

El Shaddai Ministries

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SONG OF SOLOMON

Cast of Characters:

King Solomon /Shepherd /Shulamite /Shulamites' family /Daughters of Jerusalem
(Solomon's entourage)

The Plot:

King Solomon is enticing the Shulamite with all that the world has to offer, yet the Shulamite is being pulled away with cords of love by a Shepherd who would be King! A prophetic story of the Messiah wooing His bride to fulfill her calling in being one with Him and working the harvest together.

The key to understanding is knowing who is doing the talking.

She always refers to him as "my beloved"

Song 5:4 **My beloved** put in **his** hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him.

He always refers to her as "my love"

Song 4:1 Behold, you are beautiful, **My love**. Behold, you are beautiful; your eyes are like doves' from behind **your veil**;

Song 2:10 **My beloved** spake, and said unto me,
"Rise up, **my love**, my fair one, and come away."

The Story is divided into 6 acts:

- I. Shulamites Double mindedness {1:2-2:7} She falls asleep
- II. The Shepherd calls her to Himself and His work {2:8-3:5} She falls asleep again
- III. The Shulamite searches for her Beloved {3:6-5:2} She falls asleep again
- IV. The Shulamite searches for her Beloved again {5:3-6:10} True Repentance
- V. The Shulamite joins her Beloved working the Harvest {6:11-8:4} Enters into Rest
- VI. The Shulamite enjoys full communion with Shepherd {8:5-8:14} Sanctification

Song 1:1 The song of songs, which is Solomon's.

1Ki 4:32 And he spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were a thousand and five.

Historical Background:

1Sa 8:7-21 And the LORD said to Samuel, Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you. For they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even until this day--works with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods-- so they do also to you. And now listen to their voice. Only, you shall surely protest solemnly to them, and show them the kind of king who shall reign over them. And Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who asked a king of him. And he said, This will be the privilege of the king who shall reign over you. *He shall take your sons and appoint them for **himself**, for **his** chariots, and **his** horsemen. And they shall run before **his** chariots. And he will appoint commanders over thousands, and commanders over fifties, and some to plow **his** ground and reap **his** harvest, and make **his** weapons of war and weapons for **his** chariots. And he will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. And he will take your fields and your vineyards and your olive-yards, the best, and give them to his servants. And he will take the tenth of your seed and of your vineyards, and give it to his eunuchs and to his servants. And he will take your male slaves and your slave girls, and your finest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. He will take the tenth of your sheep, and you shall be his servants. And you shall cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the LORD will not answer you in that day. *But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, No, but we will have a king over us. And we shall be, also we, like all the nations, so that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.* And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them in the ears of the LORD.*

1Ki 9:22 But Solomon did not make any slave out of the sons of Israel. But they were men of war, and his servants, and his rulers, and his commanders, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen. These were the chief of the officers who were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty who ruled over the people who labored in the work.

What the people thought of Solomon's rule:

1Ki 12:9-11 And he said to them, What advice do you give that we may answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, Lighten the yoke which your father put on us? And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, So shall you speak to this people who spoke to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, but

you make it lighter for us, so you shall say to them: My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins. And now my father loaded you with a heavy yoke, and I will add to your yoke. My father has whipped you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

1Ki 5:12 And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league בְּרִית together. And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men. And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levy. And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains; Beside the chief of Solomon's officers which were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work. And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house. And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the stonesquarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

De 7:1,2 When the LORD your God shall bring you into the land where you go to possess it, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, and the LORD your God shall deliver them before you, you shall crush them, completely destroy them. You shall make no covenant בְּרִית with them nor show mercy to them.

1Ch 28:11-19 And David gave to his son Solomon the pattern of the porch, and of its houses, and of its treasuries, and of its upper rooms, and of its innermost rooms, and of the place of the mercy-seat, and the pattern of all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the rooms all around the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the holy things; And for the divisions of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD; even gold by weight for things of gold, for all instruments of every kind of service; silver for all the vessels of silver by weight, for all vessels every kind of service; and by weight for the lampstands of gold, and for their lamps of gold, with the weight of each lampstand and its lamps. And he gave for the lampstands of silver by weight, for the lampstand and for its lamps, according to the use of each lampstand; and by weight gold for the tables of the showbread, for every table; silver for the tables of silver; and pure gold for the flesh-hooks, and the bowls, and the cups; and for the golden basins by weight for each basin, and by weight for each basin of silver; and the altar of incense refined gold by weight, and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubs, who spread out their wings, and covered

the ark of the covenant of the LORD. All was in writing from the hand of the LORD. He made me understand all the work of this pattern.

