THE QUESTION

Did David seek God's guidance while Solomon leaned on his own wisdom?

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The short answer *Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words*

Partly. Irenaeus says David acted under the Spirit's guidance; when he sinned, God sent Nathan, and David prayed for mercy. Solomon's wisdom came from God, and Chrysostom says he built the temple by God's design, not his own understanding. Yet Dionysius sees in Ecclesiastes a worldly wisdom that puffs up, and Solomon later fell into idolatry.

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David acted under the Spirit's guidance

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Irenaeus, passing on what he heard from an elder, says that while David fled from Saul without taking revenge, he did everything under the Spirit's guidance and pleased God.

1 “For example, when David suffered persecution from Saul for righteousness’ sake and fled from King Saul without seeking revenge, he sang about the coming of Christ and instructed the nations in wisdom, doing everything under the Spirit’s guidance and pleasing God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 2, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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When David sinned, God sent a prophet

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After David's sin with Bathsheba, God sent the prophet Nathan to show him his crime. Chrysostom says it was the help of those words that brought David to true repentance.

2 “Nathan the prophet was sent to him to point out his crime so that, by condemning himself, he might receive mercy and forgiveness from Christ”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 2, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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3 “David, for example, after his sin, when he had received the help of certain words, it was then that he came to that excellent repentance.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on Matthew* 2 (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 18, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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David answered correction by asking for mercy

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Clement of Rome points out that even the man after God's own heart begged God for mercy. The Apostolic Constitutions hold up David's prayer after the sin with Uriah as proof that God restores the penitent.

4 “Yet this very man says to God, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, according to Your great mercy; and according to the multitude of Your compassions, blot out my transgression.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Rome,** *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Source 19, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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5 “Holy David is a sufficient witness, who, after his sin in the matter of Uriah, prayed to God and said: "Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.""

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** **Source 13, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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Solomon asked God for wisdom and received it

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Origen says Solomon's wisdom came because he asked God for it, and that it was great enough to answer every question the queen of Sheba brought.

6 “Solomon too, because he asked for wisdom, received it.”

later in the same passage

“And Solomon answered all her questions. There was no question omitted by the king that he did not answer her.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Against Celsus* **Source 10, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
45 (c. 215–254 AD)
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The temple came from God, not Solomon's mind

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Chrysostom says Solomon did not build the temple by his own understanding. He learned everything from God and built from a design given from heaven.

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“For Solomon had learned everything, not by his own understanding and not from himself, but from God. And after receiving its design from heaven, he then laid it out and built it.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on the Statues* 17 (c. 386–407 AD)
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Ecclesiastes exposes a wisdom that puffs up

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Dionysius reads Ecclesiastes as Solomon admitting he grew in a wisdom that was not God's gift. Solomon tasted this worldly wisdom and then showed how empty it was.

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“I was uselessly puffed up and increased in wisdom. But it was not the wisdom God has given.”

later in the same passage

“Solomon also experienced this kind of wisdom, a wisdom beyond ordinary prudence and beyond the measure of all the ancients. So he shows its emptiness, as the words that follow also make clear: "And my heart spoke many things: I knew wisdom, and knowledge, and parables, and sciences.""”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Dionysius of Alexandria,** *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (c. 232–265 AD)
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Both kings fell; only Christ stayed sinless

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Tertullian lists Solomon, despite all his grace and wisdom, among good men who later fell, and says the same of David. Cyprian adds that when Solomon left God's ways, God allowed an adversary against him.

