THE QUESTION

What did early Christians say about Solomon's wealth and his turning from God?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

Early writers say Solomon began well, receiving his throne from David by God's decree, but kept God's grace only while he walked in the Lord's ways. Tertullian says foreign women and idols turned him, and Cyprian notes God raised up an adversary. A paraphrase of Ecclesiastes lists his gold, foreign servants and tribute from kings.

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Solomon's throne came by God's decree

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

Hippolytus calls Solomon the wise son of a wise father, taught the Scriptures from childhood. He says Solomon did not seize power by force; God gave it. Lactantius adds that Solomon received the kingdom from David himself.

1 “Now he was the wise son of a wise father. Therefore the name of David is added, by whom Solomon was begotten. From childhood he was instructed in the sacred Scriptures, and he obtained his dominion not by lot, nor by force, but by the judgment of the Spirit and the decree of God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 6, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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2 “Now Solomon received the government of the kingdom from his father himself.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Lactantius,** *Divine Institutes* 13 (c. 290–320 AD) **Source 13, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Christ, not Solomon, fulfills the temple promise

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Lactantius quotes God's promise to David that his son would build God a house. Solomon built a temple, but Lactantius argues the full promise points past Solomon, whose reign lasted only forty years, to Christ.

3 “But when your days are fulfilled, and you shall sleep with your fathers, I will raise up your seed after you, and I will establish His kingdom. He shall build Me a house for My name, and I will set up His throne forever.”

later in the same passage

“Besides, the reign of Solomon was not everlasting, for he reigned forty years. In the next place, Solomon was never called the Son of God, but the son of David.”

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Ecclesiastes lists his gold, servants and tribute

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In Gregory's paraphrase of Ecclesiastes, the son of David lists servants brought from abroad, flowing gold and silver, and kings made to pay him tribute. He sets these among the pursuits he tried while searching for something of real worth.

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“I also surrounded myself with many domestics, both man-servants and maid-servants. Some I procured from abroad, and others I possessed and employed because they were born in my own house.”

later in the same passage

“Treasures of gold and silver flowed in to me. I made the kings of all nations dependent on me and tributary to me.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *Metaphrase of Ecclesiastes* 2 (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 8, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**

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Grace stayed while he walked in God's ways

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

Cyprian uses Solomon as a warning. He kept the grace God gave him as long as he walked in the Lord's ways, but when he left the Lord's discipline, grace left him too. Beginning well was not enough; he had to keep going.

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“Solomon also, and Saul, and many others, as long as they walked in the Lord's ways, were able to keep the grace given to them. When the Lord's discipline was forsaken by them, grace also forsook them.”

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

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Foreign women and idols turned him

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Tertullian says God was fair to reject Solomon only after he changed. By then Solomon had given himself over to foreign women and to the idols of Moab and Sidon.

6 “Solomon is rejected, but by then he has become the victim of foreign women and a slave to the idols of Moab and Sidon.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *Against Marcion* 23 (c. 196–220 AD)
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God raised up an adversary against him

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

Cyprian points out that when Solomon left God's commands, Scripture says the Lord stirred up Satan, an adversary, against him. He uses this to show that trouble is allowed against us because of our sins.

7 “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)
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The kingdom was spared for David's sake

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John Chrysostom notes that God did not tear the kingdom away during Solomon's lifetime, because of David. He sees this as a sign of how great David's standing was before God.

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8 “And He also said to Solomon that for David's sake He did not tear the kingdom away during Solomon's lifetime. For the man's glory was great, both with God and with men.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on Matthew* 2 (c. 386–407 AD)
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not list David's full charge to Solomon or describe his forced labor.
- They do not compare Solomon's demands on other nations with Pharaoh's oppression in Egypt.
- 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 17 early Christian passages and 146 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–17, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 18–143, in Bible order), then 20 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are 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 *17 passages from 9 writers*

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · source 1*

1 *Against Heresies: Book IV* “Solomon was a servant, but Christ is indeed the Son of God… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · source 2*

2 *Stromata* 1.21 (on point 2) “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 3–5*

3 *Against Marcion* 20 (on point 2) “his seed, which, he says, "shall proceed out of your bowels." Now, if you explain this simply as Solomon, you will send me into laughter. For then David will plainly… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *An Answer to the Jews* 7 (on point 2) “Christ, God's Son, who was always announced as the one who would reign over all forever? For if Solomon reigned, it was only within the borders of Judea; the… [continues online] **read ›**

