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Christ in Every Chapter

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I Kings 1 - 12

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CHAPTER 1

Verse 37: **“As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.”** Knowing that there is an attempt under way to establish Adonijah as the new king, David takes special measures to ensure that Solomon is crowned, foreshadowing the fact that God the Father will see to it that His Son is crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords, in spite of Satan’s efforts to install his own king in the Great Tribulation.

CHAPTER 2

Verse 12: **“Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.”** This obviously points to Christ who will also sit upon the throne of David (Luke 1:32).

Verses 21-25, 27, 29-34, 46: After Solomon’s enemies were put to death we read, **“... and the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.”** This reminds us of the reference to Christ in I Corinthians 15:25: **“For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.”**

CHAPTER 3

Verses 7-12: Solomon is a young king who desires to be as wise as possible so he can be the best possible leader for the people. In the New Testament we find the same truth concerning Jesus (Luke 2:42-52).

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Verses 26-27: A woman was willing to give up her son, foreshadowing the fact that God the Father gave up His Son.

CHAPTER 4

Verse 21: **“And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.”** So, Jesus will rule over all kingdoms, and presents will be brought to him: **“The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.”** (Psa. 72:10-11) Matthew 2:11 is only a foreshadow of something far greater that is coming.

Verse 25: **“And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.”** This matches a prophecy concerning Christ’s kingdom in Micah 4:4: **“But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.”**

Verse 31: **“For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.”** Obviously a picture of Christ whose is wiser than all men, and His fame is in all nations, even in those that don’t believe on Him.

Verse 34: **“And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.”** People will likewise come to hear the wisdom of Jesus Christ in the millennial kingdom, and they will worship Him (Zch. 14:16-19).

CHAPTER 5

Verse s 3-5: **“Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet. But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent. And, behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name.”** So it is with Jesus. The millennial temple (Ezk. 40-48) will not be built until Christ has returned and destroyed His enemies.

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CHAPTER 6

Verses 11-13: **“And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying, Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father: And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.”** As we learn from the words of Jesus in John 2:19-21, this temple was a type of Christ’s body, the place of God’s dwelling. Hence John 1:14: **“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”**

CHAPTER 7

Verses 23-25: **“And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other: it was round all about, and his height was five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about. And under the brim of it round about there were knops compassing it, ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about: the knops were cast in two rows, when it was cast. It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.”** This molten sea (called a *laver* in verse 30) was for washing (Exo. 30:18-21), a type of the word of God that cleanses those who read and obey (Eph. 5:26; Psa. 119:9; John 15:3). The gospel of Jesus Christ is also the word of God; therefore the molten sea can picture the water of life that the lost world so desperately needs (John 7:38-39; Rev. 22:17). The fact that this laver stood upon twelve oxen is interesting. Ministers of the gospel are likened unto working oxen in I Corinthians 9:9 and I Timothy 5:18. These twelve oxen are all standing with their heads facing outward in all four directions as if they were about to carry the water into all the world, obviously pointing to the twelve disciples and the Great Commission.

Verse 47: **“And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass found out.”** This reminds us of Paul’s “unsearchable riches of Christ” in Ephesians 3:8.

CHAPTER 8

Verse 8: **“And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day.”** The staves were for moving the ark, but they were taken out at the dedication of Solomon’s temple. With the tabernacle of Moses the staves were not taken out (Exo. 25:15) because they were constantly

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needed for moving the ark. Solomon's temple, on the other hand, was not mobile, so the staves were removed. We know from John 2:19-21 that this temple pictures Jesus, so the removing of the staves points to the fact that the coming kingdom of Jesus Christ will be a permanent kingdom. The tabernacle of Moses pictures the first coming of Christ, and the temple of Solomon pictures the second coming. Daniel 2:44 is a good reference: **"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."**

Verses 10-11: **"And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD."** The glory of the Lord also filled the Lord Jesus Christ. Also, Christians are God's house and God's temple (I Cor. 3:16; I Pet. 2:4-9), and it is His will that we be filled with and led by the spirit of Christ.

Verses 41-43: **"Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake; (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house; Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as do thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name."** So gentiles will come to Jerusalem to worship Jesus in the Millennial Kingdom (Zch. 14:16-19).

CHAPTER 9

Verse 5: **"Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel."** The long view points to Christ who will sit upon the throne of David (Luke 1:32).

CHAPTER 10

The queen's experience with Solomon offers some interesting truths that remind us of our conversion to Christ. Please note the following:

Verse 5: The expression **"there was no more spirit in her"** reminds us of the fact that the old dead spirit of the sinner (Eph. 2:1) must be replaced by the living spirit of Christ (John 3:6).

Verse 6: **"... It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom."** So, someone must have "witnessed" to her, just as Christians today witness of Jesus Christ.

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Verse 7: “. . . Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came . . .” So, no one can comprehend Jesus until they *come* to Him.

Verse 8: **“Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.”** Like Solomon’s servants, Christians are supposed to be noted as a happy people who are thrilled to be serving their Lord (Plp. 4:4).

Verse 13: **“And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire . . .”** So Christ takes care of His own (Mark 11:24; Psa. 37:4).

Verse 18: The ivory throne reminds us of Christ’s great white throne of Revelation 20:11.