9 “Solomon, whom the Lord had given all grace and wisdom, was led into idolatry by women”

later in the same passage

“For only the Son of God was granted this: to remain without sin to the very end.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Prescription Against Heretics* 3 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 8, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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10 “And again, when Solomon sinned, and departed from the Lord's commandments and ways, it is recorded, "And the Lord stirred up Satan against Solomon himself."”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 12, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not discuss David's habit of asking the Lord before battles.
- They do not say Solomon stopped asking God for guidance; they speak instead of worldly wisdom and idolatry.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 19 early Christian passages and 166 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–19, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 20–121, in Bible order), then 64 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are

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in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *19 passages from 12 writers*

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · source 1*

1 *Dialogue with Trypho* (on point 3) will mean that the Lord will not charge them with sin. We have evidence in the single failing of David, which occurred due to his pride, and he was forgiven… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 2–3*

2 *Against Heresies: Book IV* **Quotes 1, 2, page 2** "and was like a daughter to him. A traveler came to the rich man, but rather than taking from his own flock or herd, he took the poor man's… [continues online] **read ›**

3 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (1885 English; on point 1) "David had been appointed a priest by God, although Saul persecuted him… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 4–5*

4 *Stromata* 4.17 (1885 English; on point 1) "too, of whom the Lord, testifying, says, 'I found a man after my own heart, David the son of Jesse… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Stromata* 1.21 "this, Solomon son of David ruled for forty years. During his reign, Nathan continued to prophesy. He also urged Solomon about building the temple. Achias of Shilo also prophesied. And… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 6–8*

6 *Against Marcion* 8 (on point 3) "prompt in pardoning David on his confession of his sin, 2 Samuel… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Against Marcion* 10 (1885 English; on point 2) "read, too, how that, when David acknowledged his sin against Uriah, the prophet Nathan said to him, The Lord has cancelled your sin, and you shall not die… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *On Prescription Against Heretics* 3 **Quote 9, page 5** "a good man after the Lord's own heart… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · source 9*

9 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (on point 4) "that there has been none like you upon the earth, and after you there shall not arise any like you," 1 Kings 3:12, and as follows in what is… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · source 10*

10 *Against Celsus* 45 **Quote 6, page 3** "too, because he asked for wisdom, received it… [continues online] **read ›**

Dionysius of Alexandria, *c. 232–265 AD · source 11*

11 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 8, page 4** "Corinthians 3:19 For in this Solomon had also an experience surpassing prudence, and above the measure of all the ancients… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · source 12*

12 *Treatises* **Quote 10, page 5** "13:24. And again, when Solomon sinned, and departed from the Lord's commandments and ways, it is recorded, "And the Lord stirred up Satan against Solomon himself." 1 Kings… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · source 13*

13 *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 5, page 3** "in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit in my inward parts… [continues online] **read ›**

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Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · source 14*

14 *Divine Institutes* 8 (1885 English) “Solomon and his father David were most powerful kings, and also prophets, may perhaps be known even to those who have not applied themselves to the sacred writings… [continues online] **read ›**

John Chrysostom, *c. 386–407 AD · sources 15–18*

15 *Homilies on the Statues* 17 (1885 English) **Quote 7, page 4** “Solomon had learned all, not intuitively and from himself, but from God… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *Homilies on Second Corinthians* 9 (1885 English; on point 3) “should David have reaped the salvation that came by his repentance… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *Homilies on the Statues* 14 “Saul asked counsel of God, 'Shall I go down after the strangers… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Homilies on Matthew* 2 (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 2** “for instance, after his sin, when he had had the benefit of certain words, then it was that he came unto that most excellent repentance… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Rome · *source 19*

19 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* (1885 English) **Quote 4, page 3** “what shall we say concerning David, to whom such testimony was borne, and of whom God said, “I have found a man after Mine own heart, David the son of… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *102 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

20 **Leviticus 5:5** then he shall confess the sin concerning the things in which he has sinned by that sin. **read ›**

21 **Deuteronomy 1:13** Choose for yourselves wise, knowledgeable, and understanding men from your tribes, and I will appoint them over you as your leaders.” **read ›**

22 **1 Samuel 14:37** So Saul inquired of God, “Shall I go down after the Philistines? Will you deliver them into the hands of Israel?” But God did not answer him that day. **read ›**

23 **1 Samuel 15:25** Now, please take away my sin, and turn back with me, and I will worship the Lord your God.” **read ›**

