

King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter— Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. They were from nations about which the LORD had told the Israelites, "You must not intermarry with them,

because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods." Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love. He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. As Solomon grew old, his wives turned

his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been. He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites.



So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the LORD; he did not follow the LORD completely, as David his father had done. On a hill east of Jerusalem, Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable god of Moab, and for Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites.

He did the same for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and offered sacrifices to their gods. The LORD became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. Although he had forbidden

Solomon to follow other gods, Solomon did not keep the LORD's command. So the LORD said to Solomon, "Since this is your attitude and you have not kept my covenant and my decrees, which I commanded you, I will most certainly tear the kingdom away

from you and give it to one of your subordinates. Nevertheless, for the sake of David your father, I will not do it during your lifetime. I will tear it out of the hand of your son. Yet I will not tear the whole kingdom from him, but will give him



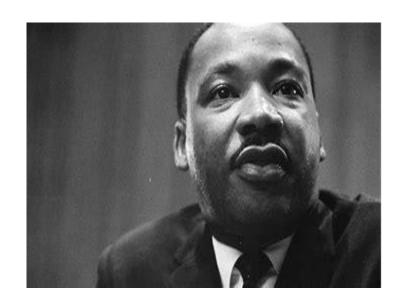
one tribe for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."



What is a hero?







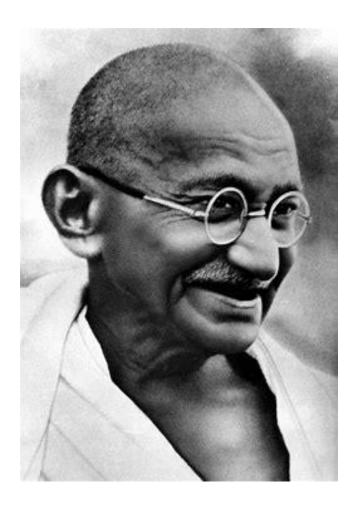
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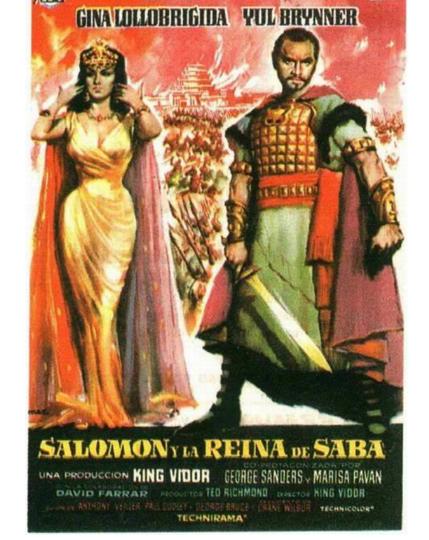
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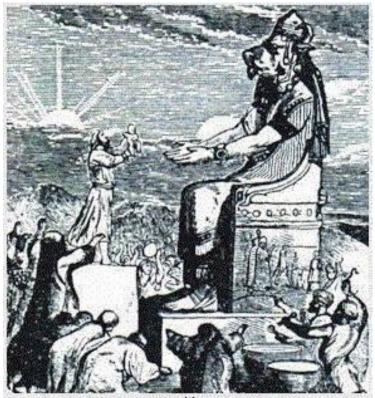
Solomon: The King

- He was anointed King of Israel in Gihon
- During his reign, he made Israel a world power and great wealth flowed into the kingdom.
- He had such great wisdom from God that people came from distant lands to hear him.
- Increased trade and set up a tax system
- There came a time when Solomon would get 666 talents of gold a year
- He had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen
- Set an extensive building campaign:
 - Palace (also called House of Forest of Lebanon)
 - Temple
 - Walls
 - Citadel (Millo)
 - A palace for the daughter of the pharaoh
 - storage cities





Moloch



Offering a child to Molech. The statue (idol) depicts the false god Molech (Moloch); it is hollow and was filled with burning embers until it glowed hot red. Then the offering (child) was placed alive in Molech's burning hands, devouring the child in a horribly painful inferno.





2 Samuel 7: 12-18

I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for My name and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.





Isaiah 7

Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.