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5 *Against Marcion* 23 (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 4** "Samuel 13 Solomon is rejected; but he is now become a prey to foreign women, and a slave to the idols of Moab and Sidon… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · source 6*

6 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 **Quote 1, page 2** "in what is written of him. Now he was the wise son of a wise father. Therefore the name of David is added, by whom Solomon was begotten. From childhood… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · source 7*

7 *Commentary on John* 10 (on point 2) a house of God, built of living stones, a spiritual house for a holy priesthood. Thus the son of David, who builds this house, is a type of Christ. He… [continues online] **read ›**

Gregory Thaumaturgus, *c. 240–270 AD · sources 8–9*

8 *Metaphrase of Ecclesiastes* 2 (1885 English) **Quote 4, page 3** "I made the kings of all nations my dependants and tributaries… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Metaphrase of Ecclesiastes* 1 (1885 English; on point 3) "words speaks Solomon, the son of David the king and prophet, to the whole Church of God, a prince most honoured, and a prophet most wise above all men… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 10–12*

10 *Treatises* (on point 7) "Kings 11:31. As the twelve tribes of Israel were divided, the… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Treatises* **Quote 7, page 4** "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 ›**

12 *Epistles* (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 3** "also, and Saul, and many others, so long as they walked in the Lord's ways, were able to keep the grace given to them… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · sources 13–15*

13 *Divine Institutes* 13 **Quotes 2, 3, page 2** "the reason why the Jews did not understand these things was this… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *Divine Institutes* 14 (on point 2) all the prophets declared about Christ that, at some time, being born in a body from the line of David, He would build an eternal temple in honor of God… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Divine Institutes* 8 (1885 English; on point 1) "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 16–17*

16 *Homilies on Acts* (on point 5) "the castaway, Solomon. "But Solomon," it says, "built Him a house… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *Homilies on Matthew* 2 **Quote 8, page 5** But why did he not say, the Son of Abraham, and then the Son of David? It is not, as some suppose, because he meant to go upward from the… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *126 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

18 **Genesis 15:14** But the nation whom they serve I will judge; and after this they shall come out here with many possessions. **read ›**

19 **2 Samuel 5:11** Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, with cedar wood, carpenters of wood, and masons of stone, and they built a house for David. **read ›**

20 **2 Samuel 5:14** These are the names of those born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, **read ›**

21 **2 Samuel 5:16** Elishama, Eliada, Eliphelet, Samae, Jessibath, Nathan, Galamaan, Jebaar, Theesus, Eliphalat, Naged, Nepheg, Janathan, Leasamys, Baalimath, Eliphaath. **read ›**

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22 **2 Samuel 8:15** So David reigned over all Israel, and David executed judgment and righteousness for all his people. **read ›**

23 **2 Samuel 8:18** Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was the counselor; and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and the sons of David, were chiefs of the court. **read ›**

24 **2 Samuel 10:7** When David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army, the mighty men. **read ›**

25 **2 Samuel 18:2** David sent out the people, a third under the hand of Joab, a third under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And David said to the people, "I myself will surely go out with you also." **read ›**

26 **2 Samuel 19:17** and a thousand men of Benjamin were with him, and Ziba the young man of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons with him and his twenty slaves with him; and they went straight to the Jordan before the king, (Septuagint 2 Kingdoms 19:18 (2 Samuel 19:17 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

27 **2 Samuel 20:6** And David said to Amasa, "Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do us more harm than Absalom. Now therefore take your lord's servants with you and pursue him, lest he find fortified cities for himself and overshadow our eyes." **read ›**

28 **2 Samuel 20:7** So Abishai and Joab's men went out after him, with the Cherethites and the Pelethites and all the mighty men; they went out from Jerusalem to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri. **read ›**

29 **2 Samuel 20:11** One of Joab's young men stood over Amasa and said, "Who is it that favors Joab, and who is for David, following Joab?" **read ›**

30 **2 Samuel 20:21** The matter is not so; but a man from Mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, has lifted up his hand against King David. Give him alone to me, and I will depart from the city." And the woman said to Joab, "Behold, his head shall be thrown to you over the wall." **read ›**

31 **2 Samuel 20:25** Sousa was scribe; Zadok and Abiathar were priests; **read ›**