1Ch 29:1-8,16,19 And David the king said to all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is young and tender, and the work is great. For the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God. And I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things of gold, and **the silver** for things of silver, and **the bronze** for things of bronze, **the iron** for things of iron, and **wood** for things of wood, **onyx stones**, and stones to be set, and also stones of antimony, and stones of many colors, and every precious stone, and stones of alabaster, **in abundance**. And also, because I have delighted in the house of my God, out of my own treasure of gold and silver I have given to the house of my God over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses; the gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all kinds of work by the hands of skillful workers. And who is willing to consecrate his service this day to the LORD? And the chiefs of the fathers, and the rulers of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly. And they gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents of gold and ten thousand darics, and ten thousand talents of silver, and eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. And he who had precious stones gave to the treasury of the house of the LORD by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite.

16 O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name comes from Your hand, and is all Your own.

19 And give to Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep Your commandments, Your testimonies, and Your statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the magnificent house for which I have made ready.

1Ki 6:1 And it happened in the four hundred and eightieth year after the sons of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, he began to build the house of the LORD.

1Ki 6:37,38 In the fourth year, in the month Zif, the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished as to all its parts, and as to all its plans. So he was seven years in building it.

1Ki 7:1 And Solomon was thirteen years building his own house. And he finished all his house.

1Ki 7:2 He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.

1Ki 7:8b Solomon made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken to wife,

Ps 127:1 A Song of degrees for Solomon. Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD keeps the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

2Ch 6:1,2 And Solomon said, The LORD has said that He would dwell in the thick darkness. And I have built a house for You to live in, and a place for Your dwelling forever.

2Ch 6:18 But truly will God in deed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, Heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You! How much less this house which I have built?

2Ch 6:32-34 And also to the stranger who is not of Your people Israel, but has come from a far country for Your great name's sake, and Your mighty hand, and Your stretched out arm, if they come and pray in this house; then hear from Heaven, from Your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the stranger calls to You for, so that all people of the earth may know Your name, and fear You, as Your people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by Your name. If Your people go out to war against their enemies by the way that You shall send them, and if they pray to You toward this city which You have chosen, and the house which I have built for Your name,

2Ch 6:38 if they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity where they have carried them captives, and if they pray toward their land which You gave to their fathers and toward the city which You have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for Your name;

Ec 2:11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done, and on the labor that I had labored to do; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit; and there is no profit under the sun.

1Ch 17:4-7 Go and tell David My servant, So says the LORD, You shall not build Me a house to dwell in. For I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Israel until today, but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another. Wherever I have walked with all Israel, did I speak a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed My people, saying, Why have you not

built Me a house of cedars? And now you shall say this to My servant David, So says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, so that you should be ruler over My people Israel.

A CLOSER LOOK AT SOLOMON:

Solomon lived 400 to 500 years after the Torah was given to Moses. Israel was very familiar with its instructions, especially when it came to a King, as the Torah was very specific concerning a King. Israel also had gone through two Kings already.

De 17:14,15 When you come to the land which the LORD your God gives you, and shall possess it and shall live in it and shall say, I will set a king over me, like all the nations around me, you shall surely set a king over you, whom the LORD your God shall choose. You shall set a king over you from among your brothers. You may not set a stranger over you, who is not your brother.

De 17:18-20 And it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write a copy of this law in a book from before the priests the Levites. And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, so that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law, and these statutes, to do them, so that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he does not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that he may make his days longer in his kingdom, he and his sons, in the midst of Israel.

De 17:16a But he shall not multiply horses to himself,

1Ki 4:26 And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

1Ki 10:28,29 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price. And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.

De 17:17a Nor shall he multiply wives to himself, so that his heart does not turn away.

1Ki 11:1-4 And king Solomon loved many foreign women, even the daughter of Pharaoh, Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, Hittites; of the nations which the LORD had said to the sons of Israel, You shall not go in to them, and they shall not go in to you; surely they will turn away your heart after their gods. Solomon clung to these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. For it happened when

Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods. And his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

Not only did he multiply wives but foreign wives.

De 17:17b Nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold to himself.

1Ki 10:21 And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

1Ki 10:27 And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycamore trees that are in the vale, for abundance.

