

# APRIL 12

## Read 1 Kings 4-6

### CHAPTER 4

**S**O king Solomon was king over all Israel.

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

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

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

5 And Azariah the son of Nathan *was* over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan *was* principal officer, *and* the king's friend:

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

7 ¶ 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.

8 And these *are* their names: The son of Hur, in mount Ephraim:

9 The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and

Bethshemesh, and Elonbethhanan:

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

11 The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

12 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:

13 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:

14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo *had* Mahanaim:

15 Ahimaaz *was* in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

16 Baanah the son of Hushai *was* in Asher and in Aloth:

17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar:

18 Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin:

19 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.

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

21 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.

22 ¶ And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal,

23 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallowdeer, and fatted fowl.

24 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.

25 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.

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

27 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.

28 Barley also and straw for the horses and dromedaries brought they unto the place where *the officers* were, every man according to his charge.

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

30 And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

31 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.

32 And he spake three thousand

proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

33 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.

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

### CHAPTER 5

**A**ND Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.

2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

3 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

4 But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that *there is* neither adversary nor evil occurrent.

5 And, behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake

unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name.

6 Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that *there is* not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.

7 ¶ And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed *be* the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people.

8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for: *and* I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.

9 My servants shall bring *them* down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive *them*: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household.

10. So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees *according to all his desire*.

11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat *for food to his household*, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.

12 And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

13 ¶ And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men.

14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, *and* two months at home: and Adoniram *was over the levy*.

15 And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains;

16 Beside the chief of Solomon's officers which *were over the work*, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work.

17 And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, *and* hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.

18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew *them*, and the stonesquarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

## CHAPTER 6

**A**ND it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which *is the second month*, that he began to build the house of the LORD.

2 And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof *was* threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty *cubits*, and the height thereof thirty cubits.

3 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits *was* the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; *and* ten cubits *was* the breadth thereof before the house.

4 And for the house he made windows of narrow lights.

5 ¶ And against the wall of the house he built chambers round about, *against* the walls of the house round about, *both* of the temple and of the oracle: and he made chambers round about:

6 The nethermost chamber *was* five cubits broad, and the middle *was* six cubits broad, and the third *was* seven cubits broad: for without *in the wall* of the house he made narrowed rests round about, that *the beams* should not be fastened in the walls of the house.

7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe *nor* any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.

8 The door for the middle chamber *was* in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle *chamber*, and out of the middle into the third.

9 So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.

10 And *then* he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house *with* timber of cedar.

11 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying,

12 *Concerning* this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my

commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father:

13 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

15. And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: *and* he covered *them* on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

16 And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built *them* for it within, *even* for the oracle, *even* for the most holy *place*.

17 And the house, that *is*, the temple before it, was forty cubits *long*.

18 And the cedar of the house within *was* carved with knops and open flowers: all *was* cedar; there was no stone seen.

19 And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

20 And the oracle in the forepart *was* twenty cubits in length, and

twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold; and so covered the altar *which was of cedar*.

21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold.

22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that *was* by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

23 ¶ And within the oracle he made two cherubims *of olive tree*, each ten cubits high.

24 And five cubits *was* the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other *were* ten cubits.

25 And the other cherub *was* ten cubits: both the cherubims *were* of one measure and one size.

26 The height of the one cherub *was* ten cubits, and so *was it* of the other cherub.

27 And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the

one touched the *one* wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.

28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

29 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, within and without.

30 And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without.

31 ¶ And for the entering of the oracle he made doors *of olive tree*: the lintel *and* side posts *were* a fifth part *of the wall*.

32 The two doors also *were of* olive tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid *them* with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm trees.

33 So also made he for the door of the temple posts *of olive tree*, a fourth part *of the wall*.

34 And the two doors *were of* fir tree: the two leaves of the one door *were* folding, and the two leaves of the other door *were* folding.

35 And he carved *thereon* cheru-

bims and palm trees and open flowers: and covered *them* with gold fitted upon the carved work.

36 And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams.

37 In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD

laid, in the month Zif:

38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which *is* the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

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## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapter 4 records the princes of Israel during Solomon's reign. Solomon's kingdom was the largest in Israel's history and God gave great wealth to Solomon. Also, verse 25 indicates that Israel and Judah dwelt in safety and prosperity.

In chapter 5 we see the preparation for building the Temple. David had begun the project (with God's approval), but God had made it clear that Solomon would do the actual work. David already had the plans and the costly materials, and before his death he encouraged Solomon in the work and assured him that God would faithfully help him.

The building of the Temple represented the cooperative efforts of many people, both Jews and Gentiles. The materials secured were the finest; great and costly stones that would endure, and precious metals were used that would give glory to the Temple. Reading about the materials to be used in the Temple reminds us of Paul's admonition in I Corinthians 3 concerning the local church. He said we should build the church with gold, silver, and precious stones, not with wood, hay, and stubble.

Solomon begins to build the Temple in chapter 6. Space will not permit us to go into details concerning the actual construction of the Temple, or the meaning of the various materials used in its construction; but it would be well for you to study the construction of the Temple. There are long and lasting meanings concerning every portion of it. Notice particularly in chapter 6:11-13 that God reminds Solomon that the important thing was obeying His Word, not building a great Temple.

## PROVERB FOR TODAY

"The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit" (Proverbs 12:5).

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## TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

Spend this month reviewing the previous 13 lessons. For today, review Memory Verse Assignment 10 (found on page 10).

