

much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Sol'o-mon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

3. And Sol'o-mon told her all her questions: there was not *any* thing hid from the king, which he told her not.

4. And when the queen of She'ba had seen all Sol'o-mon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.

9. Blessed be the Lord thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Is'ra-el: because the Lord loved Is'ra-el forever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

10. And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of She'ba gave to king Sol'o-mon.

3 with him of all that was in her heart. And Sol'o-mon told her all her questions: there was not anything hid from the king which he told her not. And when the queen of She'ba had seen all the wisdom of Sol'o-mon, 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, to set thee on the throne of Is'ra-el: because the Lord loved Is'ra-el forever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice. And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of She'ba gave to king Sol'o-mon.

TIME.—Toward the beginning of the tenth century before Christ; perhaps about 992. **PLACE.**—Jerusalem. Sheba, from which the queen came, was the great spice country of the ancient world; a part of Arabia, now known as Yemen.

HOME READINGS.

- M.* The Fame of Solomon. 1 Kings 10, 1-13.
Tu. Excelling in greatness. 1 Kings 10, 14-23.
W. World-wide renown. 1 Kings 10, 24-29.
Th. Unsatisfying. Eccles. 2, 1-11.
F. Supremacy of God. Psalm 89, 1-8.
S. A greater than Solomon. Matt. 12, 38-42.
S. The glory of Christ. Rev. 1, 9-18.

LESSON HYMNS.

No. 50, New Canadian Hymnal.

Oh, safe to the Rock that is higher than I.

No. 52, New Canadian Hymnal.

The Lord's our Rock, in him we hide.

No. 27, New Canadian Hymnal.

The Church's one foundation.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR SCHOLARS.

- 1. What the Queen Heard,** v. 1-3.
 Who was the Queen of Sheba?
 In what quarter of the world did she live? (Matt. 12, 42.)
 What is known concerning Sheba?
 What custom common among orientals is suggested by verse 1?
 What does this visit show in regard to Solomon's fame?
 What act of the king may have brought him to her notice? (1 Kings 9, 26.)
 What did she bring to Jerusalem?
 What did she do when she came?
 What did she hear from the king?
 To what King should we give heed? (See Psalm 85, 8.)
- 2. What the Queen Saw,** v. 4, 5.
 What were the things which she saw?
 What was the "ascent to the house of the Lord?"
 What was the effect on herself of her observations?
- 3. What the Queen Said,** v. 6-9.
 What did she say about what she had heard?
 What commentary was only a few years later furnished on verse 8? (1 Kings 12, 4.)
 How had the queen at first regarded the reports of Solomon's wisdom and glory?
 What did she now say of them?

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