

# 2 Chronicles 2:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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Hiram of Tyre's letter to Solomon: 'Huram 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

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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

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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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

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אָשׁ ר	יִשְׂרָאֵל ל	אֱלֹהֵי י	לִיהוָה ה	בָּר וְ	חֹרָם	וַיֹּאמֶר
	<b>God</b>	<b>of Israel</b>	<b>be the LORD</b>	<b>moreover Blessed</b>	<b>Huram</b>	<b>said</b>
	H430	H3478	H3068	H1288	H2361	H559
לְדָוִד יָד	נָתַן	אָשׁ ר	הָאָרֶץ וְ	וְאֶת	הַשָּׁמַיִם יָם	אֶת
	<b>who hath given</b>		<b>and earth</b>		<b>heaven</b>	<b>that made</b>
	H5414	H834	H776	H853	H8064	H6213
אָשׁ ר	וּבִינָה ה	שׁ כָּל	יֹדַע	חָכָם	בֶּן	הַמֶּלֶךְ לְ
	<b>and understanding</b>	<b>with prudence</b>	<b>endued</b>	<b>a wise</b>	<b>son</b>	<b>the king</b>
	H998	H7922	H3045	H2450	H1121	H4428
לְמַלְכוּתוֹ:	וְבֵית	לִיהוָה ה	וְבֵית	וְבֵית	יְבֹנָה	
	<b>for his kingdom</b>	<b>be the LORD</b>	<b>an house</b>	<b>an house</b>	<b>that might build</b>	
	H4438	H3068	H1004	H1004	H1129	

## Additional Cross-References

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**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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