"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, <u>behold</u>, a greater than Solomon is here." Matthew 12:42 KJV

The name "Solomon" evokes visions of wisdom, opulent wealth, and power. The greatest ruler ever born to man, outside of Jesus Christ, renowned for his wisdom and riches with gold so plentiful in his kingdom, silver was almost worthless! The queen of Sheba "came to



Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not. And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her. And she said to the king, 'It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard. Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee." 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, powerful, 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 was 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. Ben Franklin said, "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." He quotes from Scripture. "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." Psalm 127:1 I wonder how many of our nation's leaders even read the Bible?

> Far greater than Creation's Span, He was before all time began, He is the wealth of ev'ry man, He calls Himself the Great I AM! ~CGP

"The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will, and setteth up over it the basest of men." Power belongs to God alone, and those who think to rule the world, including the great angel, Lucifer, have forgotten, 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 KJV