

God's Promise to David: The Reign of King Solomon
Lesson 4 – 1 Kings 4

EACH MAN UNDER HIS OWN VINE AND FIG TREE

Solomon's Officials (1 Kings 4:1-19).

29. The list of Solomon's advisors and government ministers in this part of chapter 4 is rather tedious reading. However, it is connected to the theme of wisdom. What does this section show us about Solomon's wisdom? What word or phrase would you use to describe Solomon's wisdom in these verses?

Israel Prospers Under Solomon (1 Kings 4:20-28).

30. Based on these verses, how would you summarize the state of the kingdom and people during Solomon's reign?
31. Read what God had promised to Abraham in Genesis 12:2-3 and 13:14-16. How did God begin to fulfill these promises during Solomon's reign? When and how were they completely fulfilled?

Solomon's Unsurpassed Wisdom (1 Kings 4:29-34).

32. The word "wisdom" is repeated several times in the final part of chapter 4. What do these verses teach us about the scope of wisdom?

33. What do these verses tell us about the relationship between godly wisdom and scientific inquiry?

34. Based on everything we have learned so far about Solomon's wisdom (and we will learn even more in later chapters), what might we say about the gifts, abilities, vocations, and ways of serving that God has given each one of us?

Where is Jesus?

35. Show in the following examples how Solomon foreshadowed and was exceeded by Christ.

- a. 1 Kings 4:20-21 – Solomon's subjects were well cared for and the borders of the kingdom were secure. (See also Appendix A)

- b. 1 Kings 4:22-23 – Solomon provided his court with an abundance of the finest foods. (See also Isaiah 25:6-9)

- c. 1 Kings 4:24-25 – Solomon's kingdom had peace on all borders and his subjects lived in security, "each man under his own vine and fig tree." (See also Micah 4:1-4)