



## A Comparison of Solomon and Jesus—Challenge

<b>Solomon</b>	<b>Jesus</b>
<b>Son of David</b>	
<p>So it was, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly and said, Blessed be the Lord this day, for <b>He has given David a wise son</b> over this great people! (1 Kings 5:7)</p>	<p>The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the <b>Son of David</b>, the Son of Abraham. (Matthew 1:1)</p> <p>And he cried out, saying, “Jesus, <b>Son of David</b>, have mercy on me!” (Luke 18:38)</p>
<b>A Beloved Son</b>	
<p>And (David) called his name Solomon. Now <b>the Lord loved him</b>, and He sent word by the hand of Nathan the prophet: So he called his name Jedidiah [<b>“Beloved by Jehovah”</b>], because of the Lord. (2 Samuel 12:24, 25)</p>	<p>[At Jesus’ baptism] And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, <b>“This is My beloved Son</b>, in whom I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:17)[When Jesus was transfigured:] And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, <b>“This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!”</b> (Luke 9:35)</p>
<b>Wisdom</b>	
<p>And <b>God gave Solomon wisdom</b> and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore. (1 Kings 4:29)</p> <p>And men of all nations, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom, <b>came to hear the wisdom of Solomon.</b> (1 Kings 4:34)</p>	<p>And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, <b>filled with wisdom</b>; and the grace of God was upon Him. (Luke 2:40, 52)</p> <p>And when He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, <b>“Where did this Man get this wisdom</b> and these mighty works? (Matthew 13:54; Mark 6:2)</p>
<b>Hailed as King</b>	
<p>So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites went down and <b>had Solomon ride on King David’s mule</b>, and took him to Gihon.... And they blew the horn, and all the people said, <b>“Long live King Solomon!”</b> And <b>all the people rejoiced with great joy</b>, so that the earth seemed to split with their sound. (1 Kings 1:38-40)</p>	<p>“Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and <b>sitting on a donkey</b>, a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” They brought the <b>donkey</b> and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and <b>set Him on them</b>. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the <b>multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out</b>, saying: <b>“Hosanna to the Son of David!</b> ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ Hosanna in the highest!” (Matthew 21:5-9)</p>
<b>The Queen of Sheba’s Testimony</b>	
<p>And when the <b>queen of Sheba</b> had seen all the wisdom of Solomon... she said to the king: <b>“...Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard.</b> Happy are your men and happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom! (1 Kings 10:4-8)</p>	<p>The <b>queen of the South</b> will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed <b>a greater than Solomon is here.</b> (Matthew 12:42; Luke 11:31)</p>

<b>Solomon</b>	<b>Jesus</b>
<b>The Throne of His Father David</b>	
Then Solomon sat on <b>the throne of his father David</b> ; and his kingdom was firmly established. (1 Kings 2:12)	He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him <b>the throne of His father David</b> . (Luke 1:32)
<b>Rulers Bring Gifts</b>	
Hiram the <b>king</b> of Tyre had supplied Solomon with <b>cedar and cypress and gold</b> , as much as he desired. (1 Kings 9:11)  The <b>queen</b> of Sheba <b>gave</b> the king one hundred and twenty talents of <b>gold, spices</b> in great quantity, and <b>precious stones</b> . (1 Kings 10:10)	And when they had opened their treasures, <b>they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh</b> . (Matthew 2:11) The <b>kings</b> of Tarshish and of the isles <b>will bring presents</b> ; The <b>kings</b> of Sheba and Seba <b>will offer gifts</b> . (Psalms 72:10)
<b>Anointed</b>	
Then Zadok the priest took a horn of oil from the tabernacle and <b>anointed</b> Solomon. (1 Kings 1:39)	The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has <b>anointed</b> Me To preach the gospel to the poor. (Luke 4:18) He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the <b>Messiah</b> " (which is translated, the <b>Christ</b> ). (John 1:41) ["Christ" and "Messiah" mean " <b>Anointed</b> ."]
<b>Women Bringing Spices</b>	
There never again came such abundance of <b>spices</b> as the <b>queen of Sheba</b> gave to King Solomon. (1 Kings 10:10)	As He sat at the table, a <b>woman</b> came having an alabaster flask of very costly <b>oil of spikenard</b> . Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head. (Mark 14:3) Now when the Sabbath was past, <b>Mary Magdalene, Mary</b> the mother of James, and <b>Salome bought spices</b> , that they might come and anoint Him. (1Mark 16:1)
<b>Raising Up the Temple</b>	
So the Lord has fulfilled His word which He spoke; and I have filled the position of my father David, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the Lord promised; <b>and I have built a temple</b> for the name of the Lord God of Israel.... But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less <b>this temple which I have built!</b> (1 Kings 8:20, 27)	But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its <b>temple</b> . (Revelation 21:22) Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days <b>I will raise it up</b> ." Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of <b>the temple of His body</b> . (John 2:19-21)
<b>A Home for Himself</b>	
But Solomon took thirteen years <b>to build his own house</b> ; so he finished all his house. (1 Kings 7:1)	In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. <b>I go to prepare a place for you</b> .... If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and <b>make Our home with him</b> . (John 14:2, 23)