24 **1 Samuel 15:30** Saul said, “I have sinned; yet honor me, please, before the elders of Israel and before my people, and turn back with me, and I will worship the Lord your God.” **read ›**

25 **1 Samuel 18:14** David acted wisely in all his ways, and the Lord was with him. **read ›**

26 **1 Samuel 22:10** And the priest inquired of God for him, and gave him provisions, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.” **read ›**

27 **1 Samuel 22:15** Have I begun today to inquire of God for him? By no means! Let not the king bring a charge against his slave and against all my father’s house, for your slave knew nothing of all this, small or great.” **read ›**

28 **1 Samuel 23:2** So David inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I go and strike these Philistines?” And the Lord said, “Go, and you shall strike these Philistines and save Keilah.” **read ›**

29 **1 Samuel 23:4** David inquired of the Lord once again; and the Lord answered him and said to him, “Arise, go down to Keilah, for I am delivering the Philistines into your hands.” **read ›**

30 **1 Samuel 23:9** David knew that Saul was not keeping silent about the evil against him; and David said to Abiathar the priest, “Bring near the ephod of the Lord.” **read ›**

31 **1 Samuel 23:10** Then David said, “O Lord God of Israel, your slave has surely heard that Saul seeks to come against Keilah to destroy the city because of me. **read ›**

32 **1 Samuel 24:6** And David said to his men, “The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord’s anointed, to lift my hand against him, for he is the Lord’s anointed.” (Septuagint 1 Kingdoms 24:7 (1 Samuel 24:6 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

33 **1 Samuel 26:10** And David said, “As the Lord lives, unless the Lord strikes him, or his day comes and he dies, or he goes down into battle and is gathered— **read ›**

34 **1 Samuel 26:21** Then Saul said, “I have sinned. Come back, my child David, for I will not harm you, because my life was precious in your eyes; and today I have acted foolishly and have been very greatly in error.” **read ›**

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35 **1 Samuel 30:6** David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was in bitter grief, each for his sons and for his daughters. But David was strengthened in the Lord his God. **read ›**

36 **1 Samuel 30:8** And David inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I pursue this band? Shall I overtake them?” And the Lord said to him, “Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them, and you shall surely rescue.” **read ›**

37 **1 Samuel 30:23** But David said, “You shall not do so, after the Lord has handed it over to us and kept us; the Lord has delivered into our hands the band that came against us. **read ›**

38 **2 Samuel 1:14** David said to him, “How were you not afraid to put forth your hand to destroy the Lord’s anointed?” **read ›**

39 **2 Samuel 1:16** And David said to him, “Your blood be on your own head, for your own mouth has testified against you, saying, ‘I have killed the Lord’s anointed.’” **read ›**

40 **2 Samuel 2:1** After this David inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I go up into one of the cities of Judah?” And the Lord said to him, “Go up.” David said, “Where shall I go up?” And he said, “To Hebron.” **read ›**

41 **2 Samuel 3:28** Afterward David heard of it, and he said, “I and my kingdom are guiltless of the blood of Abner the son of Ner before the Lord forever. **read ›**

42 **2 Samuel 5:19** Then David inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hands?” And the Lord said to David, “Go up, for I will surely deliver the Philistines into your hands.” **read ›**

43 **2 Samuel 6:9** David feared the Lord that day, and he said, “How shall the ark of the Lord come to me?” **read ›**

44 **2 Samuel 6:10** So David was not willing to bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord aside to himself into the city of David; and David turned it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. **read ›**

45 **2 Samuel 7:18** Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and said, “Who am I, O Lord, my Lord, and what is my house, that you have loved me thus far? **read ›**

46 **2 Samuel 11:3** David sent and inquired about the woman, and one said, “Is not this Bathsheba the daughter of Eliab, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?” **read ›**

47 **2 Samuel 12:5** Then David’s anger burned greatly with wrath against the man, and David said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this is a son of death. **read ›**

48 **2 Samuel 12:13** David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” And Nathan said to David, “The Lord has also put away your sin; you shall by no means die. **read ›**

