

# 1 Kings 10:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not.

## Analysis

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**And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not.**

This verse contributes to the broader narrative of queen of sheba and solomon's wealth, within the book's focus on Solomon's wisdom, temple building, and tragic apostasy.

The Hebrew text reveals nuances important for understanding this passage's contribution to 1 Kings' theological message about kingship, covenant, and faithfulness to Yahweh. This verse demonstrates the consequences when God's people—especially their leaders—either follow or forsake the covenant established at Sinai.

## Historical Context

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First Kings was written during or after the Babylonian exile (6th century BCE), reflecting on the monarchy period (10th-9th centuries BCE) to explain why the kingdoms fell. Solomon's reign (c. 970-930 BCE) represented Israel's golden age of peace and prosperity.

Ancient Near Eastern kingship ideology viewed kings as divine representatives responsible for maintaining cosmic order through right worship. Archaeological discoveries from sites like Megiddo, Hazor, and Samaria confirm the historical

reliability of 1 Kings' descriptions of building projects and administrative structures.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How did Solomon's disobedience to God's clear commands lead to his downfall, and what warnings does this provide?
2. What role do relationships and alliances play in either strengthening or compromising our faith?
3. How does this verse point toward or prepare for the coming of Christ and His eternal kingdom?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּנֵי הָעֵדָה לֹא אָשֶׁר דִּבֶּר כִּי הַנָּגֵד יָד  
told H0 And Solomon H8010 her all her questions H1697 H3808 H1961  
H5046 H853 H3605 H1697

הַנָּגֵד לֹא אָשֶׁר דִּבֶּר בְּמִלְחָמָה מִן נָעַל מִן  
her all her questions hid H4480 from the king H4428 H834 H3808 told  
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