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Chapter 13: The King Who Had It All

1 Kings 1 – 8; 10 – 11; 2 Chronicles 5 – 7; Proverbs 1 – 3; 6; 20 – 21

Introduction:

The childhood make-believe game called “Three Wishes” involved making any three wishes, big or small. When we were young, just three wishes could satisfy our childlike imagination, but as we grew up, we got smarter. We figured out that the only wish we needed answered was: “I want an endless supply of wishes.”

In chapter 13 of *The Story* God appears to the third king of Israel, David’s son Solomon, telling him, “You can ask for anything from me and I will give it to you.” What Solomon requests is an amazing example to all of us.

Lesson Breakdown: Outline:

- Except That ... (1 Kings 1-3)
- No Equal (1 Kings 3-4)
- Proverbs (Proverbs 1-3, 6, 20,21)
- The Temple Formed and Filled (1 Kings 5-8; 2 Chronicles 5-7)
- Accumulation (1 Kings 10-11)

Plot Points:

- The Temple is completed and filled with the glory of God.
- Solomon’s wisdom was a gift from God. Israel prospered and grew in reputation through Solomon’s leadership.
- Solomon’s many foreign wives were a snare, leading him into idolatry, costing him the kingdom.

As you watch the video for Session 13, notice some of the main points.

- ✓ Solomon asked for wisdom to carry out his duties.
- ✓ Solomon gave the baby to the second woman.
- ✓ Solomon started strong, but he finished poorly.
- ✓ Solomon did evil in the eyes of the Lord.
- ✓ We jump into a pot of lukewarm water, and the devil turns up the heat.
- ✓ Fear God and keep his commandments.

UNDERSTAND THE STORY:

King David is advanced in age, and cannot stay warm, even when covered with garments. A beautiful young girl was brought in to be his nurse. She served him and nothing improper happened between them. (pg. 175) [1 Kings 1:1-4]

David charges Solomon to be strong, walk in the ways of the Lord, and keep his commandments. (pg. 176) [1 Kings 2:1-4]

After reigning over Israel for forty years, David died and is buried in the city of David (Jerusalem). (pg. 176) [1 Kings 2:10-11] [1 Chronicles 29:26-27]

Solomon marries Pharaoh's daughter, brings her to Jerusalem, while he finished building his own house and the house of the LORD, and the wall around Jerusalem. (pg. 176) [1 Kings 3:1-2]

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream and tells Solomon to: “Ask what *you wish* Me to give you.” (pg. 176) [1 Kings 3:5] [2 Chronicles 1:7]

1. What was the one thing Solomon asked the Lord for?
(pg. 177) [1 Kings 3:9] [2 Chronicles 1:10]
2. What did the Lord give him that he did not ask for?
(pg. 177) [1 Kings 3:13-14] [2 Chronicles 1:11–12]

Not long after receiving all this wisdom, he’s put to a test when he had to deal with two prostitutes. (pg. 177-178) [1 Kings 3:16-28]

3. How did the people in Israel react to the ruling? (pg. 178) [1 Kings 3:28]
4. How did Solomon’s wisdom compare to others? (pg. 178) [1 Kings 4:31]

Solomon told 3,000 proverbs. (pg. 178) [1 Kings 4:32]. Here is a small sampling:

- Proverbs 1:1-4a, 7 - (pg. 179)
 - Proverbs 2:1-6, 12 - (pg. 179)
 - Proverbs 3:1-9 - (pg. 180)
 - Proverbs 6:28-29 - (pg. 180)
 - Proverbs 20:2-4, 7, 10, 13, 15, 17, 19-22, 24, 27, 29 - (pg. 180-181)
 - Proverbs 21:1-7, 10, 13-15, 17, 19-21, 23, 27-28, 30-31 - (pg. 182-183)
5. Which one of the proverbs below is not found in Solomon’s writings?
 - A. Honor the Lord with your wealth.
 - B. The Lord helps those who help themselves.
 - C. Every fool is quick to quarrel.
 - D. Haughty eyes and a proud heart produce sin.