CHAPTER 11

Verse 13: Most of the tribes went into apostasy, so most professing Christians are in apostasy. Only a faithful few remain true to Christ, typified by Judah. Hosea 11:12 is a good reference: **“Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.”**

Verse 36: **“And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.”** The long view obviously points to Christ the “light of the world” who will rule from Jerusalem with a name above every name (John 8:12; Mat. 5:35; Plp. 2:9).

CHAPTER 12

Verse 7: **“And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.”** Solomon could only be a good king if he conducted himself as a *servant* of the people. So it is with Christ. He was God’s faithful servant (Isa. 42:1, 19), but also a servant of men (Mark 10:45).

Verses 27-29: By setting up idols in Bethel and Dan, Jereboam was establishing a religion of convenience for the people, a religion that didn’t require much travel. So it is today. The world religions compete against Christ’s true religion by offering convenience with no reproach or suffering.

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CHAPTER 13

Verses 1-2: Like Jesus, Josiah is a prophesied king who comes and renders justice (II Kgs. 22-23). Josiah brings in all sorts of sweeping reforms and fulfills this prophecy in his kingdom (II Kgs. 23:16), just as Jesus will fulfill many prophecies when He returns and establishes His kingdom. The meaning of Josiah is “Jehovah heals” or “Jehovah supports,” which is very similar to “Jehovah saves,” the meaning of the name Jesus.

CHAPTER 14

Verse 21: “. . . Jerusalem, the city which the LORD did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there . . .” As we’ve pointed out numerous times, this is the “city of the great King” (Mat. 5:35), and the King is Jesus Christ. The “name” is, of course, the name that is above every name (Plp. 2:9).

CHAPTER 15

Verses 9-11: “**And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah. And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father.**” Asa pictures Christ in that he was a good king who sought to maintain the true worship of God, much like Jesus (John 4:24). His name means “physician,” obviously pointing to Christ the Great Physician who “took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses” (Mat. 8:17). Malachi 4:2 even says that Christ will return with “healing in his wings.”

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CHAPTER 16

Verses 8, 10, 15, 23, and 29: In each of these verses we read of Asa's good reign continuing while the kings of apostate Israel come and go. So it is with Christ who builds His church and sustains it through 2,000 years of ever-changing Gentile dominion. A good reference is Matthew 16:18: **"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."**

CHAPTER 17

Verse 1: **"And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word."** As we shall see over the next several chapters, Elijah typifies Christ in many ways. In fact, some who heard Jesus thought that maybe He was Elijah (Mat. 16:14). Here he pictures Christ in the sense that he is a great, Spirit-filled prophet with the ability to command the weather. We know from James 5:17 that this was the result of prayer, not merely a command, but we also know that Jesus was very devout in His prayers as well.

Verse 13: **"And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son."** Elijah's words are very similar to the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:33: **"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."**

Verse 21-22: **"And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived."** Like Christ, Elijah raised the dead.

CHAPTER 18

Verse 17: **"And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel?"** So the wicked leaders of the day viewed Jesus as one who troubled Israel. John 1:11 says, **"He came unto his own, and his own received him not,"** and in Luke 23:5 it was the rulers that said, **"He stirreth up the people."**

Verse 21: **"And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word."** This is the exact response that people offer today when presented with a

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clear gospel message. They don't want to receive Christ, but they don't want to reject Him either. Their response is to simply do nothing.

Verses 33, 38: All the ridiculous efforts of the Baal worshippers were in vain because the true religion of Jehovah requires a sacrifice. Hebrews 9:22 says, **"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."** So Elijah lays a bullock on some wood, picturing Christ on the cross, and then he soaks the sacrifice with water, picturing the Holy Spirit (John 7:38-39). In essence, he is worshipping God "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24), so the sacrifice is accepted.

Verse 44: **"And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not."** After seven trips to the sea, the servant reports to Elijah that a little cloud like a man's hand is visible, and then a great rain comes (vs. 45). The seven times match the seven year tribulation, while the little cloud like a man's hand is similar to Jesus' description of the second coming: **"Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."** The rain points to the early and latter rain of Joel 2:23 and James 5:7, a restoring rain that is given to Israel at the end of the Great Tribulation.

CHAPTER 19

Verse 8: **"And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God."** This obviously points to Jesus who also fasted forty days (Mat. 4:2).

CHAPTER 20

Verses 23, 28-29: **"And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they . . . And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD. And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day."** The idea that God was only God of the hills was disproved. He is also God of the valleys. This is interesting in light of Song of Solomon 2:1 where Jesus is called the "lily of the valleys."

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Verse 34: **“And Benhadad said unto him, The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then said Ahab, I will send thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.”** So Christ regains cities and kingdoms during His millennial rule.

CHAPTER 21

Verse 13: **“And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.”** Like Naboth, Christ was killed as a result of false witnesses (Mat. 26:60).

Verse 16: **“And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.”** Likewise, thinking that Jesus Christ is no longer a threat, the Beast will take possession of the world, along with the mother of harlots (Rev. 13-17).

CHAPTER 22

Verse 8: **“And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.”** There was “one man” that provided the way of truth. The rest of the prophets were liars. So, there’s only one man that can provide the way of salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:6; I Tim. 2:5). But, like Micaiah, He is hated.