

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

# 1 KINGS 3

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First Kings three is one of the most beloved chapters in all the Bible. It is the story of a humble young man seeking the face of God for wisdom and understanding in accomplishing the task and assignment that is set before him. Solomon is growing in his standing with the nations around him. Although it was common for king's daughters to be given in marriage to seal an alliance with competing nations in ancient times, this was not necessarily true with the Egyptians during this time in human history. The reality that the Pharaoh of Egypt chose to give his daughter to this young king, was proof that Solomon was looked upon as an upcoming mighty king.

The strategic city of Gezer was given as a wedding gift to Solomon. Gezer was strategic in that it overlooked the Valley of Ayalon which connected the shephelah (pronounced, "Shfee-lah") with the coastal plain and the way to Egypt, later called by the Romans, the Via Maris. Gezer became the southern-most "Chariot City" of King Solomon, along with Megiddo in the center of the country, guarding the Jezreel Valley, and to the north, Hazor, which

guarded the Hula Valley. These three are all built on the same design and are remarkably and strategically placed so that no one could enter the country from North, South, or East or West and the Center without being seen.

Solomon realizes the vulnerability of his youth, so he journeys north, less than ten miles to the worship center at Gibeon. There the Lord appeared to Solomon. God asks Solomon to "Ask! What shall I give you?" God gave Solomon a choice to ask him for anything. Solomon did not ask for riches, fame, or greatness; he asked for wisdom and understanding to rule the people of God well. WOW! Because Solomon had God's best interest in his heart, caring for God's people and ruling them well, God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding like no one before him; but also gave him all that he didn't ask for, riches, fame, and greatness!

### Prayer and Action Steps

*What is your greatest goal in this life? May it be to do what God put you on this earth to do! God grant me wisdom and understanding to do all you want me to do in this life. Amen*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? \_\_\_\_\_

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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