32 **2 Samuel 23:23** of the three he was honored, but he did not attain to the three. And David appointed him to his audiences. And these are the names of the mighty men of King David: **read ›**

33 **2 Samuel 24:25** And David built an altar there to the Lord, and offered up whole burnt offerings and peace offerings. And Solomon later added to the altar, because it was small at first. And the Lord listened to the land, and the plague was held back from Israel. **read ›**

34 **1 Kings 1:8** But Zadok the priest, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Shimei, Resi, and David's mighty men were not with Adonijah. **read ›**

35 **1 Kings 1:10** But he did not invite Nathan the prophet, Benaiah, the mighty men, or Solomon his brother. **read ›**

36 **1 Kings 1:26** But he has not invited me, your slave, or Zadok the priest, or Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, or Solomon your slave. **read ›**

37 **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 ›**

38 **1 Kings 1:46** Solomon has also taken his seat on the throne of the kingdom. **read ›**

39 **1 Kings 1:47** And the king's slaves have gone in to bless our lord King David, saying, 'May God make the name of Solomon better than your name, and make his throne greater than your throne.' And the king bowed down on his bed. **read ›**

40 **1 Kings 1:53** So King Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar; and he came and bowed down to King Solomon. And Solomon said to him, "Go to your house." **read ›**

41 **1 Kings 2:3** and keep the charge of the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, to keep his commandments and ordinances and judgments that are written in the law of Moses, so that you may understand what you do in all that I command you, **read ›**

42 **1 Kings 2:8** And behold, with you is Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjaminite from Bahurim, who cursed me with a painful curse on the day when I went to the camps; but he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by the Lord, saying, 'I will not put you to death with the sword.' **read ›**

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43 **1 Kings 2:35** The king appointed Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his place over the army, and the kingdom was made secure in Jerusalem; and the king appointed Zadok the priest to be chief priest in place of Abiathar. Solomon the son of David reigned over Israel and Judah in Jerusalem. The Lord gave Solomon understanding and very great wisdom and breadth of heart, like the sand that is by the sea. The understanding of Solomon increased greatly, beyond the understanding of all the sons of the ancients and beyond all the wise men of Egypt. He took the daughter of Pharaoh and brought her into the city of David, until he had finished building his own house, and, first of all, the house of the Lord, and the wall of Jerusalem all around; in seven years he made and finished them. Solomon had seventy thousand who carried burdens and eighty thousand stonecutters in the mountain. And Solomon made the sea, the supports, the great washbasins, the pillars, the spring of the court, and the bronze sea. He built the citadel as a battlement over it; he cut through the city of David. So the daughter of Pharaoh went up from the city of David to her house which he had built for her; then he built the citadel. Solomon offered up three whole burnt offerings in the year, and peace offerings, on the altar that he had built to the Lord, and he burned incense before the Lord, and he finished the house. These are the officials who were set over the works of Solomon: three thousand six hundred overseers of the people who did the works. He built Assur, Megiddo, Gezer, upper Beth-horon, and Baalath; only after he had built the house of the Lord and the wall of Jerusalem all around did he build these cities. And while David was still alive, he charged Solomon, saying, “Behold, with you is Shimei the son of Gera, of the seed of the Benjaminite, from Hebron. He cursed me with a painful curse on the day when I went to the camps; and he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by the Lord, saying, ‘He shall not be put to death with the sword.’ But now do not hold him guiltless, for you are a man of understanding, and you will know what you shall do to him, and you shall bring his gray hair down with blood to Hades.” **read ›**

44 **1 Kings 3:3** Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father; except that he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. **read ›**

45 **1 Kings 3:6** And Solomon said, “You have shown great mercy to your slave David my father, as he walked before you in truth and in righteousness and in uprightness of heart with you; and you have kept for him this great mercy, to set his son on his throne, as it is this day. **read ›**

46 **1 Kings 3:14** And if you walk in my way, keeping my commandments and my statutes, as David your father walked, then I will multiply your days.” **read ›**

47 **1 Kings 4:1** So King Solomon reigned over Israel. **read ›**

48 **1 Kings 4:7** Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel to provide for the king and his household; each one had to provide for one month in the year. **read ›**

49 **1 Kings 4:17** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

50 **1 Kings 4:21** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

51 **1 Kings 4:34** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

52 **1 Kings 5:1** Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to anoint Solomon in place of David his father, for Hiram had always loved David. (Septuagint 3 Kingdoms 5:15 (1 Kings 5:1 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

