

***Study Guide on***  
***1 Kings 3:16-28, 2 Chronicles 9:8***  
**King James Version**

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.  
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

**1 Kings 3:16-28**

(1 Kings 3:16) Then came there two women, *that were* harlots, unto the king, and stood before him.

(1 Kings 3:17) And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.

(1 Kings 3:18) And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we *were* together; *there was* no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house.

(1 Kings 3:19) And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it.

(1 Kings 3:20) And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

(1 Kings 3:21) And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.

(1 Kings 3:22) And the other woman said, Nay; but the living *is* my son, and the dead *is* thy son. And this said, No; but the dead *is* thy son, and the living *is* my son. Thus they spake before the king.

(1 Kings 3:23) Then said the king, The one saith, This *is* my son that liveth, and thy son *is* the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son *is* the dead, and my son *is* the living.

(1 Kings 3:24) And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.

(1 Kings 3:25) And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

(1 Kings 3:26) Then spake the woman whose the living child *was* unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, *but divide it*.

(1 Kings 3:27) Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she *is* the mother thereof.

(1 Kings 3:28) And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God *was* in him, to do judgment.

## **2 Chronicles 9:8**

(2 Chronicles 9:8) Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, *to be* king for the LORD thy God: because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice.

**Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:**

### **Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study**

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?

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