

## 1 Kings 4

King James Version (KJV)    Parenthetical Chapter  
(Not chronologically between chapter 3 and 5)

**4** So king Solomon was king over all Israel. (all 12 tribes)

<sup>2</sup> And these were the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok the priest, (priest = chief officer, prime minister – better translation)

<sup>3</sup> Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder. (Scribes = more like secretaries of state; Recorder – historian) (Elihoreph and Ahiah had the same jobs under King David)

<sup>4</sup> And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the host: and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests: (Also from King David's administration)

<sup>5</sup> And Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan was principal officer, and the king's friend: (This Nathan is not Nathan the prophet. This is David's son, Solomon's brother, through whom the seed line of Jesus would come) Luke-3:31

<sup>6</sup> And Ahishar was over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the tribute. (The treasury and taxes)

<sup>7</sup> And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision. (Victuals = food, drink) (Each of the 12 was from a different tribe of Israel. Each was responsible for 1 month)

<sup>8</sup> And these are their names: The son of Hur, in mount Ephraim:

<sup>9</sup> The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Bethshemesh, and Elonbethhanan: (Dan)

<sup>10</sup> The son of Hesed, in Aruboth; to him pertained Sochoh, and all the land of Hepher: (Judah and Simeon)

<sup>11</sup> The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife: (Abinadab was one of David's brothers. His son was Solomon's cousin. This is about 20 years into Solomon's reign)

<sup>12</sup> Baana the son of Ahilud; to him pertained Taanach and Megiddo, and all Bethshean, which is by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Bethshean to Abelmeholah, even unto the place that is beyond Jokneam:

(Abelmeholah will be the home of Elisha the prophet -> Chapter-19:16)

<sup>13</sup> The son of Geber, in Ramothgilead; to him pertained the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; to him also pertained the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls and brasen bars:

<sup>14</sup> Ahinadab the son of Iddo had Mahanaim: (Where David fled during the rebellion of Absalom)

<sup>15</sup> Ahimaaz was in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

<sup>16</sup> Baanah the son of Hushai was in Asher and in Aloth:

<sup>17</sup> Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar:

<sup>18</sup> Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin: (Chapter-1:8 This Shimei was not the one that cursed David. He was one of the ones not invited to serpent rock to crown Solomon's brother Adonijah)

<sup>19</sup> Geber the son of Uri was in the country of Gilead, in the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and he was the only officer which was in the land. (That land was taken and given to Rubin, Gad and ½ Manasseh)

<sup>20</sup> Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry. (Usually a sign of trouble on the horizon; these people continually got into trouble when they had too much time on their hands) Deuteronomy-32:15

<sup>21</sup> And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life. (river – the Euphrates) Genesis-22:7 (God's promised to Israel was fulfilled)

<sup>22</sup> And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal, (Each measure is about 8 bushels)

<sup>23</sup> Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallowdeer, and fatted fowl. (fat oxen were corn fed to fatten them up) (roebucks – gazelles) (harts – male deer) (fatted fowl – grain fed fowl)

<sup>24</sup> For he had dominion over all the region on this side the river, from Tiphseh even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the river: and he had peace on all sides round about him. (God's promise to Solomon) (The river is the Euphrates. Azzah = Gaza today)

<sup>25</sup> And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon. (Dan on the north, Beersheba on the south)

<sup>26</sup> And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. (God told Israel not to multiply horses to themselves. Stalls were pairs of horses for the chariots. David rode mules per God's commands) Deuteronomy-17:16

(In Chronicles- he had 4,000 stalls, not 40,000 – Hebrew used letters for numbers and this created errors in translation, later)

<sup>27</sup> And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing.

<sup>28</sup> Barley also and straw for the horses and dromedaries brought they unto the place where the officers were, every man according to his charge. (dromedaries – camels)

(In good times, barley was for the horses, but in the bad times it was for poor man's bread)

<sup>29</sup> And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

<sup>30</sup> And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. (Gifts from God)

<sup>31</sup> For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.

<sup>32</sup> And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five. (Many are in the Book of Proverbs) (he spoke of = he taught about)

<sup>33</sup> And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes. (he spoke of = he taught about) (From the largest trees to the smallest plants ; all four classifications of animals)

<sup>34</sup> And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.