

“Wisdom, Resources, and Worship”

1 Kings 4:1-34

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I. \_\_\_\_\_ in Peace & Prosperity (vv. 20-28)

- a. Many \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 20)
- b. Large \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 21, 24)
- c. Great \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 22-28)

II. Wise Leadership over \_\_\_\_\_ Resources (vv. 2-19)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

III. Wise Leadership under God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 29-34)

- a. Study the \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Strategy for \_\_\_\_\_

**Israel or Israel?** Israel is used in two ways in 1 Kings 4 (and elsewhere). First, “Israel” can indicate the whole nation, that is, all twelve tribes descended from Jacob. Such is the case in 4:1 and 4:7 where both verses include “all” (most likely for additional clarity that the whole nation is in view). Alternatively, “Israel” can indicate the northern tribes as distinct from Judah. This is the case in 4:20 and 4:25 where both verses read “Judah and Israel” (again, for clarity).

**Roles.** Acts 6:1-7; 14:23; 20:28; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:11; 2 Timothy 2:2; etc.

**Relationships.** 1 Timothy 3:1-10; Titus 1:5-2:10; etc.

**Wisdom** can mean “skill” in working with materials (like the craftsmanship in Exodus 28:3; 31:3-6; 35:31, 35; 1 Kings 7:14; Ezekiel 28:4-5; etc.). However, it more often has a moral sense that speaks of skill in connecting God’s revealed will with God’s real world that godly living is the result (cf. Proverbs 2:1-22).

**Witness.** Genesis 12:1-3, 7; 15:18-21; 22:17; 32:12; Exodus 19:4-6; Deuteronomy 4:5-8; Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:45-49; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9.

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