De 8:10-14,17 And you shall eat and be satisfied, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you. Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command you today, lest when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and lived in them, and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart might be lifted up, and you might forget the LORD your God who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slaves. And so that you might not say in your heart, My power and the might of my hand has gotten me this wealth.

Eze 28:2-5 Son of man, say to the ruler of Tyre. So says the Lord Jehovah: Because your heart is lifted up, and you have said, I am a god, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet you are a man and not God, though you set your heart as the heart of gods; Behold, you are wiser than Daniel; all secret things are not hidden from you! With your wisdom and with your understanding you have made riches for yourselves, and have worked gold and silver into your treasures. By your great wisdom and by your trade you have multiplied your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches.

1Ki 5:12 And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league בְּרִית together.

1Ki 9:11 (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

1Ki 9:12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not.

De 17:19,20 And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, so that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law, and these statutes, to do them, so that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers,

Ec 1:16 I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I have become great and have acquired wisdom more than all they that have been before me over Jerusalem; and my heart hath seen much of wisdom and knowledge.

Ec 2:4 I made **my** works great; I built houses for **myself**; I planted vineyards for **myself**.

5 I made gardens and orchards for **myself**, And I planted trees in them, of all fruit.

6 I made pools of water for **myself**, to water the forest shooting forth trees.

7 I bought slaves and slave women, and sons of the house were mine; also livestock, a herd and a great flock were mine, above all that were before me in Jerusalem.

8 I also gathered silver and gold to **myself**, and the treasure of kings and of the provinces. I got men singers and women singers for **myself**, and the delights of the sons of men, a wife and very many wives.

9 I was great and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem; also **my** wisdom remained with **me**.

10 And whatever **my** eyes desired I did not keep from them; I did not withhold **my** heart from any joy; for **my** heart rejoiced in all **my** labor, and this was **my** part of all **my** labor.

11 Then I looked on all the works that **my** hands had done, and on the labor that I had labored to do; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit; and there is no profit under the sun.

12 And I turned to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly; for what can the man do who comes after the king, when they have already done it?

13 Then I saw that wisdom excels folly, as far as light excels darkness.

14 The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walks in darkness; and I also knew that one event happens to all of them.

15 Then I said in my heart, As it happens to the fool, so it happens even to **me**; and why was I then more wise? And I said in **my** heart that this also is vanity.

16 For there is no memory of the wise more than of the fool forever, since that which is now shall all be forgotten in the days to come. And how does the wise die above the fool!

17 Therefore I hated life; because the work that is done under the sun is sad to **me**; for all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

18 Yes, I hated all my labor which I had done under the sun; that I must leave it to the man who shall be after me.

19 And who knows whether he shall be wise or a fool? Yet he shall have rule over all **my** labor in which **I** have labored, and acted wisely under the sun. This is also vanity.

Ec 8:15 So I commended enjoyment, because a man has nothing better under the sun than to eat, drink, and be merry;

Lu 12:15-21,27 And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. "And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' "So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." "But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

1Ki 4:30,31 Thus Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men-than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was in all the surrounding nations.

1Ki 10:23-25 So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. Now all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. Each man brought his present: articles of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year.

Eze 16:11-21 I decked you also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon your hands, and a chain on your neck. And I put a jewel on your forehead, and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown upon your head. Thus were you decked with gold and silver; and your raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and brodered work; you didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and you were exceeding beautiful, and you didst prosper into a kingdom. And your renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon you, saith the Lord GOD. But you didst trust in your own beauty, and played the harlot because of your renown, and poured out your fornications on every one that passed by; his it was. And of your garments you didst take, and decked your high places with divers colors, and played the harlot thereupon: the like things shall not come, neither shall it be so. You hast also taken your fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given you, and made to yourself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them, And took your brodered garments, and covered them: and

you hast set my oil and my incense before them. My meat also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, wherewith I fed thee, you hast even set it before them for a sweet savour: and thus it was, saith the Lord GOD. Moreover you hast taken your sons and your daughters, whom you hast borne unto me, and these have you sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Is this of your whoredoms a small matter, That you have slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them?

1Ki 10:13,14 Now King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba all she desired, whatever she asked, besides what Solomon had given her according to the royal generosity. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants. The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold, 666

De 7:1-5 "When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, "and when the LORD your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them. "Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son. "For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly. "But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire.