53 **1 Kings 5:5** And behold, I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord God spoke to David my father, saying, ‘Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, he shall build the house for my name.’ (Septuagint 3 Kingdoms 5:19 (1 Kings 5:5 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

54 **1 Kings 5:13** The king raised forced labor out of all Israel, and the forced laborers were thirty thousand men. (Septuagint 3 Kingdoms 5:27 (1 Kings 5:13 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

55 **1 Kings 5:14** He sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by turns; they were a month in Lebanon and two months at home. And Adoniram was over the forced labor. (Septuagint 3 Kingdoms 5:28 (1 Kings 5:14 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

56 **1 Kings 6:12** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

57 **1 Kings 7:1** And Solomon built his own house in thirteen years. (Septuagint 3 Kingdoms 7:38 (1 Kings 7:1 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

58 **1 Kings 7:38** He made ten bronze basins; each basin held forty choes and measured four cubits; one basin was on each of the ten bases. (Septuagint 3 Kingdoms 7:24 (1 Kings 7:38 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

59 **1 Kings 8:17** And it was in the heart of my father to build a house for the name of the Lord God of Israel. **read ›**

60 **1 Kings 8:18** But the Lord said to David my father, ‘Because it came into your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it came into your heart. **read ›**

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61 **1 Kings 9:4** And as for you, if you walk before me as David your father walked, in holiness of heart and in uprightness, and do according to all that I commanded him, and keep my statutes and my commandments, **read ›**

62 **1 Kings 9:15** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

63 **1 Kings 9:21** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

64 **1 Kings 9:22** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

65 **1 Kings 10:13** And King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba all that she wished, whatever she asked, besides all that he had given her by the hand of King Solomon; and she turned and went away to her own land, she and all her servants. **read ›**

66 **1 Kings 10:15** besides the tributes of the subject peoples, and of the merchants, and of all the kings of the land beyond, and of the governors of the land. **read ›**

67 **1 Kings 10:22** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

68 **1 Kings 11:1** Now King Solomon was a lover of women. And he had seven hundred wives who were princesses, and three hundred concubines. And he took foreign women: the daughter of Pharaoh, and Moabite, Ammonite, Syrian, Edomite, Hittite, and Amorite women, **read ›**

69 **1 Kings 11:2** from the nations concerning which the Lord had forbidden the children of Israel, “You shall not go in to them, and they shall not come in to you, lest they turn away your hearts after their idols.” To these Solomon clung in love. **read ›**

70 **1 Kings 11:38** And it shall be, if you keep all that I command you, and walk in my ways, and do what is right before me, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as David my slave did, then I will be with you and build you a sure house, as I built for David.” **read ›**

71 **1 Kings 12:23** “Say to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest of the people, saying, **read ›**

72 **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 ›**

73 **2 Kings 17:23** until the Lord removed Israel from his presence, as the Lord had spoken by the hand of all his slaves the prophets. So Israel was carried away from its own land to the Assyrians to this day. **read ›**

74 **1 Chronicles 3:5** And these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, four by Bathsheba the daughter of Ammiel; **read ›**

75 **1 Chronicles 11:41** Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai, **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 14:1** Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, with cedar timber, builders, and craftsmen in wood, to build a house for him. **read ›**

78 **1 Chronicles 14:4** These are the names of the children who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, **read ›**

79 **1 Chronicles 15:11** David called Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and the Levites Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab, **read ›**

80 **1 Chronicles 18:14** So David reigned over all Israel, and he executed judgment and righteousness for all his people. **read ›**

81 **1 Chronicles 19:8** And David heard of it, and he sent Joab and all the army of the mighty men. **read ›**

82 **1 Chronicles 22:2** And David gave orders to gather all the resident foreigners who were in the land of Israel; and he appointed stonecutters to cut polished stones to build the house for God. **read ›**

83 **1 Chronicles 22:5** And David said, “Solomon my son is a tender boy, and the house to be built for the Lord is to be exceedingly great, for a name and for glory in all the earth; I will make preparation for it.” So David made abundant preparation before his death. **read ›**

84 **1 Chronicles 22:6** And he called Solomon his son and commanded him to build the house for the Lord God of Israel. **read ›**

85 **1 Chronicles 22:7** And David said to Solomon, “My child, it was in my soul to build a house to the name of the Lord God. **read ›**

