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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:
A1520 ~ Peace in Israel.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

After Solomon had reigned four years and Israel was at peace, Solomon started the preparations for building God's Temple. He also wanted to build a new palace closer to the Temple and nearby buildings too. The Temple was to be built on Mount Moriah. This was the place where God tested Abraham to see if he loved his promised son Isaac more than he loved God. This was also the site where David had bought the threshing floor to worship God and stop a plague from killing the people.

Solomon had a clear understanding that his riches, fame and power had been given to him by God. God had given him more wisdom and understanding than anyone before or after him. God also promised him a long life if Solomon obeyed God, and gave him peace with the surrounding nations, plus honour and wealth. All these were things Solomon hadn't asked for.

The Bible says seeking after wealth is a snare. A famous poet of the 19th century once said that a person must worship something. And that something is whatever dominates our imagination and thoughts. Our thoughts and dreams will thus determine our lives and character. We must be careful what we worship because we are growing to be like what we are worshipping. The Lord Jesus warned in Matthew, Chapter 6, that "where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also."

Some people, when they get a good amount of money together, tend to horde it. The money cannot be used for anything but is only to be looked at. Such was not the case of a boy born into a rich European family in 1700. The boy gave his life to Christ and established a Christian community on his estate. From there, the first Protestant missionaries were sent out to places all over the world to tell people about the Lord Jesus Christ. He used what he was given to honour the Lord.

Solomon's kingdom included all the nations from the Euphrates River to Philistia and the Egyptian border. The people paid him taxes and were subject to him for Solomon's lifetime. Solomon appointed twelve men as district governors. They were to provide food from their districts for the king and his household for one month of the year. The list of the palace's daily needs is given in the book of 1 Kings, Chapter 4. It was a huge burden on the people. The governors also had to supply grain and straw for Solomon's work animals and his 52,000 chariot and cavalry horses. Generations before, the prophet Samuel had foretold the Israelites how great a price a king would cost the people. But at that time, they would not listen to Samuel.

When David had wanted to build a palace for himself in Jerusalem, he sought the help of the King of Tyre in getting timber from Lebanon. The two kings became good friends. So Solomon contacted the next king of Tyre, Hiram, and arranged with him the supply of all the cedar and pine logs Solomon wanted. Solomon drafted workmen to go to Lebanon to help cut down the trees. He sent food out for all the workers. He also had the stones for the Temple prepared at the quarry, so that there was no noise made by hammers, axes or any other iron tools as the Temple was being built.

In 1680, soldiers dragged an outspoken preacher away from his home. The preacher's wife had at first thought of trouble ahead and feared in her spirit. But the Lord's words came to her mind: "He does all things well; Trust in the Lord and fear not what man can do." This brought peace to her heart for all the time the soldiers were at the house. She did not act discouraged before them.

News soon arrived that the preacher was to be hanged. His wife rode a horse through a blinding snowstorm to the jail where her husband was being held. She saw him briefly before going to a friend's house to weep and mourn. That day the prosecutor announced that the preacher would be hanged the next day as he deserved.

That night the prosecutor visited a friend but did not end up returning to his own house. Two days later, the prosecutor's body was found in the river, frozen up to his arms in a solid block of ice. The preacher was released and he and his wife lived to a good old age. The Lord's protection was followed by His peace.

Do you have peace with the Lord Jesus? In the trials of life, whether delivered from physical harm or not, let us put complete trust in our trustworthy God to work out the circumstances of our lives!

One writer put it this way: God the Son is called the Prince of Peace. He came into the world with a song of peace. He went out of the world with a legacy of peace: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you." Christ not only prayed for peace, but bled for peace on the cross. He died not only to make peace between God and people, but between person and person.

In the Old Testament book of Isaiah, Chapter 26, it says: "You, (Lord), will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You."

In Philippians, Chapter 4, it says: “Don’t worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. And God’s peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus.”

And Romans, Chapter 5, says: “Now that we have been put right with God through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Have you already been put right with God through our Lord Jesus? If not, ask Him for His peace. Be sure to confess all your wrongdoing and believe that He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

A French aircraft crashed on takeoff in 2000 with a tragically large loss of life. A piece of metal on the runway had caused a tire to burst and debris from the blowout ruptured a fuel tank on the aircraft’s wing. With the plane on fire, the pilot could not halt the takeoff, although he planned to make an emergency landing at a nearby airport. His last words as he fought to save his stricken plane were “too late!”

We have only one life to live. If we fail to make our peace with God before life ends, it will also be too late for us. Pray now for deliverance from the power of evil.

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That was Lisa Bevill singing “Enter into His Gates.”

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