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Book of 1st Kings Chapter 03

11_1KI_03_01 And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the 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.

11_1KI_03_02 Only the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house built unto the name of the LORD, until those days.

11_1KI_03_03 And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.

11_1KI_03_04 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that [was] the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

11_1KI_03_05 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

11_1KI_03_06 And Solomon said, Thou hast showed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as [it is] this day.

11_1KI_03_07 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I [am but] a little child: I know not [how] to go out or come in.

11_1KI_03_08 And thy servant [is] in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

11_1KI_03_09 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

11_1KI_03_10 And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11_1KI_03_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 enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;

11_1KI_03_12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

11_1KI_03_13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

11_1KI_03_14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

11_1KI_03_15 And Solomon awoke; and, behold, [it was] a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

11_1KI_03_16 Then came there two women, [that were] harlots, unto the king, and stood before him.

11_1KI_03_17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.

11_1KI_03_18 And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we [were] together; [there was] no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house.

11_1KI_03_19 And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it.

11_1KI_03_20 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

11_1KI_03_21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.

11_1KI_03_22 And the other woman said, Nay; but the living [is] my son, and the dead [is] thy son. And this said, No; but the dead [is] thy son, and the living [is] my son. Thus they spake before the king.

11_1KI_03_23 Then said the king, The one saith, This [is] my son that liveth, and thy son [is] the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son [is] the dead, and my son [is] the living.

11_1KI_03_24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.

11_1KI_03_25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

11_1KI_03_26 Then spake the woman whose the living child [was] unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, [but] divide [it].

11_1KI_03_27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she [is] the mother thereof.

11_1KI_03_28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God [was] in him, to do judgment.