

- I. Read 1 Kings 3:1-15; 2 Chronicles 1
- II. Define unknown words
- III. Answer the following questions

Comprehension

1 Kings 3

- 1. Who was Solomon's first wife?
- 2. What were "high places"? Why does the text say the people sacrificed in high places?
- 3. Where was Solomon, and what was he doing there, when the LORD appeared unto him?
- 4. What was Solomon's request to God?
- 5. How did God respond to Solomon's request?

2 Chronicles 1

- 6. Why did Solomon go to Gibeon?
- 7. Was the Ark of the Covenant with the tabernacle at Gibeon?
- 8. How many burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon the altar?
- 9. What did the kingdom of Israel look like under Solomon's rule?
- 10. What did Solomon import into the land, and from where?

Context

- God's commands regarding high places
 - Deuteronomy 7:1-11; 12; 16:21-22
- God's commands regarding "returning to Egypt"
 - Deuteronomy 17:14-20

Discussion Opportunities

The following topics are intended to present opportunities for relevant spiritual discussions among the families of the church. These are written as “leading questions”, and are not intended to be “answered” as much as “discussed”. Feel free to add other discussion topics, and be sure to mention them in Sunday School!

1. The people sacrificed to the LORD at high places because there was no house built unto the name of the LORD. Yet God explicitly commanded the people NOT to worship in high places. Discuss some of the reasons why God was so concerned about this type of worship. Discuss the nature of “high places” as it relates to spiritual concepts and modern worship

2. Solomon requested of the LORD wisdom to lead God’s people, and God rewarded this request, not only with the spiritual blessing, but with physical blessings as well. Discuss the nature of Solomon’s request, and of God’s blessing.

3. Solomon was blessed materially by God for his faith and humility, and yet Solomon took those blessings and used them to indulge his flesh. Discuss the “danger” that comes with material prosperity, and how to guard ourselves against abusing God’s blessings.

4. For all of his wisdom, Solomon yet committed the 3 explicit acts that God told the kings of Israel NOT to commit (Deuteronomy 17:14-20). Discuss the nature of God’s warnings, why He gave them, and what Solomon’s life teaches us about them.