

## 2 CHRONICLES CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup> Now the queen of Sheba heard *of* the name of Solomon, and she came to Jerusalem with a very large entourage, to test Solomon with hard questions, and *she had* camels bearing spices in abundance, and gold, and precious stones. And she came to Solomon, and told him all that was in her mind. <sup>2</sup> And Solomon answered all her questions; and there did not pass one word from Solomon which he did not tell her. <sup>3</sup> And the queen of Sheba saw the wisdom of Solomon, and the house which he had built, <sup>4</sup> and the food on his tables, and the sitting of his servants, and the standing of his ministers, and their garments; and his cupbearers, and their apparel; and the burnt offerings which he offered up in the house of the Lord; and she marveled.

<sup>5</sup> And she said to the king, "*It was* a true report which I heard in my land concerning your words, and concerning your wisdom. <sup>6</sup> Yet I did not believe the reports until I came, and my eyes have seen; and behold, not *even* half of the abundance of your wisdom was told to me! You have exceeded the report which I heard. <sup>7</sup> Blessed *are* your men, blessed *are* these your servants, who stand before you continually, and hear your wisdom. <sup>8</sup> Blessed be the Lord your God, who took pleasure in you, to set you upon His throne as king, to the Lord your God; forasmuch as the Lord your God loved Israel to establish them forever, therefore He has set you over them as king, to execute judgment and justice." <sup>9</sup> And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and spices in very great abundance, and precious stones; and there were not *any where else* such spices as those which the queen of Sheba gave King Solomon.

<sup>10</sup> And the servants of Solomon and the servants of Hiram brought gold to Solomon out of Ophir, and pine timber, and precious stones. <sup>11</sup> And the king made of the pine timber steps to the house of the Lord, and to the king's house, and harps and lutes for the singers; and such were not seen before in the land of Judah.

<sup>12</sup> And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all that she requested, even *much more than* she brought to King Solomon. And she returned to her *own* land.

<sup>13</sup> And the weight of the gold that was brought to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold, <sup>14</sup> besides what the men who were regularly appointed and the merchants brought, and all the kings of Arabia and princes of the land: all brought gold and silver to King Solomon. <sup>15</sup> And King Solomon made two hundred shields of hammered gold; there were six hundred *shekels* of pure gold to one shield. <sup>16</sup> And three hundred buckles of hammered gold; *the weight* of three hundred gold shekels went to one buckler. And the king placed them in the house of the Forest of Lebanon.

<sup>17</sup> And the king made a great throne of ivory, and he gilded it with pure gold.

<sup>18</sup> And *there were* six steps to the throne, riveted with gold, and elbows on either side of the seat of the throne, and two lions standing by the elbows; <sup>19</sup> and twelve lions standing there on the six steps on each side. There was not the like in any *other* kingdom. <sup>20</sup> And all King Solomon's vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the Forest of Lebanon were covered with gold: silver was not regarded as anything in the days of Solomon. <sup>21</sup> For a ship went for the king

to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram. Once every three years vessels came from Tarshish to the king, laden with gold, silver, ivory, and apes.

<sup>22</sup> And Solomon exceeded all *other* kings both in riches and wisdom. <sup>23</sup> And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. <sup>24</sup> And everyone brought their gifts—silver vessels and golden vessels, clothing, myrrh, spices, horses and mules, a set rate every year.

<sup>25</sup> And Solomon had four thousand mares for chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; and he put them in the chariot cities, and with the king in Jerusalem.

<sup>26</sup> And he ruled over all the kings from the river, even to the land of the Philistines, and to the borders of Egypt. <sup>27</sup> And the king made gold and silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars as the sycamore trees in the plain for abundance. <sup>28</sup> And Solomon imported horses from Egypt, and from every *other* country.

<sup>29</sup> And the rest of the acts of Solomon, the first and the last, behold, these are written in the words of Nathan the prophet, and in the words of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Joel the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat. <sup>30</sup> And Solomon reigned over all Israel forty years. <sup>31</sup> And Solomon fell asleep, and they buried him in the City of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.