

# KING SOLOMON



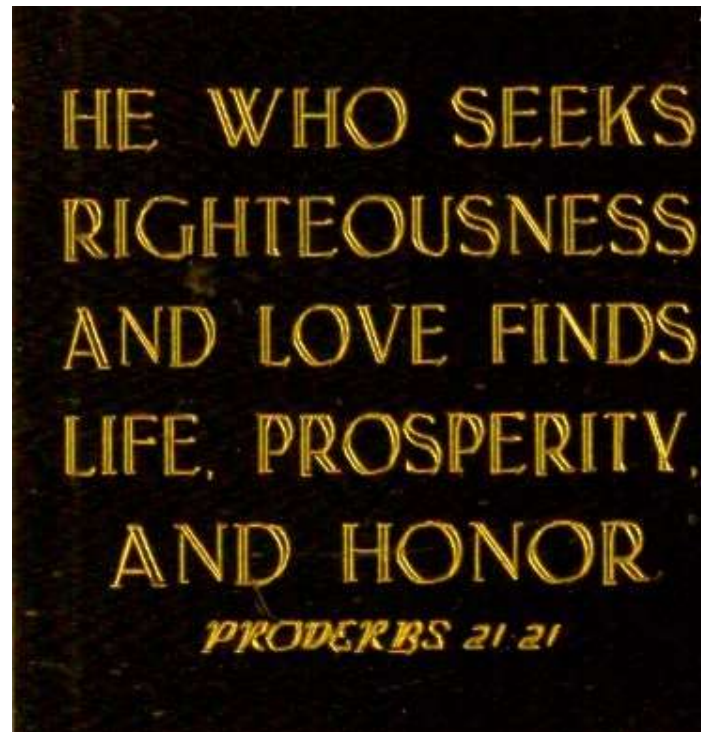
**Reign – 970- 931 BC**

- Before David died he anointed his son Solomon as king
- Solomon was faithful to God. One night in a dream God said to him, “Ask a favor of me and I will give it to you.”
- Solomon knew that there were many things he did not know.
- He asked God for an understanding heart to judge the people, and the wisdom to distinguish right from wrong

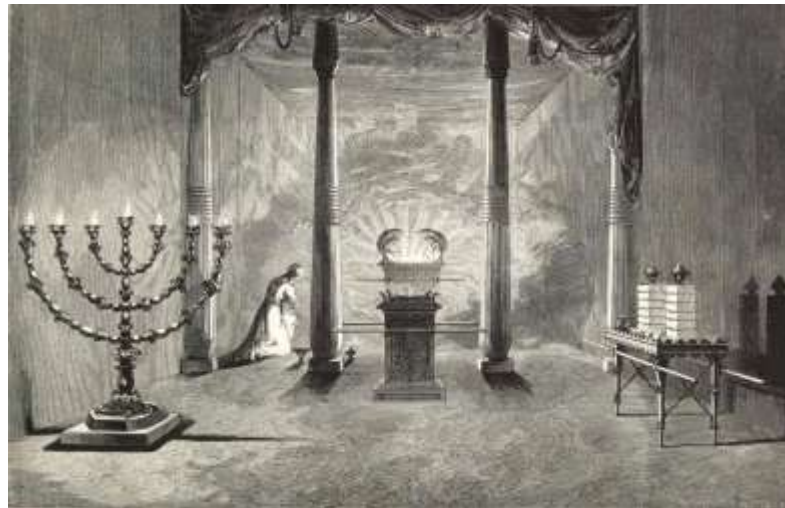
- The Lord was pleased with Solomon's request and gave him wisdom unequalled by any other.
- The Wisdom of Solomon is illustrated in a well know story in 1 Kings 3:16-28



