

1st Kings 3 Solomon asks for the weightier matters to enable wise judgment of Israel

Another case that the weightier matters of Torah are the law ^A
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Introduction

These verses are rich with heavy words like wisdom, understanding, discernment, judgment. Although it is interesting what Shlomo asks for ... **understanding** *bene*^{H992} and **discernment** *shomaw*^{H8085} and **judgment** *mishpat*^{H4941} or *shaphat*^{H8199}; I find it more interesting the purpose of the asked for heavy things.

The purpose can be found in 1Ki 3:9 “...an understanding heart **to judge thy people**, that I may discern **between good and bad** ...”; 1Ki 3:11 “...but has asked for thyself understanding to **discern judgment**”.

Thesis – Law is the Weightier Matter of Torah

It is said that Solomon is the wisest man that ever lived which can be clearly demonstrated in 1Ki 3:12 which states that YHVH had given him “...a wise *chacham*^{H2450} and an understanding *venavon*^{H995 biyn} heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.”

My subtitle for this article is that this is another example in scripture to support my claim that “the law is the weightier matter of Torah”. These verses of 1st Kings chapter 3 clearly show us as an example of the weight and gravity of what Solomon asked for from YHVH and for which YHVH granted.

What exactly is weightier than to possess wisdom, understanding, discernment and judgment and should we not be asking of YHVH the same? Should we not be actively pursuing this endeavor and making sacrifices with the limited amounts of time given to us to achieve this objective? In the millennial Kingdom when the nations

^A This was the document “Word-Study-Wisdom-Chet-Chaf-Mem-H2449-to-H2454.doc”

come up to Jerusalem to petition the disputes that they have, to what courts will they go? Will it not be one of the 12 “district” courts run by the 12 tribes of Israel who will adjudicate these matters/disputes?

If you claim to be part of the Hebrew roots movement running around jumping up and down telling everybody and their brother that you are from the House of Israel then with that privilege comes duties, responsibilities and obligations. The ramifications of identifying yourself as Israel is that you will be playing the role as judge and therefore you must be competent in law. You must possess an understanding (*shomea*) heart to judge (*lishpot*) the nations and to discern *lehavin* between good and bad.

For more, see **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem Psa 122** - <https://www.myhebrewbible.com/Article/823>

1st Kings chapter 3 - Relevant Verses of

Besides the main words that I'm using to support my thesis, I've gone ahead and added transliteration of other “heavy” words. I contend that it is a good exercise to read these few verses and test yourself to see if you can identify these important Hebrew words.

1Ki 3:5-10 – Context

1Ki 3:5-10 ⁵ In Gibeon YHVH appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and Elohim said, Ask what I shall give thee. ⁶ And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great *gaddol* ^{H1419} mercy *chesed*, according as he walked ^B *halach* before thee in truth *bEmet*, and in righteousness *uvitsdakah*, and in uprightness *veyishrat* of heart *levav* with thee; and thou hast kept *vattishmor* for him this great kindness *hachessed*, that thou hast given him a son to sit ^C *yoshev* on his throne, as *it is* this day. ⁷ And now, O YHVH my God *Elohai*, thou hast made thy servant *avdecha* king *himlachta* instead of David my father: and I *am but* a little child: I know ^D *yada* not *how* to go out or come in. ⁸ And thy servant *is* in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great *rav* people, that cannot be numbered *yimmaneh* nor counted *yissafer* ^{H5608} for multitude *mero*. ⁹ Give therefore thy servant an understanding *shomea* ^{E H8085} heart to judge *lishpot* ^{H8199 mishpat} thy people, that I may discern *lehavin* ^{H995 biyn} between good and bad: for who is able to judge *lishpot* this thy so great ^F *hakkaved* a people? ¹⁰ And the speech pleased *adonai*, that Solomon had asked this thing.

^B Our walk in the law is our *halacha*

^C It is my understanding that the root word and meaning of Shabbat is to cease from work and to **sit** down.

^D Another heavy word, *Yada*, to know intimately.

^E Here the translation for understanding is *shomea* which is the same root of Deu 6:4 “Hear (*shema*) O Israel...”. The context is a legal one like when a judge **hears** the case before him.

^F Great is not translated as *gaddol* like in 1Ki 3:6, but here it is *hakkaved* (from *kaved*) which means heavy, like the weightier matters of Torah.

1Ki 3:11-12 – God gives *Shlomo* understanding to discern judgment

¹¹ And Elohim said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding *lehavin* to discern *lishmoa* ^{H8085} judgment *mishpot* ^{H4941}; ¹² Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise *chacham* ^{H2450} and an understanding *venavon* ^{H995} *biyn* heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

Final Thought

How does this story of King Solomon relate to the American Birthright where I claim that Americans are sovereigns (or at least have that capacity)? I will leave this for you as an exercise. Hint, what type of king is King Solomon patterned after, and what type of king are the American sovereigns patterned after?

More verses with heavy words

Before I do a word study,^G I thought I would give more examples of verses that possess these “heavy” words

Job 32:9 – a verse these words *chakam*, *binyn* and *mishpat*

Great ^{H7227} *rav* men are not *always* wise: ^{H2449} *chakam* neither do the aged ^{H2205} *zaqen* understand ^{H995} *binyn* judgment. ^{H4941} *mishpat*

Col 1:9 KJV - Greek related words

For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge ^{G1922} *epignosis* of his will in all wisdom ^{G4678} *sophia* and spiritual ^{G4152} *pneumatikos* understanding; ^{G4907} *sunesis*

^G Note. This document was modified such that the word study was moved to Word-Study-of-some-Heavy-Chevy-words, article #???

Word-Study-of-some-Heavy-Chevy-words – Table of Content

Chochmah, Binah, and Da'at

Beyn – Bet Yood Noon

H995 biyn

See also H998 and H999

Dalet Ayin [Hey] or [Tav]

See also H1843, H1844 and H1847, (maybe H1862 darda KJC:1)

Yada – Yod Dalet [Hey]

See also H3045 (maybe H4093, H4486)

Noon Chaf Resh

H5234 nakar

ToDo Search H5234

Ayin Yod Nood

H5869 'ayin

ToDo Search H5234

shama – Sheen Mem Ayin

H8085 shama'

[Mi]Shaphat – [Mem] Sheen Pey Tet

H4941 mishpat

H8199 shaphat

Chet Caf Mem

H2449 chakam

H2450 chakam

Chet Caf Mem Hey

H2451 chokmah

H2452 chokmah

Chet Caf Mem *

H2453 chakmoniy

H2454 chokmoth

tav sheen yood hey

Words translated as Wisdom that aren't from the root Chet Chaf Mem

H8454 tushiyah