

*"The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here."*  
Matthew 12:42

The name "Solomon" evokes visions of opulent wealth and power. The greatest ruler ever born to man, outside of Jesus Christ, was renowned for his wisdom and riches.



Gold was so plentiful in his kingdom that silver was almost worthless. The Queen of Sheba and her caravan traveled hundreds of miles to see for themselves, and her comment was, *"The half was not told me."* Given men's ability to embellish and exaggerate, I don't doubt that the stories that reached Sheba were grandiose to say the least. However, Solomon was so great that men could not exaggerate his greatness. Our Lord Jesus renders King Solomon a candle in sunlight by comparison. Like Solomon, His reign will be peaceful and great. God's Word tells us that He will sit on David's throne for a thousand years. He will rule with a *"rod of iron."* Today there is no greater symbol of power and wealth than the United States of America. The reason the United States is great is because, like Solomon's reign, it were founded on and governed by Divine principle. It is God that makes a nation great, or destroys it. His favor rests with the faithful, and His wrath awaits the wicked.

*"...The longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men, and if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that 'except the Lord build the House they labor in vain that build it.'" ~Benjamin Franklin*

Power belongs to God alone, and those who think to rule the world, including the great angel, Lucifer, have forgotten that *"it is written,"* one *"greater than Solomon"* is coming to rule and reign forever and ever.

*"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." Revelation 22:20-21*