## 4. 1 Kings 3

- Solomon goes from Jerusalem to Gibeah.
- ii. The Lord appears to him in a dream and says, "Solomon, you ask for wherever you wish and it will be given to you."
- iii. And Solomon asked for wisdom and became he asked for that, the Lord said, "I am not only going to give you wisdom, I am going to give you prosperity and honor."
- iv. Solomon manifested that wisdom
  - a. There were two women who each had a child and the children born three days apart.
  - One of the woman turned over on her child and killed it and then she switched babies.
  - c. Then the women went to Solomon, each woman claiming that the living baby belonged to them.
  - d. The way Solomon determined to whom the live baby belonged.
    - 1) He said, "I want you to take a sword and cut the baby in half."
    - 2) The one who was the real mother said, "Give it to the other woman. Let her have it."
    - 3) The other woman whose baby it really was not said, "Sure, I'll cut the baby in half. Neither of us will get it."
    - 4) Solomon said, "I know who the mother is."
    - 5) And the baby was giving to his mother.
- 5. During Solomon's reign, he spread out his territory and we are told that he had all the territory from the Euphrates River to the Mediterranean sea.
- 6. He was a very wise man.
  - i. He wrote 1005 songs.
  - ii. He wrote 3000 problems. Proved by their
  - iii. People would come from many nations sent by tier-kings just to hear the wisdom of Solomon.
- 7. In the 4th year of his reign, he started to build the temple.
  - i. Seen in 1 Kings 6.
  - ii. He started to build the temple in the 4th year of his 2nd month which would be 969 B. C.
  - iii. Remember that the Lord told David, "Your son is going to build me a house."
  - iv. Solomon made preparations for it with the king Hiram of Tyre.
  - v. It took him 7.5 years to build it.