49 **2 Samuel 12:16** David sought God for the child, and David fasted a fast, and went in and lay all night on the ground. **read ›**

50 **2 Samuel 12:20** Then David rose from the ground, washed, anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of God and worshiped him. Then he went to his own house and asked for bread to eat, and they set bread before him, and he ate. **read ›**

51 **2 Samuel 16:23** The counsel of Ahithophel, which he gave in the former days, was as if one were inquiring of the word of God; so was all the counsel of Ahithophel, both to David and to Absalom. **read ›**

52 **2 Samuel 17:14** Then Absalom and all the men of Israel said, “The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel.” For the Lord had commanded that the good counsel of Ahithophel be scattered, so that the Lord might bring all evil upon Absalom. **read ›**

53 **2 Samuel 19:21** But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, “Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the Lord’s anointed?” (Septuagint 2 Kingdoms 19:22 (2 Samuel 19:21 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

54 **2 Samuel 24:10** And David’s heart struck him after he had numbered the people. And David said to the Lord, “I have sinned greatly in what I have now done, O Lord. Now put away the lawlessness of your slave, for I have acted very foolishly.” **read ›**

55 **2 Samuel 24:11** When David rose in the morning, the word of the Lord came to Gad the prophet, the seer, saying, “Go and speak to David, saying, **read ›**

56 **2 Samuel 24:13** So Gad came to David and told him, and said to him, “Choose for yourself what shall happen: three years of famine coming on you in your land; or three months of fleeing before your enemies while they pursue you; or three days of death in your land. Now therefore consider, and see what answer I shall return to him who sent me.” **read ›**

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57 **2 Samuel 24:17** When David saw the angel striking the people, he spoke to the Lord and said, “Behold, it is I who have done wrong; but these, the sheep — what have they done? Let your hand be against me and against my father’s house.” **read ›**

58 **1 Kings 1:32** And King David said, “Call to me Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada.” And they came in before the king. **read ›**

59 **1 Kings 1:46** Solomon has also taken his seat on the throne of the kingdom. **read ›**

60 **1 Kings 1:52** And Solomon said, “If he proves a man of valor, not one of his hairs shall fall to the ground; but if evil is found in him, he shall die.” **read ›**

61 **1 Kings 2:23** And King Solomon swore by the Lord, saying, “May God do so to me and more also, for Adonijah has spoken this word against his own life. **read ›**

62 **1 Kings 3:15** Then Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. He arose and came to Jerusalem and stood before the altar that was before the ark of the covenant of the Lord in Zion; and he offered whole burnt offerings and made peace offerings, and he made a great drinking feast for himself and for all his servants. **read ›**

63 **1 Kings 4:1** So King Solomon reigned over Israel. **read ›**

64 **1 Kings 4:29** And the Lord gave Solomon understanding and very great wisdom and breadth of heart, like the sand that is by the sea. (Septuagint 3 Kingdoms 5:9 (1 Kings 4:29 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

65 **1 Kings 5:9** My slaves will bring them down from Lebanon to the sea; I will make them into rafts to go to the place about which you send word to me, and I will break them up there, and you shall take them away. And you shall grant my desire by giving food for my household.” (Septuagint 3 Kingdoms 5:23 (1 Kings 5:9 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

66 **1 Kings 5:10** So Hiram gave Solomon cedars and pines and all he desired. (Septuagint 3 Kingdoms 5:24 (1 Kings 5:10 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

67 **1 Kings 5:12** And the Lord gave Solomon wisdom, as he had promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a covenant. (Septuagint 3 Kingdoms 5:26 (1 Kings 5:12 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

68 **1 Kings 7:50** and the entrances, the nails, the bowls, the dishes, and the golden censers, of pure gold; and the doorways of the doors of the innermost house, the holy of holies, and the golden doors of the temple. (Septuagint 3 Kingdoms 7:36 (1 Kings 7:50 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

