

### Chapter 3

(1) And Solomon made peace with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the wall all around Jerusalem.

(2) However, the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house {temple} built to the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, until those days.

(3) And Solomon loved the LORD {Jehovah}, keeping the laws of David his father: however, he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.

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(4) And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; because that *was* the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings upon that altar.

(5) In Gibeon the LORD {Jehovah} appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, [Ask what I shall give you.](#)

(6) And Solomon said, You have shown to Your servant David my father great mercy, as he walked before You in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; and You have kept for him this great kindness, that You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day.

(7) And now, O LORD {Jehovah} my God, You have made Your servant king instead of David my father: and I *am but* a little child: I do not know *how* to go out or come in.

(8) And Your servant *is* in the midst of Your people which You have chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

(9) Therefore, give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and bad: because who is able to judge this Your so great a people?

(10) And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

(11) And God said to him, [Because You have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself long life; neither have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies; but have asked for yourself understanding to discern judgment;](#)

(12) [Indeed, I have done according to your words: look, I have given you a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was no one like you before you, neither after shall any arise like you after you.](#)

(13) [And I have also given you that which you have not asked, both riches, and honor: so that there shall not be any among the kings like you all your](#)

days.

(14) And if you will walk in My ways, to keep My laws and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.

(15) And Solomon awoke; and, indeed, *it was* a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD {Jehovah}, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

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(16) Then there came two women, who *were* prostitutes, to the king, and stood before him.

(17) And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman live in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.

(18) And it came to pass the third day after I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we *were* together; *there was* no stranger with us in the house, only the two of us in the house.

(19) And this woman's child died in the night; because she laid on it.

(20) And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while your handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

(21) And when I rose in the morning to nurse my child, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, indeed, it was not my son, which I held.

(22) And the other woman said, No; but the living *is* my son, and the dead *is* your son. And this said, No; but the dead *is* your son, and the living *is* my son. This is what they spoke before the king.

(23) Then the king said, The one says, This *is* my son that lives, and your son *is* the dead: and the other says, No; but your son *is* the dead, and my son *is* the living.

(24) And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.

(25) And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

(26) Then the woman to whom the living child *belonged* because her heart yearned for her son said to the king, O my lord, give her the living child, and do not kill it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor yours, *but* divide *it*.

(27) Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and do not kill it: she *is* its mother.

(28) And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and

they feared the king: because they saw that the wisdom of God *was* in him,  
to do judgment.