

Land and decided that they wanted a king, the king was not to do certain things.

What were these things?

In Deuteronomy 17:16 the king was not to multiply horses for himself, lest he cause the people to return to Egypt to purchase more horses.

In Deuteronomy 17:17 the king was not to multiply wives for himself, lest his heart be turned away from the Lord to the gods of his wives.

In Deuteronomy 17:17 the king was not to greatly increase silver and gold for himself.

These are clear, unambiguous commands of the Lord!

Now moving back to Solomon's time we ask, "How did Solomon respond to these clear commands?"

What about the command not to multiply horses? How did Solomon respond?

In 1 Kings 4:26 Solomon is said to have had 4,000 stalls for his chariot horses, and 12,000 horses.

What about the command not to multiply wives? How did Solomon respond?

In 1 Kings 11:3-8 Solomon is said to have had 700 wives (princesses) and 300 concubines, and that his wives turned his heart away.

These verses tell us that when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the Lord his God. He went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after Milcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites; he built a high place on the Mount of Olives for