

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

# 1 KINGS 10

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First Kings ten records an historical meeting between two of the richest and most prominent characters on the pages of Biblical history, Solomon, the King of Israel, and the Queen of Sheba. The great queen had heard of King Solomon and of the God of the Israelites blessing on his life. Verse, one says specifically that the queen had heard, **"...of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD"** that is, word was circulating around the world about Solomon's wisdom and wealth and people were recognizing it as a divine gift and blessing from YAH, the God of the Israelites. She came for a specific purpose, that being to **"test him with hard questions"** that is, puzzling and difficult questions. Solomon answered questions she asked. She also was overwhelmed at the order and splendor of everything that Solomon did and the way he treated his staff and took care of those who served him. He was in no wise an ordinary king. So much so was the queen impressed that the inspired record says, **"there was no more spirit in her."** She expressed that in a way that has been written about in poetry and song, **"the half was not told me."** In an amazing burst of insight, the queen began to praise the true and living God because of what

she saw in Solomon's lifestyle, decorum, order, and demeanor. She exclaimed, **"Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you, setting you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD has loved Israel forever, there He made you king, to do justice and righteousness."**

The LORD "delighted in you..." This word means to take pleasure in or to be inclined to someone. God loved Solomon from the beginning, even though he was given the name "Shlomo" in Hebrew, Solomon by his parents, that was not the name given by God. The name given to Solomon by God, was "Jedidiah" which means, "Beloved of the LORD." God loved Solomon in a special way. He was the product of an illicit relationship! How could that be? Can God take a bad situation and bring good out of it?

### Prayer and Action Steps

*God loved Solomon and blessed him like no other. Father in heaven, please take all my failures and somehow bring good to me and my family and glory and honor to your name. 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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