

# 1 Kings 4

## Chapter 4

<sup>1</sup> SO king Solomon was king over all Israel.

<sup>2</sup> And these *were* the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok the priest,

<sup>3</sup> Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder.

<sup>4</sup> And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the host: and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests:

<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:

<sup>6</sup> And Ahishar *was* over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda *was* over the tribute.

<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.

<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 Elon-beth-hanan:

<sup>10</sup> The son of Hessed, in Aruboth; to him *pertained* Sochoh, and all the land of Hopher:

<sup>11</sup> The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had

Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

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

<sup>13</sup> The son of Geber, in Ramoth-gilead; *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:

<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:

<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.

<sup>20</sup> ¶ Judah and Israel *were* many, as the sand which *is* by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.

<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.

<sup>22</sup> ¶ And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty

measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal,  
<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.

<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.

<sup>25</sup> And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.

<sup>26</sup> ¶ And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

<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.

<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.

<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.

<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.

<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.