

MY COMMITMENT TO THE KINGDOM PRAYER, CARE, SHARE WRITE DOWN THREE NAMES: MY COMMITMENT TO MY COMMITMENT TO SERVICE COMMUNITY I NEED PRAYER; I NEED GUIDANCE; CONSULTATION











How much money does it take to make a man happy? Just one more dollar.

~ John D. Rockefeller

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What's considered enough money?

Just a little bit more.

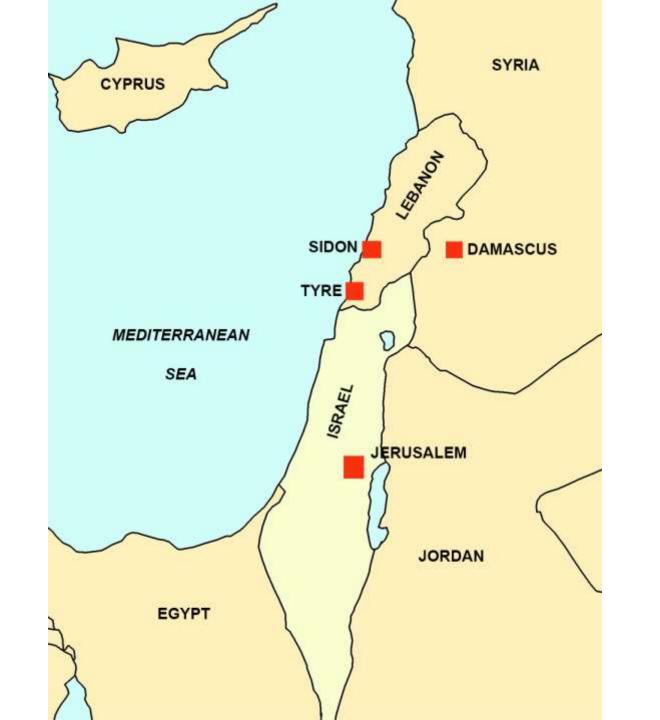
— Will Rogers —

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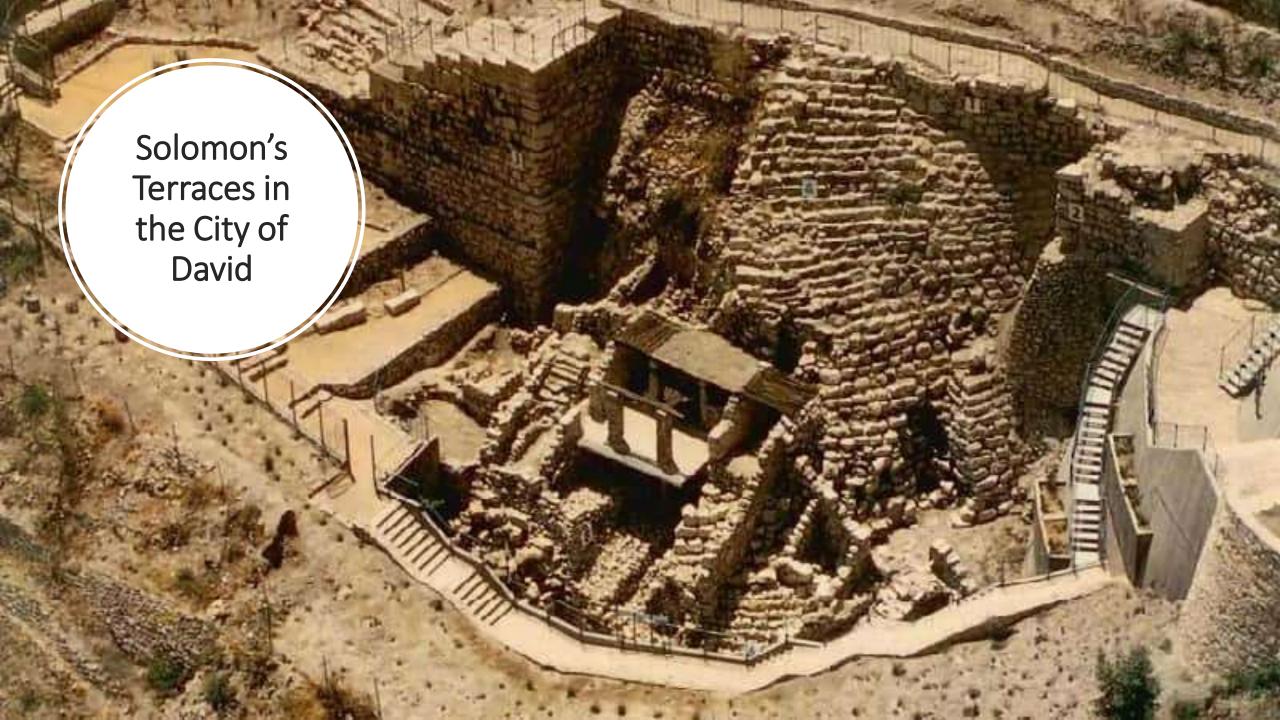