86 **1 Chronicles 22:17** And David commanded all the rulers of Israel to help Solomon his son: **read ›**

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87 **1 Chronicles 23:1** And David was old and full of days, and he made Solomon his son king over Israel in his place. **read ›**

88 **1 Chronicles 25:17** the tenth, Shimei; his sons and his brothers, twelve; **read ›**

89 **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 ›**

90 **1 Chronicles 28:1** David assembled all the rulers of Israel, the rulers of the judges, all the rulers of the daily courses that attended the king's person, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, the treasurers, and those over his possessions and over all the property of the king and of his sons, with the eunuchs, the mighty men, and the warriors of the army, at Jerusalem. **read ›**

91 **1 Chronicles 28:2** Then David stood up in the midst of the assembly and said, "Hear me, my brothers and my people. It was in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and a standing place for the feet of our Lord, and I prepared the things suitable for the dwelling. **read ›**

92 **1 Chronicles 28:11** Then David gave Solomon his son the pattern of the temple and of its houses, its treasuries, its upper rooms, the inner storerooms, and the house of the atonement, **read ›**

93 **1 Chronicles 28:19** All this David gave to Solomon in writing from the hand of the Lord, according to the understanding that had come to him for the working out of the pattern. **read ›**

94 **1 Chronicles 28:20** And David said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and courageous, and do it. Do not fear or be terrified, for the Lord my God is with you; he will not let you go and will certainly not forsake you until you have completed all the work of the service of the house of the Lord. And behold, the pattern of the temple and of its house, its treasury, the upper rooms, the inner storerooms, the house of atonement, and the pattern of the house of the Lord. **read ›**

95 **1 Chronicles 29:1** Then King David said to all the assembly, "Solomon my son, whom the Lord has chosen, is young and tender, and the work is great; for it is not for a man, but for the Lord God. **read ›**

96 **1 Chronicles 29:19** And give Solomon my son a good heart to do your commandments, your testimonies, and your statutes, and to bring to completion the building of your house." **read ›**

97 **1 Chronicles 29:23** So Solomon sat on the throne of David his father, and he was approved, and all Israel obeyed him. **read ›**

98 **1 Chronicles 29:24** The rulers and the mighty men, and all the sons of King David his father, submitted to him. **read ›**

99 **1 Chronicles 29:25** And the Lord made Solomon very great over all Israel, and gave him royal glory such as had not been on any king before him. **read ›**

100 **2 Chronicles 1:1** Solomon the son of David grew strong in his kingdom, and the Lord his God was with him and made him exceedingly great. **read ›**

101 **2 Chronicles 1:2** Then Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, to the judges, and to all the rulers before Israel, the rulers of the families; **read ›**

102 **2 Chronicles 1:16** And there was the export of Solomon's horses from Egypt, and the price of the king's merchants for going; and they bought, **read ›**

103 **2 Chronicles 2:1** Then Solomon said he would build a house for the name of the Lord, and a house for his kingdom. (Septuagint 2 Chronicles 1:18 (2 Chronicles 2:1 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

104 **2 Chronicles 2:2** Solomon gathered seventy thousand men as burden-bearers, and eighty thousand stonecutters in the mountain, and three thousand six hundred overseers over them. (Septuagint 2 Chronicles 2:1 (2 Chronicles 2:2 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

105 **2 Chronicles 2:16** And we will cut timber from Lebanon, as much as you need, and we will bring it on rafts to the sea of Joppa, and you shall bring it to Jerusalem." (Septuagint 2 Chronicles 2:15 (2 Chronicles 2:16 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

106 **2 Chronicles 2:17** Then Solomon gathered all the resident foreigners who were in the land of Israel, after the census that David his father had taken of them; and they were found to be a hundred and fifty-three thousand six hundred. (Septuagint 2 Chronicles 2:16 (2 Chronicles 2:17 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

107 **2 Chronicles 3:1** Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem on Mount Amoria, where the Lord had appeared to David his father, in the place that David had prepared, on the threshing floor of Orna the Jebusite. **read ›**

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108 **2 Chronicles 6:7** Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of the Lord God of Israel. **read ›**

109 **2 Chronicles 6:16** And now, O Lord God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you spoke to him, saying, ‘There shall not fail you a man before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your sons watch their way, to walk in my law as you have walked before me.’ **read ›**

110 **2 Chronicles 7:8** At that time Solomon kept the feast for seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, from the entrance of Hamath as far as the brook of Egypt. **read ›**