69 **1 Kings 10:3** And Solomon answered her all her words; there was not a word passed over by the king that he did not answer her. **read ›**

70 **1 Kings 10:24** And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his understanding that the Lord had put in his heart. **read ›**

71 **1 Kings 11:4** In the time of Solomon’s old age his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been. And the foreign women turned away his heart after their gods. **read ›**

72 **1 Kings 12:6** And the king told the matter to the elders who had stood before Solomon his father while he was still alive, saying, “How do you advise me to answer this people?” **read ›**

73 **1 Kings 12:8** But he forsook the counsel that the elders gave him, and he took counsel with the young men who had been brought up with him, who stood before him. **read ›**

74 **1 Kings 15:5** because David did what was right before the Lord; he did not turn aside from anything that the Lord commanded him all the days of his life. **read ›**

75 **1 Chronicles 10:14** and he did not seek the Lord. So the Lord put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse. **read ›**

76 **1 Chronicles 13:1** David took counsel with the commanders of thousands and the commanders of hundreds, with every leader. **read ›**

77 **1 Chronicles 13:12** David was afraid of God that day, saying, “How shall I bring the ark of God in to me?” **read ›**

78 **1 Chronicles 14:10** Then David inquired of God, saying, “Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you give them into my hands?” And the Lord said to him, “Go up, and I will give them into your hands.” **read ›**

79 **1 Chronicles 14:14** So David inquired of God again, and God said to him, “You shall not go after them; turn away from them, and you shall come upon them near the pear trees. **read ›**

80 **1 Chronicles 15:11** David called Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and the Levites Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab, **read ›**

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81 **1 Chronicles 21:8** And David said to God, “I have sinned greatly in that I have done this thing; and now, please take away the wickedness of your servant, for I have acted very foolishly.” **read ›**

82 **1 Chronicles 21:11** So Gad came to David and said to him, “Thus says the Lord: Choose for yourself **read ›**

83 **1 Chronicles 21:16** And David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of the Lord standing between the earth and heaven, with his sword drawn in his hand, stretched out over Jerusalem; and David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces. **read ›**

84 **1 Chronicles 21:17** And David said to God, “Was it not I who gave orders to number the people? It is I who have sinned; doing evil, I have done evil. But these sheep, what have they done? O Lord God, let your hand be on me and on my father’s house, and not on your people for destruction, O Lord.” **read ›**

85 **1 Chronicles 21:19** So David went up according to the word of Gad, which he had spoken in the name of the Lord. **read ›**

86 **1 Chronicles 21:30** And David could not go before it to seek God, for he did not hasten, because of the sword of the angel of the Lord. **read ›**

87 **1 Chronicles 27:32** Jonathan, David’s uncle on his father’s side, was a counselor, a man of understanding; and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king’s sons. **read ›**

88 **1 Chronicles 29:23** So Solomon sat on the throne of David his father, and he was approved, and all Israel obeyed him. **read ›**

89 **2 Chronicles 1:11** And God said to Solomon, “Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked for wealth of riches, or glory, or the life of your adversaries, and you have not asked for many days, but have asked for yourself wisdom and understanding, so that you may judge my people over whom I have made you king, **read ›**

90 **2 Chronicles 9:2** And Solomon answered all her words; not a word escaped Solomon that he did not answer her. **read ›**

91 **2 Chronicles 9:3** And when the queen of Sheba saw the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, **read ›**

92 **2 Chronicles 9:22** And Solomon was made great above all the kings in both wealth and wisdom. **read ›**

93 **2 Chronicles 9:23** And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom that God had put in his heart. **read ›**

94 **2 Chronicles 10:6** And King Rehoboam gathered the elders who had stood before Solomon his father while he lived, saying, “How do you advise me to answer this people?” **read ›**

95 **2 Chronicles 10:8** But he forsook the counsel of the elders who advised him, and he took counsel with the young men who had been brought up with him, who stood before him. **read ›**