1Ki 11:5-11 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not fully follow the LORD, as did his father David. Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, *on the hill that is east of Jerusalem*, and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon. And he did likewise for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods. So the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not keep what the LORD had commanded. Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant.

Le 18:21 And you shall not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shall you profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

Jer 32:35 And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

1Ki 11:31-33 And he said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces, for thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and will give ten tribes to you' (but he shall have one tribe for the sake of My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel), 'because they have forsaken Me, and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the people of Ammon, and have not walked in My ways to do what is right in My eyes and keep My statutes and My judgments, as did his father David.

1Ki 12:28,29 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan.

1Ki 12:30 And this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one, even to Dan. And he made a house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, who were not the sons of Levi. And Jeroboam ordered a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that is in Judah. And he offered on the altar. So he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. And he offered on the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the month which he had devised out of his own heart. And he ordered a feast for the sons of Israel.

1Ki 13:1,2 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD: Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, **Josiah by name**; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee. / Then Over 300 years later:

2Ki 23:11-14 Then he (King Josiah) removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun, at the entrance to the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-Melech, the officer who was in the court; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire. The altars that were on the roof, the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, the king broke down and pulverized there, and threw their dust into the Brook Kidron. Then the king defiled the high places

that were east of Jerusalem, which were on the south of the Mount of Corruption, which Solomon king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians, for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the people of Ammon. And he broke in pieces the sacred pillars and cut down the wooden images, and filled their places with the bones of men.

2Ki 23:15-17 Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove. And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words. Then he said, What title is that that I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Bethel. / Then Over 100 years later:

Ne 13:23-27 In those days I also saw Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab. And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and could not speak the language of Judah, but spoke according to the language of one or the other people. So I contended with them and cursed them, struck some of them and pulled out their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, "You shall not give your daughters as wives to their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons or yourselves. "Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things?" Yet among many nations there was no king like him, who was beloved of his God; and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless pagan women caused even him to sin. "Should we then hear of your doing all this great evil, transgressing against our God by marrying pagan women?"

1Ki 9:1-8 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished building the house of the LORD and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he wanted to do, that the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon. And the LORD said to him: "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. "Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, "then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.' "But if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, "then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have

consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight. Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. "And as for this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and will hiss, and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?'

De 28:15,37 "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: De "And you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations where the LORD will drive you.

1Ki 8:62-64 And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD. And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD. The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brasen altar that was before the LORD was too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

#6996. קטן kaw-tawn' figuratively (in age or importance):--least, less(-er)

Isa 40:15,16 Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering.

1Sa 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

Ho 6:6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

Mic 6:7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

De 17:18-20 And it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write a copy of this law in a book...

Mt 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Deut 17:16a,17 But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

יִרְבֶּה yirbeh, He shall not multiply

רָבָה rabah, He did not multiply

Solomon has changed the tense of the verb! Now instead of an imperative "He shall not" it implies his past multiplication of wives would not have the effect of leading his heart astray.

By changing the tense it no longer is an imperative not to multiply wives but a statement implying that his past multiplication of wives will not have the effect of leading his heart astray.

In a famous midrash (Exodus Rabbah 6:1) Solomon arose and studied the reason God gave the commandment saying: "Why did God command, 'He shall not multiply wives for himself?' Was it not just to keep his heart from turning away? Well I will multiply wives and my heart will not turn away!"

In all his great wisdom Solomon supposed he understood the reasoning behind the commandment thinking "If I keep my heart from going astray then I am free to multiply wives!

Because he understood the principle of the law he did not need to obey the literal meaning of it.

The rationale is "I understand what the Torah really meant by such and such a commandment, therefore I don't need to actually keep that commandment!"

The midrash continues: At that time the ך of the word יִרְבֶּה went up to heaven and prostrated itself before God and said, "Master of the universe! Didn't you say that no letter should ever be abolished from the Torah? Behold Solomon has now arisen and abolished one. Who knows? Today he has abolished one letter tomorrow he will abolish another until the whole Torah will be nullified!" God replied, "Solomon and a thousand like him will pass away, but the smallest tittle will not be erased from you."

The midrash continues in regard to this verse:

1Kgs 11:4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods...

It would have been better for Solomon to clean sewers than to have this verse eternally written of him. In Christian theology we have erased whole sentences and chapters of the Torah because we have assumed ourselves to be wiser than the

Torah. We have taken our cues from King Solomon rather than King Yeshua and if that is true it would be better if we cleaned sewers than to play at theology.