


Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. (Luke 24:27)



A painting depicting three men in a lush, green landscape. The man in the center, Jesus, is wearing a white robe and a blue sash, and is pointing towards the distance. He is flanked by two other men in robes. They are standing on a dirt path, looking towards a city in the distance. The scene is set in a valley with large trees and a bright sky.

Greater Than...

1 Kings

The Promised Messiah

- *Seed of the woman* thru Seth
- Thru Shem
- *Seed of Abraham* thru Isaac & Jacob
- Thru Judah (*scepter & ruler's staff*)
- *Son of David*

1 Kings

- No specific prophecies about Jesus
- One appearance of *the angel of the Lord* (19:5, 7)
- *Types or foreshadowing*: Solomon and Elijah

1 Kings

- David's charge to Solomon (2:1-4)
 - “Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man.” (2)
 - Obey God (3)
 - “**If** your sons are careful of their way...” (4)

1 Kings

- Solomon assumed the throne (2:12)
- God: “Ask what you wish Me to give you.” (3:5)
 - Wisdom & discernment (3:6-9)
 - “It was pleasing in the sight of the Lord...” (3:10)

1 Kings

- “Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you.”
(3:12b; cf. 4:29-34)

1 Kings

- Visit of the Queen of Sheba (10:1-29)
 - She “heard about the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD” (1)
 - She traveled 1,200 miles!
 - “the half was not told me” (7)

1 Kings

- “Blessed be the LORD your God who delighted in you to set you on the throne of Israel; because the LORD loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do justice and righteousness.” (10:9)

Matthew 12

- “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.” (38; cf. 16:1; 12:9-14, 22-24)
- No sign but the sign of Jonah (39-41)
- *The Queen of the South (Sheba)* (42)
 - “and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.”

Greater than Solomon

- “what is this wisdom given to Him”?
(Mark 6:2)
- In Christ “are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col. 2:3)
- Justice / righteousness (cf. Ps. 89:14; Isa. 9:7; Jer. 23:5; 33:15)

Greater than Solomon

- Solomon was unfaithful (1 Kings 11)
 - Disobeyed God’s word
 - Turned to other gods
 - “the LORD was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned away from the LORD” (11:9)

Greater than Solomon

- Jesus: “...I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me. And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.” (John 8:28-29)

1 Kings

- Israel pursued other gods -> spiritual & moral decline & divided kingdom
- “Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord **more than all who were before him.**” (16:30; cf. 31-33)
- Then suddenly: *Elijah* (17:1)

1 Kings

- According to the word of the Lord, Elijah announced a drought and famine (17:1-16; cf. Deut. 11:1-17; James 5:17-18)
 - God provided for Elijah thru the ravens for a time

1 Kings

- God told Elijah to go to a widow, whom Elijah met “when he came to the gate of the city” (17:8-10)
 - God miraculously provided for them all thru the whole famine

1 Kings

- The widow's son died (17:17)
- Elijah asked & God raised him (21-22)
- Elijah "gave him to his mother" (23)
- Widow: "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth." (24)

Luke 7

- “as He approached the gate of the city,” Jesus met a widow whose son had died (7:11-12)
- Jesus raised him (14) and “gave him back to his mother” (15)
- Crowd: “A great prophet...!” (16)

Greater than Elijah

- Elijah “called to the Lord” for the boy’s life to return
- Jesus commanded the young man: “Arise!”
- “God has visited His people!”

So What?

- Even though Solomon was wise, he still had to **choose** to love God
 - Beginning: “Now Solomon **loved** the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except ...” (3:3)
 - He fixed what was wrong (3:15)

So What?

- End: “Now King Solomon **loved** many foreign women...” (11:1)
- “Solomon held fast to these in **love**” (11:2)
- “his heart was not wholly devoted to the Lord his God” (11:4)

So What?

—“Solomon **did** what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not follow the LORD fully, as David his father had done.” (11:6)

So What?

- Our choices reveal who or what we love most!
 - If we find obedience difficult its not because obedience is bad—its because we are bad

So What?

- God is faithful to His word
 - He disciplined Solomon (11:14, 23), just as He said (2 Sam. 7:14-15)
 - but He honored David (11:12), just as He said (2 Sam. 7:16)

So What?

- God still disciplines His *true sons* (Heb. 12:4-13)
 - “for our good, so that we may share His holiness” (10)
 - “afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness” (11)