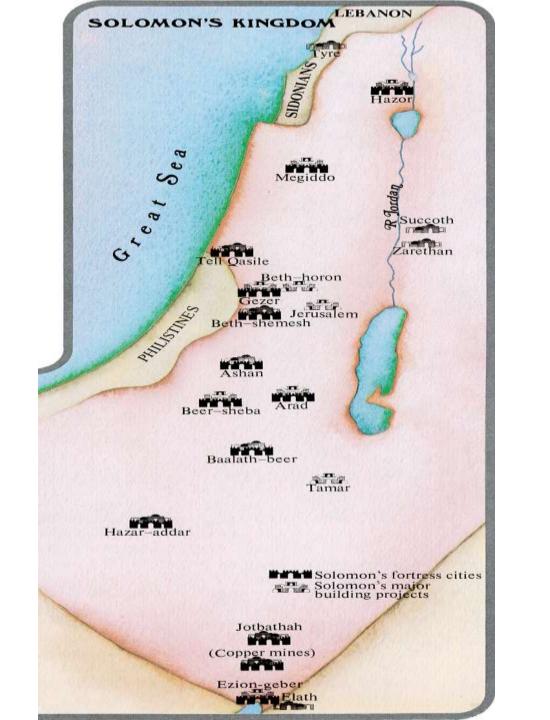












Solomonic Gate and Solomon's Horse Stables at Megiddo





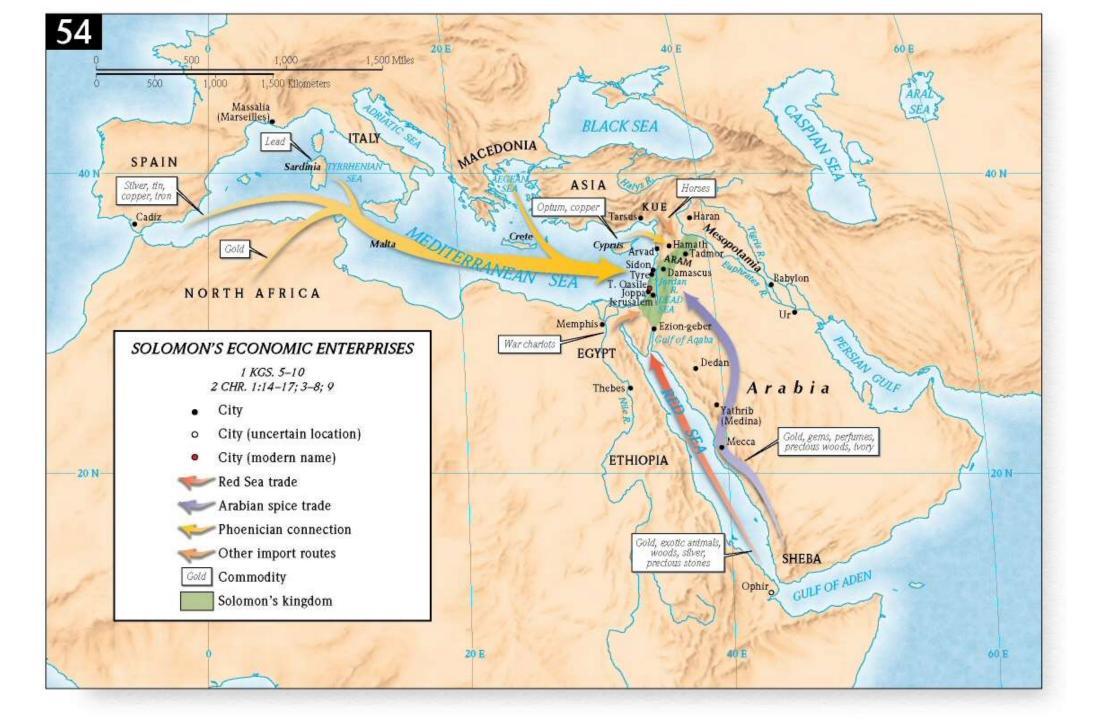
Israelite City and Solomonic Gate at Gezer





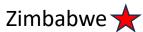






Where was Ophir – the Ancient "El Dorado?"





Interesting "Sandwich" Pharaoh's Daughter Temple Worship Gold

Interesting "Sandwich"	Solomon's Attractions
Pharaoh's Daughter	Sex
Temple Worship	God
Gold	Money

Beware of Extravagant Accumulation

"The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the Lord has told you, "You are not to go back that way again." He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold."

Deuteronomy 17:16-17

Living the Dream?

Money

Property

Servants

Wife

God

Possessions

Living the Dream?	Potential Compromises
Money	Abundant Gold
Property	Forfeit Promised Land
Servants	Forced Canaanite Labor
Wife	Egyptian
God	Religion
Possessions	Luxuries

Solomon's apostasy was not one of outright rejection, but a slow leaking of His passion for God.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:21

Just a Little Bit More?

- In 1900, less than 10 percent of families owned a stove, or had access to electricity or phones
- In 1915, less than 10 percent of families owned a car
- In 1930, less than 10 percent of families owned a refrigerator or clothes washer
- In 1945, less than 10 percent of families owned a clothes dryer or air-conditioning
- In 1960, less than 10 percent of families owned a dishwasher or color TV
- In 1975, less than 10 percent of families owned a microwave
- In 1990, less than 1- percent of families had a cell phone or access to the internet Derek Thompson, "The 100-Year March of Technology in 1 Graph," The Atlantic (4-7-12)

Just a Little Bit More?

"Today, at least 90 percent of the country has a stove, electricity, car, fridge, clothes washer, air-conditioning, color TV, microwave, and cell phone. They make our lives better. They might even make us happier. But they are never enough."

Derek Thompson, "The 100-Year March of Technology in 1 Graph," The Atlantic (4-7-12)



The Secret of Contentment

"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:12-13

Importance of Contentment

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that."

1 Timothy 6:6-8

Be Content

"After a meal, satisfied, bless God, your God, for the good land he has given you. Make sure you don't forget God, your God, by not keeping his commandments, his rules and regulations that I command you today. Make sure that when you eat and are satisfied, build pleasant houses and settle in, see your herds and flocks flourish and more and more money come in, watch your standard of living going up and up—make sure you don't become so full of yourself and your things that you forget God, your God." Deuteronomy 8:10-14, The Message



Success with contentment is great gain!



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- 1. Regularly giving thanks to God for His provision
 - 2. Practicing fasting on a regular basis
 - 3. Slimming down on our possessions.