Not only did he tell 3,000 proverbs, but he also wrote 1,005 songs. He told of trees, animals, birds, crawling things, and fish. (pg. 178) [1 Kings 4:32-33]

His wisdom was so well known, people came from all the nations to hear him. (pg. 179) [1 Kings 4:34]

Solomon asks Hiram, king of Tyre, to build a house for the Lord. (pg. 183-184) [1 Kings 5:5-6] [2 Chronicles 2:1-18]

Solomon and Hiram made a covenant and proceeded to build the Temple. (pg. 184) [1 Kings 5:12]

Construction of the Temple finally started in the fourth year of Solomon's reign. (pg. 184) [1 Kings 6:1] [2 Chronicles 3:2]

6. How long had it been since the Israelites left Egypt? (pg. 184) [1 Kings 6:1]

We find a description of the construction on (pgs. 184-185) [1 Kings 6:2-36] [2 Chronicles 3:1-5:1].

7. What sound was not heard in the temple during the construction? (pg. 185) [1 Kings 6:7]

8. How many years did it take to build the temple? (pg. 185) [1 Kings 6:37-38]

9. Solomon builds his own house. How many years did that take? (NIB) [1 Kings 7:1]

The priests brought the ark into the temple and placed in the inner sanctuary of the house, the Most Holy Place. (pg. 185) [1 Kings 8:6] [2 Chronicles 5:7]

One Hundred-Twenty Levi priests blew trumpets in unison and singers were heard with one voice to praise and to glorify the LORD. The house of the LORD was filled with a cloud. (pgs. 185-186) [2 Chronicles 5:11-13]

When the priests came out of the Most Holy Place, the glory of the LORD, in the form of a cloud, filled the house of the LORD. (pg. 186) [1 Kings 8:10-11] [2 Chronicles 5:13b-14]

Solomon addresses a short prayer to God. (pgs. 187) [2 Chronicles 6:40-42]

When Solomon ended his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the house. (pgs. 187) [2 Chronicles 7:1-2]

Solomon's Benediction. (pgs. 187-188) [2 Chronicles 8:54-61]

Solomon and the Israelites with him offered peace offerings to the LORD of 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep.

(pg. 188) [1 Kings 8:62-63] [2 Chronicles 7:4-5] [2 Chronicles 5:6]

Promise and Warning from God. (pg. 188-189) [1 Kings 9:1-9] [2 Chronicles 7:11-22]

The queen of Sheba came to Jerusalem with a very large entourage to test Solomon him with riddles. (pg. 189) [1 Kings 10:1-2] [2 Chronicles 9:1]

Queen Sheba said she had heard about his words and wisdom but did not believe the stories and wanted to check it out herself. He had exceeded the report she had heard. (pg. 190) [1 Kings 10:6-7]

10. How much gold did Solomon receive each year? (pg. 190) [1 Kings 10:14]

Solomon had many wives from nations the LORD had told the sons of Israel not to associate with. (pg. 191) [1 Kings 11:1-2]

11. How many wives and concubines did Solomon have? (pg. 191) [1 Kings 11:3]

When Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart to follow other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God. (pg. 192) [1 Kings 11:4-6]

12. What was the Lord's reaction? (pg. 192) [1 Kings 11:9-13]

Solomon reigned over all Israel forty years. He died and was buried in the city of his father David (Jerusalem). His son Rehoboam reigned in his place.

(NIB) [1 Kings 11:42-43] [2 Chronicles 9:30-31]

Starting well is easy. Finishing well is a lifelong project that many do not complete.

If Solomon was the wisest person to ever live and he did not notice when he became a frog in a kettle, what makes us think we are too smart to do such a thing?

How we live our lives matters. Our prayer needs to be that we will not only start strong but finish strong.

Next week we'll look at how, after Solomon's death, the kingdom of Israel was torn in two by a young king who listened to poor counsel.

Read chapter 14 of *The Story* before our next session. (1 Kings 12 – 16)