111 **2 Chronicles 8:2** Solomon built the cities that Hiram had given him, and he settled the children of Israel there. **read ›**

112 **2 Chronicles 8:8** but were of their descendants who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel had not utterly destroyed, Solomon raised them for forced labor to this day. **read ›**

113 **2 Chronicles 8:9** But Solomon made none of the children of Israel servants for his kingdom; for behold, they were men of war and rulers, mighty men, and rulers of chariots and horsemen. **read ›**

114 **2 Chronicles 8:10** And these were the rulers of King Solomon’s officers, two hundred and fifty, who supervised the work among the people. **read ›**

115 **2 Chronicles 9:12** And King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba all that she desired, whatever she asked, besides all that she had brought to King Solomon; and she returned to her own land. **read ›**

116 **2 Chronicles 9:14** besides what the men who were subject and the merchants brought; and all the kings of Arabia and the governors of the land all brought gold and silver to King Solomon. **read ›**

117 **2 Chronicles 9:22** And Solomon was made great above all the kings in both wealth and wisdom. **read ›**

118 **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 ›**

119 **2 Chronicles 9:28** And Solomon’s horses were brought out of Egypt and out of every land. **read ›**

120 **2 Chronicles 9:30** And Solomon reigned over all Israel forty years. **read ›**

121 **2 Chronicles 25:6** He also hired a hundred thousand mighty men of valor from Israel for a hundred talents of silver. **read ›**

122 **2 Chronicles 30:6** And the runners went with the letters from the king and the rulers to all Israel and Judah, according to the command of the king, saying, “Children of Israel, return to the Lord God of Abraham and Isaac and Israel, and bring back those who have escaped, who are left from the hand of the king of Assyria. **read ›**

123 **Ezra 1:5** Then the heads of families of Judah and Benjamin rose up, and the priests and the Levites, all whose spirit God had stirred up to go up to build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem. **read ›**

124 **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 ›**

125 **Psalms 72:10** The kings of Tarshish and the islands shall bring presents; the kings of the Arabians and Seba shall bring gifts. (Septuagint Psalm 71:10 (Psalm 72:10 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

126 **Proverbs 1:4** so as to give shrewdness to the guileless, and to the young child discernment and insight. **read ›**

127 **Ecclesiastes 2:12** And I looked to see wisdom and madness and foolishness; for who is the man who will go after counsel, in all that he has done with it? **read ›**

128 **Isaiah 10:22** And though the people of Israel are as the sand of the sea, the remnant of them will be saved. **read ›**

129 **Isaiah 11:11** And it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord will again show his hand, to be zealous for the remnant of the people that is left, whatever is left by the Assyrians, and from Egypt, and from Babylonia, and from Ethiopia, and from the Elamites, and from the rising of the sun, and out of Arabia. **read ›**

130 **Isaiah 11:12** And he will raise a signal for the nations, and gather the lost ones of Israel, and gather the scattered ones of Judah from the four corners of the earth. **read ›**

131 **Isaiah 60:12** For the nations and the kings that will not serve you shall perish, and those nations shall be made desolate with desolation. **read ›**

132 **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 ›**

133 **Daniel 5:10** And the queen came into the house of the drinking feast and said, “O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts trouble you, and do not let your appearance change. **read ›**

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134 **Hosea 8:10** Therefore they shall be handed over among the nations; now I will receive them, and they shall cease for a little while from anointing a king and rulers. **read ›**

135 **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 ›**

136 **1 Esdras 1:5** according to the writing of David king of Israel and according to the magnificence of Solomon his son; and stand in the holy place according to the divisions of your fathers' houses, you Levites, who are before your brothers the children of Israel, **read ›**

137 **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 ›**

138 **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 ›**

139 **1 Maccabees 1:4** He gathered a very strong army and ruled over lands and nations and princes, and they had to pay taxes to him. **read ›**

140 **2 Maccabees 2:12** Likewise Solomon also kept the eight days. **read ›**

141 **Acts 7:7** 'And the nation whom they serve I will judge,' said God, 'and after this they shall come out and serve me in this place.' **read ›**

142 **Acts 11:11** Behold, immediately three men stood before the house where I was, having been sent from Caesarea to me. **read ›**

143 **Romans 2:14** (for when Gentiles who do not have the law do by nature the things of the law, these, not having the law, are a law to themselves, **read ›**

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