

44 The King said also to Shimei, <sup>1</sup>Thou knowest all the wickedness whereunto thine heart is privy, that thou didst to David my father: the Lord therefore shall bring thy wickedness upon thine own head.

45 And let king Solomon be blessed, and the throne of David established before the Lord forever.

46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada: who went out and smote him that he died. And the <sup>o</sup>kingdom was <sup>1</sup>established in the hand of Solomon.

**3** <sup>1</sup> Solomon taketh Pharaoh's daughter to wife. <sup>5</sup> The Lord appeareth to him, and giveth him wisdom. <sup>17</sup> The pleading of the two harlots, and Solomon's sentence therein.

1 Solomon <sup>a</sup>then made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the <sup>1</sup>city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the Lord, and the wall of Jerusalem round about.

2 Only the people sacrificed in the <sup>1</sup>high places, because there was no house built unto the Name of the Lord, until those days.

3 And Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the ordinances of David his <sup>1</sup>father: only he sacrificed and offered incense in the high places.

4 And the King went to <sup>1</sup>Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the chief high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

5 In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

6 And Solomon said, Thou hast showed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, <sup>1</sup>when he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee: and thou hast <sup>2</sup>kept for him this great mercy, and hast given him a son, to sit on his throne, as *appeareth* this day.

7 And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a young child, and know not how to <sup>1</sup>go out and in.

8 And thy servant *is* in the midst of thy people, which thou hast chosen, even a great people, which cannot be told nor numbered for multitude.

<sup>o</sup> 2 Chron. 1:1

CHAPTER 3

<sup>a</sup> 1 Kings 7:8

<sup>b</sup> 2 Chron. 1:10

<sup>c</sup> Matt. 6:33

<sup>d</sup> 1 Kings 35:5

9 <sup>1</sup>Give therefore unto thy servant an <sup>1</sup>understanding heart, to judge thy people: that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy <sup>2</sup>mighty people?

10 And this pleased the Lord well, that Solomon had desired this thing.

11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life, neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine <sup>1</sup>enemies, but hast asked for thyself understanding to hear judgment,

12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and understanding heart, so that there hath been none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall arise the like unto thee.

13 And I have also <sup>c</sup>given thee that, which thou hast not asked, both riches and honor, so that among the Kings there <sup>1</sup>shall be none like unto thee all thy days.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep mine ordinances and my commandments, <sup>d</sup>as thy father David did walk, I will prolong thy days.

15 And when Solomon awoke, behold it was <sup>1</sup>a dream, and he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the Ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered burnt offerings, and made peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

16 ¶ Then came two <sup>1</sup>harlots unto the king, and <sup>2</sup>stood before him.

17 And the one woman said, Oh my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house, and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.

18 And the third day after that I was delivered, this woman was delivered also, and we were in the house together: no stranger *was* with us in the house save we twain.

19 And this woman's son died in the night: for she overlay him.

20 And she rose at midnight, and <sup>1</sup>took my son from my side, while thine handmaid slept, and laid him in her bosom, and laid her dead son in my bosom.

21 And when I arose in the morning to give my son suck, behold, he was dead: and when I had well considered him in the morning, behold, it was not my son, whom I had borne.

2:44 <sup>1</sup> For though thou wouldest deny, yet thine own conscience would accuse thee for reviling and doing wrong to my father, 2 Sam 16:5.

2:46 <sup>1</sup> Because all his enemies were destroyed.

3:1 <sup>1</sup> Which was Bethlehem.

3:2 <sup>1</sup> Where altars were appointed before the temple was built, to offer unto the Lord.

3:3 <sup>1</sup> For his father had commanded him to obey the Lord and walk in his ways, 1 Kings 2:3.

3:4 <sup>1</sup> For there the Tabernacle was, 2 Chron. 1:3.

3:6 <sup>1</sup> Or, as he walked.

<sup>2</sup> Thou hast performed thy promise.

3:7 <sup>1</sup> That is, to behave himself in executing this charge of ruling.

3:9 <sup>1</sup> Or, obedient.

<sup>2</sup> Which are so many in number.

3:11 <sup>1</sup> That is, that thine enemy should die.

3:13 <sup>1</sup> Or, hath been none.

3:15 <sup>1</sup> He knew that God had appeared unto him in a dream.

3:16 <sup>1</sup> Or, virtuallers.

<sup>2</sup> By this example it appeareth that God kept his promise with Solomon in granting him wisdom.

3:20 <sup>1</sup> She stole the quick child away, because she might both avoid the shame and punishment.