

## When

- 2 Chronicles 1 discusses events that took place in the early years of King Solomon's reign.

- Solomon was king for 40 years according to 1 Kings 11:42, from approximately 1015-975 B.C.

## Key Characters

- **David** – The 2nd king of the united kingdom of Judah and Israel.

- **Solomon** – Son of David and the 3rd king of God's people in the Promised Land.



## Where

- Solomon's capital and palace were in Jerusalem.

- The Tabernacle was located at Gibeon when Solomon became king.

## Outline

### - SOLOMON SACRIFICES IN GIBEON (1:1-6):

- + After David's death, Solomon took over as king, and God blessed his kingdom.
- + Solomon visited the Tabernacle, the sacred tent built by Moses and the Israelites in the wilderness.
- + Although the Tabernacle was in Gibeon, the Ark of the Covenant was no longer there. Remember, David moved the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem in 1 Chronicles 15.
- + The Ark had been moved but the bronze altar for burnt offerings was still there. Solomon offered 1,000 offerings to the Lord on the altar.

### - GOD GIVES THE GIFT OF WISDOM TO SOLOMON (1:7-13):

- + When Solomon was at Gibeon, God appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Ask what I shall give you."
- + Solomon asked the Lord for wisdom to lead the nation.
- + His request pleased God, and God granted him "wisdom and knowledge," and told him no man on earth would be as wise as him (1 Kings 3:12).
- + Since Solomon didn't ask for money or honor, God promised to give him those things as well.

### - SOLOMON'S RICHES AND BUSINESS DEALINGS (1:14-17):

- + In Solomon's day, "silver and gold were as common in Jerusalem as stone."
- + Solomon amassed 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen in Israel.
- + Solomon was in the business of importing and exporting horses and chariots.
- + He bought them from the kings of Egypt and Kue, and then sold them at a profit to the Hittite and Syrian kings.

## Application

- God gives us an opportunity to learn from Solomon's heavenly wisdom.
- God saw fit to preserve some of Solomon's wisdom for future generations. You can read a selection of Solomon's wise words in the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.
- Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings covering a broad range of topics.
- Ecclesiastes is a record of Solomon's pursuit of meaning and purpose on earth. His pursuit ended with him concluding that God was the only one who could give true value to life.
- Take some time today to find these books in your Bible and maybe read a few chapters.