

# 2 Chronicles 2:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

Hiram of Tyre's letter to Solomon: 'Hiram said moreover, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build an house for the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.' This Gentile king's blessing of YHWH as Creator ('made heaven and earth') and provider of wisdom demonstrates God's glory reaching the nations through Israel's golden age. The recognition that Solomon's wisdom comes from God ('who hath given') not human training shows even pagans could perceive divine gifting. This fulfills Abraham's promise that through his seed all nations would be blessed (Genesis 22:18), ultimately fulfilled in Christ.

## Historical Context

Hiram's correspondence (c. 967 BCE) established the Phoenician-Israelite alliance that provided crucial resources (cedar, skilled craftsmen) for temple construction. This diplomatic relationship demonstrated Israel's influence on surrounding nations during its peak under Solomon.

## Related Passages

## **Revelation 20:12 – Judgment according to deeds**

## **Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment**

## Study Questions

1. How is God's glory made known to unbelievers through the wisdom and blessing evident in your life?
2. What opportunities do you have to demonstrate God as Creator and gift-giver to those who don't know Him?

## Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר	חִזְקָם	בֶּרֶר וְלִיהְיוּ	אֱלֹהִים לְשָׁבָא	רַאשֵּׁן
<b>said</b>	<b>Huram</b>	<b>moreover Blessed</b>	<b>be the LORD</b>	<b>God of Israel</b>
H559	H2361	H1288	H3068	H430
עֲשֵׂה הַ	אֶת	בְּשֵׁם יְמִ	אֶת	לְדוֹן יְהִ
<b>that made</b>	<b>H853</b>	<b>heaven</b>	<b>H853</b>	<b>who hath given</b>
H6213	H8064		H776	H5414

אֲשֶׁר־בֵּין־הַשְׁכָּלָה־עַד־יָד־כָּל־בֶּן־פָּמָלֶר  
the king son a wise ended with prudence and understanding H834  
H4428 H1121 H2450 H3045 H7922 H998

למַלְכוֹתָן אֲבָנָה יְבָנָה וְאָבִתָּה לְיְהוָה תְּבָנֵה וְאָבִתָּה לְמַלְכוֹתָן

## Additional Cross-References

**Psalms 33:6** (Creation): By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

**Revelation 4:11** (Creation): Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

**1 Peter 1:3** (Blessing): Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

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