

# 1 Kings 4

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## **Solomon's Officials**

<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 Beth-shemesh, and Elon-beth-hanan:

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

<sup>11</sup> 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 Beth-shean, which is by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, 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.

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### **Solomon's Prosperity and Wisdom**

**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 Beer-sheba, 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.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

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### Priest — כֹּהֵן (Kohen)

Priest

The Hebrew **kohen** (כֹּהֵן) denotes a priest—one who mediates between God and people through sacrifices and intercession. Aaron and his descendants served as Israel's priests, foreshadowing Christ the Great High Priest.

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### Kingdom — מַלְכוּת (Malkhut)

Kingdom, reign, royal power

The Hebrew **malkhut** (מַלְכוּת) denotes kingdom or royal rule—the realm and reign of a king. God's kingdom represents His sovereign rule over all creation.

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## CROSS REFERENCES

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**1 Kings 4:2**    **Parallel theme:** Exodus 18:21; 1 Corinthians 12:28

**1 Kings 4:3**    **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 8:16

**1 Kings 4:4**    **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 2:35

**1 Kings 4:5**

**Kingdom:** 2 Samuel 16:16; 1 Chronicles 27:33. **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 15:37

**1 Kings 4:6**    **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 9:15; 12:18; 2 Samuel 20:24

**1 Kings 4:8**    **Parallel theme:** Joshua 24:33

**1 Kings 4:10**    **Parallel theme:** Joshua 12:17; 15:35

**1 Kings 4:11**    **Parallel theme:** Joshua 11:2

**1 Kings 4:12**    **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 19:16; Joshua 3:16; 17:11; Judges 5:19

**1 Kings 4:13** **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 22:3; Numbers 32:41; Deuteronomy 3:4

**1 Kings 4:18** **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 1:8

**1 Kings 4:20** **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 3:8; Genesis 22:17; 32:12

**1 Kings 4:21** **References Egypt:** Genesis 15:18. **Parallel theme:** Exodus 23:31; Joshua 1:4. **Kingdom:** 1 Kings 4:24; Psalms 68:29

**1 Kings 4:24** **Peace:** 1 Chronicles 22:9. **Kingdom:** Psalms 72:11. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 10:19

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**1 Kings 4:26** **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 8:4; 2 Chronicles 1:14; 9:25

**1 Kings 4:28** **Parallel theme:** Esther 8:10; 8:14; Micah 1:13

**1 Kings 4:29** **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 3:12; 4:20; Psalms 119:34; Proverbs 2:6; Isaiah 60:5; James 1:17; 3:17. **References God:** 1 Kings 3:28; Ecclesiastes 2:26; James 1:5

**1 Kings 4:30** **References Egypt:** Acts 7:22. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 25:6; Job 1:3; Daniel 1:20; 4:7; Matthew 2:1; 2:16

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**1 Kings 4:32** **Parallel theme:** Ecclesiastes 12:9; Matthew 13:35

**1 Kings 4:33** **Parallel theme:** 2 Kings 19:23; Psalms 51:7; 92:12

**1 Kings 4:34** **Kingdom:** 2 Chronicles 9:23. **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 10:1

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