

1 KINGS CHAPTER 4

¹ And King Solomon reigned over Israel. ² And these *are* the princes which he had: Azariah son of Zadok. ³ Eliaph and Ahijah son of Shisha, scribes; and Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud, recorder. ⁴ And Benaiah son of Jehoiada over the army; and Zadok and Abiathar *were* priests. ⁵ And Azariah the son of Nathan *was* over the officers; and Zabud son of Nathan *was* the king's friend. ⁶ And Ahhisar was steward, and Eliac the *chief* steward; and Eliab the son of Saph *was* over the family: and Adoniram the son of Abda over the tribute.

⁷ And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, to provide for the king and his household; each one's turn came to supply for a month in the year. ⁸ And these *were* their names: Ben Hur in the mount of Ephraim, one. ⁹ The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth Shamesh, and Elon as far as Bethana, one. ¹⁰ The son of Esdi in Araboth; his *was* Sochoh, and all the land of Hopher. ¹¹ All Nephthador *belonged to* the son of Aminadab, Tephath daughter of Solomon was his wife, one. ¹² Baana son of Ahilud *had* Taanach and Megiddo, and *his was* the whole house of Shean which was by Sesathan below Esrae, and from Beth Shean as far as Abel Meholah, as far as Maeber Lucam, one. ¹³ The son of Naber in Ramoth Gilead, to him *fell the* lot of Argob in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls, and bronze bars, one. ¹⁴ Ahinadab son of Iddo, *had* Mahanaim. ¹⁵ Ahimaaz *was* in Naphtali, and he took Basemath daughter of Solomon as wife, one. ¹⁶ Baanah son of Hushai, in Asher and in Aloth, one. ¹⁷ Jehoshaphat son of Paruah *was* in Issachar. ¹⁸ Shimei son of Elah, in Benjamin. ¹⁹ Geber son of Uri in the land of Gad, *the land* of Sihon king of Heshbon, and of Og king of Bashan, and one officer in the land of Judah.

²⁰ (This verse omitted in LXX)

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²² And these *were* the provisions for Solomon: in one day thirty measures of fine flour, and sixty measures of fine pounded meal, ²³ and ten choice calves, and twenty pastured oxen, and a hundred sheep, besides stags, and choice fatted does. ²⁴ For he had dominion on this side of the river, and he was at peace on all sides round about.

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²⁷ And thus the officers provided for King Solomon. And everyone in his *appointed* month *followed* all the orders for the table of the king; they omitted nothing. ²⁸ And they carried the barley and the straw for the horses and the chariots to the place where the king might be, each according to his charge. ²⁹ And the Lord gave understanding to Solomon, and very much wisdom, and enlargement of heart, as the sand on the seashore. ³⁰ And Solomon abounded greatly beyond the wisdom of all the ancients, and beyond all the wise men of Egypt. ³¹ And he was wiser than all *other* men; and he was wiser than Ethan the Ezrahite, and *than* Heman, and *than* Chalcol and Darda the son of Mahol. ³² And Solomon spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were five thousand. ³³ And he spoke of trees, from the cedar in Lebanon even to the hyssop which comes out through the wall: he spoke also of cattle, and of birds, and of reptiles, and of fish. ³⁴ And all the nations came to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and

ambassadors from all the kings of the earth, as many as heard of his wisdom. And Solomon took to himself the daughter of Pharaoh as wife, and brought her into the City of David until he had finished the house of the Lord, and his own house, and the wall of Jerusalem. Then he went up to Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and took Gazer, and burnt it and the Canaanite dwelling in Mergab; and Pharaoh gave them as a dowry to his daughter the wife of Solomon; and Solomon rebuilt Gazer.