

I KINGS 10; May 19; Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon

ANALYSIS:

1. What was there about Solomon and his kingdom that greatly impressed the queen of Sheba? _____

2. For what did the queen of Sheba bless the LORD?

3. How much gold came to Solomon each year, and what did he make of gold? _____
4. Describe Solomon's throne. _____
5. Why did all the earth seek to Solomon? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Jesus warned his hearers that the “queen of the south” [the queen of Sheba] who came “to hear the wisdom of Solomon,” would rise up in the judgment and condemn them because a greater than Solomon was speaking to them (Mt 12:42; Lu 11:31). Jesus said they were an evil generation for seeking a sign, when they should have humbly and eagerly believed His word and acted on it (Mt 12:29; Lu 11:29).

How do you and I approach our personal Bible reading and the public preaching of God's word? Let us sincerely seek the LORD for hearts like David's: “O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day!” Psalm 119:97.

We obviously need our own copy of the Bible, with which we become more and more familiar by continued use. We need to set reasonable goals for daily reading (time, place and number of verses/chapters) and prayer. Some have been strengthened spiritually by memorizing keys verses, marking words or verses in their Bible, keeping a notebook or journal of thoughts while reading and of sermon outlines and notes, writing out some verse or thought and posting it on a card for a day or longer, being sure to relate some thought or verse to another person that day even if by email.

HELP:

1. His wisdom, the house he had built, the meat of his table, the sitting of his servants, the attendance of his ministers, their apparel, his cupbearers, his ascent unto the house of the LORD (to worship) (vs 4-6); his wisdom and prosperity (v 7).
2. Because He delighted in Solomon and set him on the throne of Israel, His love for Israel, He had made Solomon king to do judgment and justice (v 9).
3. 666 talents of gold; targets and shields (vs 14-17), overlaid his throne (v 18), drinking vessels and all the vessels (v 21).
4. Made of ivory overlaid with the best gold, six steps with two lions on each step plus a lion at each side of the seat, with the top of the throne round (vs 18-20).
5. To hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart (v 24).