## HYMN FOR TODAY

### THERE IS A FOUNTAIN

by William Cowper, 1731-1800

William Cowper is viewed by some as one of the finest of all English writers. But Cowper's emotional life was one of great turmoil. At an early age he was directed by his father to study law. Upon completion of his studies, however, the prospect of appearing for his final examination before the bar so frightened him that it caused a mental breakdown and even an attempted suicide. Later he was placed in an insane asylum for 18 months. During the detention, he one day read from the Scriptures the passage in Romans 3:25 that Jesus Christ is "set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God." Through his reading of the Bible, Cowper soon developed a personal relationship with Christ and a sense of forgiveness of sin. This was in 1764, when he was 33 years old.

Three years later, Cowper was invited to move to Olney, England, where John Newton pastored the parish Anglican Church. It was here for nearly two decades that Newton and Cowper had a close personal friendship. In 1799 their combined talents produced the famous *Olney Hymns* hymnal, one of the most important single contributions made to the field of evangelical hymnody. In this ambitious collection of 349 hymns, sixty-seven were written by Cowper with the remainder by Newton.

"There Is a Fountain" was originally titled "Peace for the Fountain Opened." The hymn, with its vivid imagery, is based on the Old Testament text, Zechariah 13:1: "In that day there shall be a fountain opened

to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.”

Only eternity will reveal the hosts who, through the singing of this hymn, have been made aware of the efficacy of Christ’s complete atonement.

*There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from  
Immanuel’s veins,  
and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their  
guilty stains.*

*The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day,  
and there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins  
away.*

*Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose  
its pow’r,  
till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no  
more.*

*E’er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds  
supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I  
die.*

*When this poor lisping, stamm’ring tongue lies silent  
in the grave,  
then in a nobler, sweeter son, I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save.*

## **ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

**457 B.C.**

**THE APPROXIMATE DATE THE ISRAELITES  
RETURNED TO JERUSALEM FROM BABYLON  
AND CROSSED THE AHAVA RIVER.**

Ezra 8:31.

**1777**

**THE BIRTHDAY OF HENRY CLAY.**

**1850**

**ADONIRAM JUDSON DIED.**

From an humble beginning, this great missionary had grown to having a staff of 163 missionaries and helpers. Pray for missionaries everywhere today. Pray for those of whom you can think. Pray for those by name whom you know personally.

**1861**

**THE DATE OF THE ATTACK ON FORT  
SUMTER.**

**1945**

**FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT DIED.**

Jack Hyles was in the service in World War II at the time, on maneuvers. The message came throughout his company of the death of the commanding officer.

**1945**

**HARRY S TRUMAN BECAME PRESIDENT OF  
THE UNITED STATES.**

Certainly, he needed the prayers of all the people in America as he assumed an unbelievable responsibility. Our President today needs our prayers. May we see that he has them.

**1955**

**THE SALK VACCINE WAS ANNOUNCED  
A SUCCESS.**

For many years, those who lived in Texas had lived in constant horror and fear of polio. When their children got a high fever, the word “polio” was the first thought that came to their minds. We should bless the Lord today for this step toward the elimination of this dread disease.

**1961**

**GREGARIN BECAME THE FIRST SPACEMAN.**

Gregarin became the first spaceman (as far as this world is concerned). Of course, you an I, as God’s people, know that Enoch was a spaceman. Elijah was a spaceman, and Jesus was an astronaut. We, too, shall be spacemen some day when Jesus comes and we shall all be raptured. Praise the Lord! Gregarin orbited the earth in one hour and forty-eight minutes.

## **ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY**

**1787**

**RICHARD ALLEN AND ABSALOM JONES** organized Philadelphia’s Free African Society which Du Bois called “the first wavering step of a people toward a more organized social life.”

**1861**

**CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS ATTACKED FORT  
SUMTER,** in the Charleston, S.C., harbor. This was the beginning of the Civil War.

**1864**

**CONFEDERATE GENERAL NATHAN BEDFORD**



**FORREST CAPTURED FORT PILLOW, TENN.,** and massacred the inhabitants, sparing, the official report said, neither soldier nor civilian, black nor white, male or female. Fort was held by a predominantly white force.

**1869**

**NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE PASSED ANTI-KLAN LAW.**

**BLACK STUDENTS OCCUPIED ADMINISTRATION BUILDING** at Boston University in demand

for Afro-American history courses and additional black students.

**1898**

**SIR GRANTLEY H. ADAMS, POLITICAL LEADER,** president of Barbados, born.

**1980**

**LIBERIAN PRESIDENT WILLIAM R. TOLBERT JR. AND TWENTY-SEVEN OTHERS WERE KILLED** in coup de tat by army enlisted men led by master Sergeant Samuel Doe.

## MEMORY VERSE ASSIGNMENT 10 (for review):

Please spend time reviewing these memory verses. If you have been completing the assignments in the TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING, then you already have spent a week memorizing the Scriptures below. Now it's time to review!

### **GOD'S SUPREME SACRIFICE**

His Son's death on the cross became our:

#### **Sin-bearer.**

(       ) 1 Peter 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

#### **Substitute.**

(       ) 1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

#### **Sacrifice.**

(       ) Isaiah 53:5 (Isa. 53:6, 10)

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

#### **Sin-offering.**

(       ) 2 Corinthians 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

#### **Redeemer.**

(       ) Galatians 3:13

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree: