

#40 ADDENDUM TO “THE BEAST 666—AN INVESTIGATION” #39

1. WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF THE WISDOM SOLOMON RECEIVED FROM GOD?

The words most often used for Solomon’s wisdom are Strong’s words #2451 and #2449. Although they can refer to Godly wisdom, they can also have the meaning of something akin to worldly skill or worldly intelligence.

A. Extended passage regarding Solomon’s wisdom: “God gave Solomon wisdom [#2451] and understanding exceeding much, and very great understanding, even as the sand that is on the seashore. 30 Solomon’s wisdom [#2451] excelled the wisdom [#2451] of all the children of the east, and all the wisdom [#2451] of Egypt. 31 For he was wiser [#2449] than all men... and his fame was in all the nations all around. 32 He spoke three thousand proverbs; and his songs were one thousand five...34 There came of all peoples to hear the wisdom [#2451] of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom [#2451].” 1 Kings 4:29-34

B. Example: Hiram had wisdom=skill to work in brass: “King Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre... he was filled with wisdom [#2451] and understanding and skill, to work all works in brass.” 1 Kg 7:14

C. Example: Through King of Tyre’s wisdom=intelligence he acquired great wealth and became prideful: “...By your wisdom [#2451] and by your understanding you have gotten yourself riches, and have gotten gold and silver into your treasures; by your great wisdom [#2451] and by your traffic you have increased your riches, and your heart is lifted up [prideful] because of your riches.” Ez 28:4-5

D. Example: Pharaoh dealt wisely=shrewdly to subjugate the Israelites: “‘Come, let us deal wisely [#2449] with them, lest they multiply, and it happen that when any war breaks out, they also join themselves to our enemies, and fight against us, and escape out of the land.’ So Pharaoh put harsh task masters over the Israelites.” Ex. 1:10

2. JESUS SPOKE OF SOLOMON, GOLD, RICHES.

A. JESUS SAID: “The queen of the south will rise up in the judgment with this generation, and will condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom [#4678] of Solomon, and one greater than Solomon is here.” Mt. 12:42

COMMENT: The Greek word for wisdom, in this verse, is Strong’s #4678, and is used similarly as Strong’s Hebrew word #2451. It can mean Godly wisdom or simply intelligence as in: “Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the lawyer of this world? Hasn’t God made foolish the wisdom [Gr. #4678] of this world?” 1 Cor 1:20. A possible paraphrase of Jesus’s words may be: The queen of the south came a long distance to hear the earthly wisdom of Solomon, but you have eternal Wisdom right here with you, and you can’t perceive it. You are condemned.

B. JESUS SAID: “Consider the lilies of the field how they grow. They don’t toil, neither do they spin, 29 yet I tell you that even Solomon in all his glory was not dressed like one of these.” Mt. 6:28-29c

COMMENT: In this verse, Jesus pointed to the beautiful artistic complexity of even the most common created thing and how impoverished Solomon was in comparison.

C. JESUS SAID: “Behold, someone greater than Solomon is here.” Mt. 12:42

COMMENT: To those with spiritual sight, this is the greatest understatement of all time. However, to Jesus’s audience, the scribes and Pharisees, it was apropos because they were likely quite fond of Solomon because of his riches, his building the magnificent Solomonic temple and, his presiding over the greatest expanse in power and economic success Israel had experienced. We are told the Pharisees were lovers of money (Lk 16:14), so we can perhaps suppose they were quite fond of recounting the vast wealth of Solomon.

D. JESUS SAID: “Woe to you, you blind guides, who say, ‘Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obligated.’ You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifies the gold?” Mt 23: 16-17

COMMENT: The scribes and Pharisees to whom Jesus was speaking, apparently regarded the gold of the temple with higher reverence than the actual temple itself. The temple represented the presence of Yahweh, but the gold represented the god they served—Mammon.

E. JESUS SAID: “The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they scoffed at him. 15 He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts. For that which is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”” Lk 16:14-15

COMMENT: Jesus saw their hearts were carnal and married to the material world instead of the true invisible God.

3. JESUS WAS PERSISTENT IN TEACHING AGAINST A LIFE ORIENTED TO RICHES—that is 666.

A. “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You can’t serve both God and Mammon. Mt. 6:24

B. For it is easier for a camel to enter in through a needle’s eye, than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God.” Lk 18:25 (Mk 10:25, Mt. 19:25)

C. “Don’t lay up treasures for yourselves on the earth...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Mt 6:19-21

4. SOLOMON LOOKED REMARKABLY LIKE PHARAOH.

A. **Regarding the Pharaoh at the time of Moses:** “The Egyptians ruthlessly made the children of Israel serve, and they made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and in brick, and in all kinds of service in the field, all their service, in which they ruthlessly made them serve.” Ex. 1:13-14

B. **Compare Solomon:** “Thy father [Solomon] made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter...” “My father [Solomon] made your yoke heavy... My father chastised you with whips...” 1 Kgs 12:4, 14

C. **Ways Solomon resembled Pharaoh:** polytheistic, polygamous, relied on military strength, enslaved large populations of people, onerous task master, elaborate building projects, carried around in a “sedan”— (S of S. 3:9), foreign alliances, large haram, elaborate personal furnishings, elaborate court furnishings, fratricide, killed personal enemies, foreign ventures (exploits?).

5. WE HAVE NO RECORD OF SOLOMON REPENTING OF HIS SPIRITUAL AND MORAL DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL. THE BEAST ALSO WAS UNREPENTANT—EVEN AS HE WAS BEING JUDGED.

A. “The rest of mankind, who were not killed with these plagues, didn't repent of the works of their hands, that they wouldn't worship demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood...” Rev. 9:20

B. “They didn't repent of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their sexual immorality, nor of their thefts.” Rev. 9:21

C. “People were scorched with great heat, and people blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues. They didn't repent and give him glory.” Rev. 16:9

D. “They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores. They didn't repent ...” Rev. 16:11

6. THE RICH TRADE THAT BEGAN WITH SOLOMON, ENDED IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION.

“The merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise any more; 12 merchandise of gold, silver, precious stones, pearls, fine linen, purple, silk, scarlet, all expensive wood, every vessel of ivory, every vessel made of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble; 13 and cinnamon, incense, perfume, frankincense, wine, olive oil, fine flour, wheat, sheep, horses, chariots, and people's bodies and souls. 14 The fruits which your soul lusted after have been lost to you, and all things that were dainty and sumptuous have perished from you, and you will find them no more at all. 15 The merchants of these things, who were made rich by her, will stand far away for the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning; 16 saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, she who was dressed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls! 17 For in an hour such great riches are made desolate.” Rev. 18:11-17

7. YAHWEH TOLD THE PEOPLE WHAT EARTHLY KINGS DO—MAKE THEM INTO SLAVES.

“Samuel told all the words of Yahweh to the people who asked of him a king. 11He said, 'This will be the way of the king who shall reign over you: he will take your sons, and appoint them to him, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and they shall run before his chariots; 12 and he will appoint them to him for captains of thousands, and captains of fifties; and [he will set some] to plow his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and the instruments of his chariots. 13He will take your daughters to be perfumers, and to be cooks, and to be bakers. 14He will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your olive groves, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. 15He will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. 16He will take your male servants, and your female servants, and your best young men, and your donkeys, and put them to his work. 17He will take the tenth of your flocks: and you shall be his servants. 18You shall cry out in that day because of your king whom you shall have chosen you; and Yahweh will not answer you in that day.” 1 Sam 8:10-20

Notes:

1. The Bible named two men of Tye called Hiram during Solomon's day; one was a king and the other a skilled craftsman.
2. There are conservative Christian scholars who believe ancient numbers were exaggerated (for example: thousand wives, 12,000 horsemen, 666 talents of gold, etc), not for the purpose of deception, but as a well-accepted ancient literary device to highlight the importance of the subject referenced. Also, there could be gematria involved.
- 3.. Read 1 Kings:1-12 and 2 Chr. 1-10 for a fuller view of the excesses of Solomon.
- 4.. The number seven meant perfection, so “six” is short of perfection, i.e. incomplete. Man was created on the sixth day. The three-fold sixes may indicate weakness/sin/depravity to an extreme.
5. Solomon is lionized in freemasonry where the 666 hand sign is reportedly made. From this study, we begin to see why.
6. Please see Daniel Roger's website: labornotinvain.com, “David Had Two Sons: Shedding Light on 666” posted 10/22/2020
7. We are excluding the wisdom books attributed to Solomon for this discussion, and focusing on Solomon's action as King of Israel.
8. It states in 1 Kg 9:22 that of the people of Israel, Solomon made no slaves, perhaps because Israelites were furloughed from time to time and not permanently enslaved.
9. Interesting correlation of Solomon reigning 40 years with 1000 years from Solomon to Jesus. Jesus put his enemies under his feet in 40 years, also called 1,000 years in Rev. 20.
10. Other papers/videos of the Beast: 28, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39