

THE SPLENDOR OF SOLOMON'S REIGN

1 Kings 9 – 10

Just as David's work of conquering the surrounding nations made Israel great geographically, so Solomon's work of building great structures within the nation made it great materially and politically. Read the following to see something of its greatness and glory:

A. God's Message to Solomon: Read 1 Kings 9:1-9

1. What happened after Solomon had completed the temple and his own palace? 1 Kings 9:1, 2

2. What did God say about the prayer Solomon had prayed in dedicating the temple? 1 Kings 9:3

3. On what condition did God say Solomon's descendants would continue to be kings of Israel? 1 Kings 9:4, 5

4. What did God say would happen if they did not meet these conditions? 1 Kings 9:6-9

B. Other Works of Solomon: Read 1 Kings 9:15-28

1. What else did Solomon build besides the temple and his palace? 1 Kings 9:15, 19

2. What people did Solomon force to help him with this work? 1 Kings 9:20, 21

3. What else did Solomon have that would make his nation great? 1 Kings 9:26

4. Who helped Solomon make a success of this part of his work? 1 Kings 5:1, 9:27 (See 2 Samuel 5:11)

5. What was the chief product that was brought in this way to Jerusalem? 1 Kings 9:28

C. The Fame of Solomon: Read 1 Kings 10:1-13

1. Who heard of the fame of Solomon? 1 Kings 10:1a

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2. What did she come to Jerusalem to do? 1 Kings 10:1b, 2a

3. What was the outcome of her interview with Solomon? 1 Kings 10:3

4. How did she feel when she saw the great wisdom and riches of Solomon? 1 Kings 10:5b

5. What did she say? 1 Kings 10:7b

To whom did she give the glory for all that she had seen? 1 Kings 10:9

7. What did she and Solomon do before she returned to her own country?
1 Kings 10:10-13

D. The Riches of Solomon: Read 1 Kings 10:14-29

1. Of what were Solomon's targets and shields made? 1 Kings 10:16, 17

2. Of what was his throne made? 1 Kings 10:18-20

3. Of what were his drinking vessels made? 1 Kings 10:21

4. What very interesting things were brought to Solomon by his navy? 1 Kings 10:22

5. Who else brought riches to Solomon? 1 Kings 10:23-25

6. What four other expensive things were very plentiful in Jerusalem?
1 Kings 10:26, 27

7. What two things did Solomon buy from Egypt? 1 Kings 10:28, 29

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What in Israel's history had laid the groundwork which made it possible for God to bless her with such riches and glory?

2. For what purpose are God's gifts always given? (See Ephesians 1:3, 12)
