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JESUS AND SOLOMON – THE BELOVED COMPARED

The New Testament of the bible is the prophetic fulfillment of the Old Testament. We can compare the prophetic “types” of the O.T. with its companion fulfillment in the N.T.

I have never heard taught anywhere that King Solomon portrayed such a foreshadowed type of Jesus, the King of Kings, yet I now see it having noted that both were called the “Beloved” of Almighty God.

First, there is the wisdom. Solomon’s God-given wisdom was renowned throughout the world. People, like the Queen of Sheba, came from other countries just to hear his wisdom spoken. Likewise, Jesus was the all-wise one, having the Father’s wisdom daily imparted to Him, and people from many regions marveled at what He spoke and taught.

Secondly, peace was a marker. Solomon reigned for forty years in peace. There were no wars or conflict with neighboring countries. No other King in all of Israel’s history had such peace. Jesus is the true peace giver. Just as Solomon had peace, so Jesus brings peace to our souls.

Thirdly is gold. Solomon acquired so much gold that he made 200 large shields (targets) with 120,000 shekels of gold and 300 ordinary size shields using 900 pounds of gold; and all his drinking vessels were gold; along with his large ornate throne which was ivory overlaid with gold. Jesus is the King of the city where even the streets are made of gold.

Fourthly, under Solomon the kingdom of Israel was established in such a way that there was none comparable to it. It was a kingdom to be admired above all others of its time. Likewise, Jesus, the King of Kings, establishes His heavenly kingdom which has nothing to compare to it. He will also establish an earthly kingdom above all other kingdoms; past, present, and future.

Even though Solomon failed in his later years, he still represented a prophetic type of the Messiah. Jesus will never fail; in this alone do they differ. We serve the eternal King of Kings. Hallelujah!