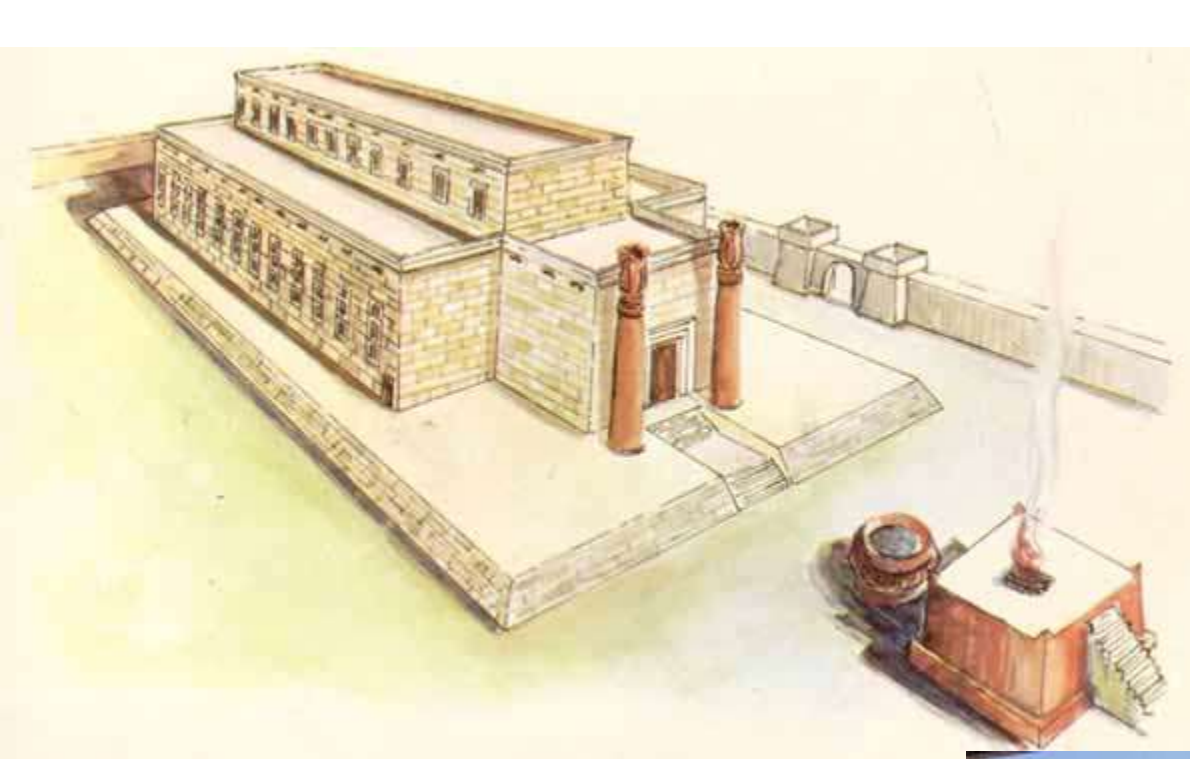
- Tradition attributes the writing of the proverbs (wise sayings) to King Solomon
- Solomon is credited with much of the Wisdom literature in the Old Testament



- Solomon built a permanent dwelling place for the Ark of the Covenant
- The Temple in Jerusalem took seven years to build
- The special room in the Temple where the Ark was kept was called the Holy of Holies







Ruins of King Solomon's  
Temple                   =>



- Solomon's wisdom made him renowned in the known world at the time
- He was visited by the Queen of Sheba, who ruled a kingdom in the country we now call Ethiopia
- She had heard of Solomon and wanted to see for herself if the stories she had heard about him were true
- 1 Kings 10:1-10

- Upon talking to Solomon she said, “The report I heard in my country about your deeds and your wisdom are true.”

- Before leaving, the Queen gave Solomon gifts of gold, precious stones, and spices







- Solomon also had his weaknesses
- He built temples to pagan idols to please his pagan wives
- God told Solomon that most of the kingdom would not be ruled by his descendants
- After Solomon died, the kingdom was divided
- Ten tribes kept the name Israel and two became known as Judah





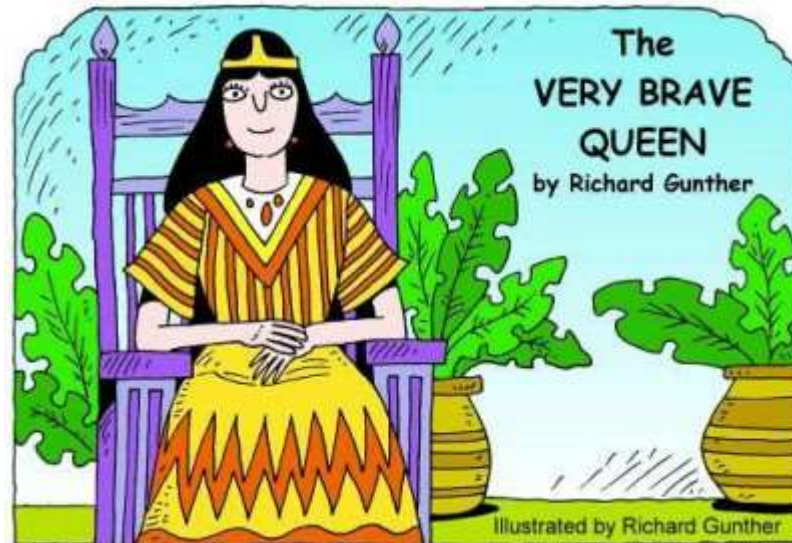
# ESTHER

## A Notable Queen



Queen of  
Persia c.  
486-465 BC

- Esther was from the tribe of Benjamin. She was an orphan who grew up in exile in Persia.
- Esther married the king of Persia
- Haman, a ruler among the enemies of the Israelites, planned to kill all the Israelites in the land





- Through her faith and patience, and with the help of her cousin Mordecai, Esther saved the Jewish people
- This event is celebrated by Jewish people today as the feast of Purim



