 10:19, “*There were six steps to the throne and a round top to the throne at its rear, and arms on each side of the seat, and two lions standing beside the arms.***

**1 Kings 10:20, “Twelve lions were standing there on the six steps on the one side and on the other; nothing like *it* was made for any other kingdom.**

**1 Kings 10:21, “All King Solomon’s drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold. None was of silver; it was not considered valuable in the days of Solomon.**

**1 Kings 10:22, “For the king had at sea the ships of Tarshish with the ships of Hiram; once every three years the ships of Tarshish came bringing gold and silver, ivory and apes and peacocks.**

**1 Kings 10:23, “So King Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom.**

**1 Kings 10:24, “All the earth was seeking the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart.**

**1 Kings 10:25, “They brought every man his gift, articles of silver and gold, garments, weapons, spices, horses, and mules, so much year by year.**

**1 Kings 10:26, “Now Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; and he had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen, and he stationed them in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.**

**1 Kings 10:27, “The king made silver *as common* as stones in Jerusalem, and he made cedars as plentiful as sycamore trees that are in the lowland.**

**1 Kings 10:28, “Also Solomon’s import of horses was from Egypt and Kue, *and* the king’s merchants procured *them* from Kue for a price.**

**1 Kings 10:29, “A chariot was imported from Egypt for 600 *shekels* of silver, and a horse for 150; and by the same means they exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and to the kings of the Arameans.”**