96 **2 Chronicles 25:16** As the prophet was speaking to him, the king said to him, “Have I made you the king’s counselor? Be careful, lest you be whipped.” So the prophet was silent, and then said, “I know that God intends to destroy you, because you have done this and have not listened to my counsel.” **read ›**

97 **Nehemiah 13:26** Did not Solomon king of Israel sin in this way? Among many nations there was no king like him, and he was loved by God, and God made him king over all Israel; yet the foreign women turned even him aside. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 23:26 (Nehemiah 13:26 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

98 **Psalms 32:5** I made my sin known, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my iniquity against myself to the Lord”; and you forgave the ungodliness of my heart. Pause. (Septuagint Psalm 31:5 (Psalm 32:5 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

99 **Psalms 38:18** For I will declare my iniquity, and be anxious over my sin. (Septuagint Psalm 37:19 (Psalm 38:18 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

100 **Proverbs 3:5** Trust in God with all your heart, and do not be exalted in your own wisdom. **read ›**

101 **Proverbs 20:18** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

102 **Proverbs 24:6** War is waged with skillful direction, and help comes with a heart that takes counsel. **read ›**

103 **Ecclesiastes 1:16** I spoke in my heart, saying, “Behold, I have become great, and I have gained more wisdom than all who were before me in Jerusalem”; and I gave my heart to know wisdom and knowledge. **read ›**

104 **Ecclesiastes 2:9** So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem; and my wisdom stood by me. **read ›**

105 **Jeremiah 31:1** At that time, said the Lord, I will be God to the family of Israel, and they shall be my people. (Septuagint Jeremiah 38:1 (Jeremiah 31:1 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

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106 **Jeremiah 31:5** For you have planted vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; plant, and praise. (Septuagint Jeremiah 38:5 (Jeremiah 31:5 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

107 **Ezekiel 26:3** therefore thus says the Lord: Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and I will bring up many nations against you, as the sea comes up with its waves. **read ›**

108 **Daniel 1:1** In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. **read ›**

109 **Daniel 2:11** For the thing that the king asks is difficult, and there is no one else who can declare it before the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with any flesh.” **read ›**

110 **Joel 3:9** Proclaim these things among the nations; sanctify war, rouse the warriors; draw near and go up, all you men of war. (Septuagint Joel 4:9 (Joel 3:9 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

111 **Wisdom of Sirach 10:1** A wise judge will instruct his people, and the rule of a man of understanding will be well ordered. **read ›**

112 **Wisdom of Sirach 17:25** Turn back to the Lord and forsake your sins; make your prayer before his face and lessen your offense. **read ›**

113 **Wisdom of Sirach 21:1** My child, have you sinned? Do not do so again, and pray concerning your former sins. **read ›**

114 **Wisdom of Sirach 21:13** The knowledge of the wise man will increase like a flood, and his counsel like a spring of life. **read ›**

115 **Wisdom of Sirach 25:5** How beautiful is the wisdom of old men, and thought and counsel in men of honor! **read ›**

116 **Wisdom of Sirach 37:7** Every counselor praises counsel, but there is one who counsels for himself. **read ›**

117 **Wisdom of Sirach 44:3** those who ruled in their kingdoms, and men famous for their power; they will take counsel in their understanding, having made proclamations in prophecies; **read ›**

118 **Wisdom of Sirach 44:4** leaders of the people by their counsels, and by understanding of the people’s learning; wise words were in their instruction; **read ›**

119 **Wisdom of Sirach 47:13** Solomon reigned in days of peace, to whom God gave rest all around, that he might set up a house in his name and prepare a sanctuary forever. **read ›**

120 **Wisdom of Sirach 47:23** And Solomon rested with his fathers, and he left behind him one of his seed, the foolishness of the people and lacking in understanding, Rehoboam, who turned the people away by his counsel; and Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin and gave Ephraim a way of sin. **read ›**

121 **Acts 3:2** A man lame from his mother’s womb was being carried. They laid him daily at the temple gate called Beautiful to ask alms from those entering the temple. **read ›**

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