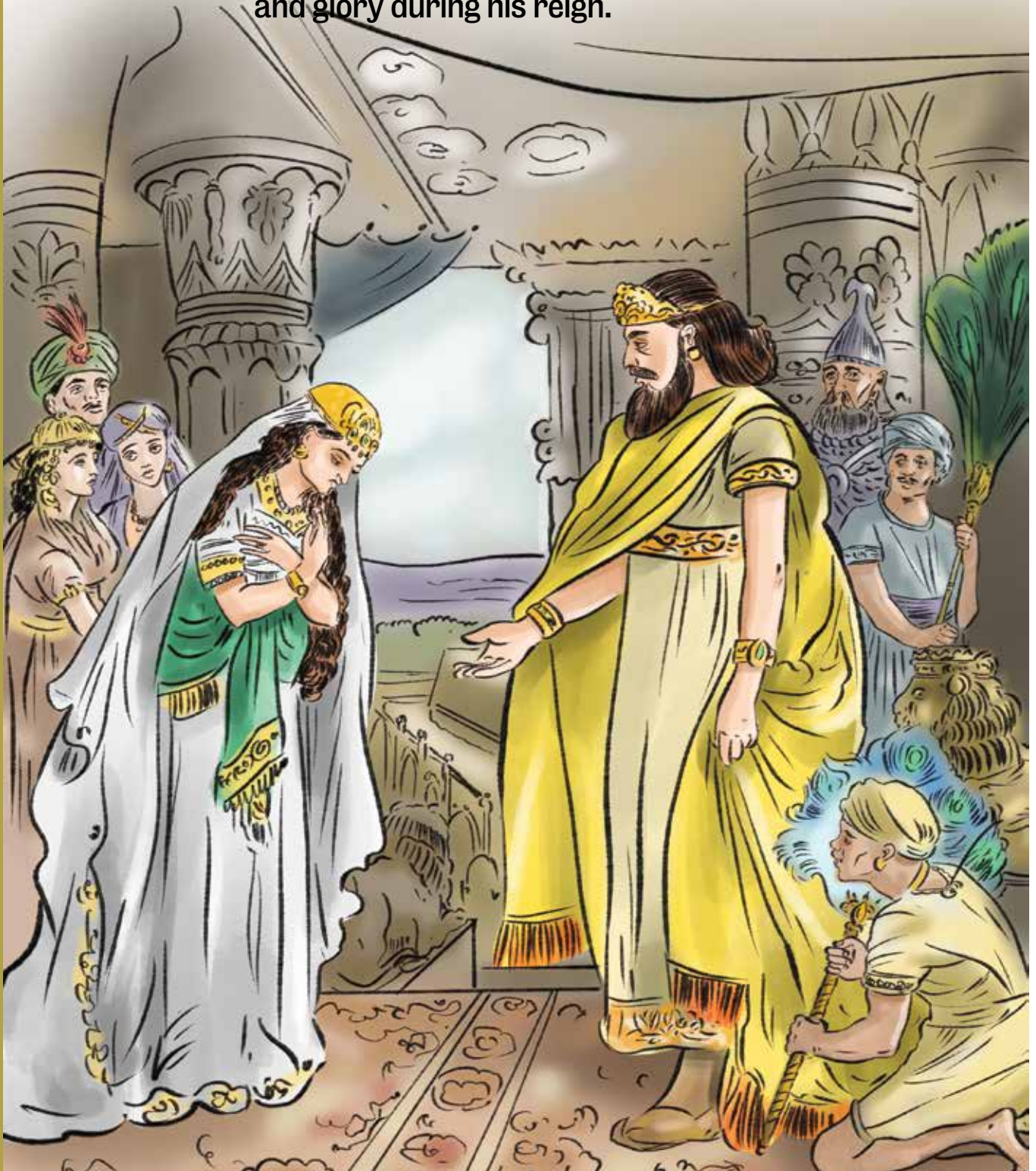


King Solomon



David chose Solomon as his successor and the united kingdom of Israel reached the height of its splendour and glory during his reign.



Solomon had a vision of God speaking to him while he was in Gibeon to offer sacrifices. When asked what he wanted, Solomon sought the gift of wisdom to rule his people with justice, and to know the difference between good and evil.

God was extremely pleased that Solomon had not asked for personal or material gains like a long life, wealth and power and granted him the wish. Thus Solomon became a popular king who was much admired by his people for his wise, judicious and far-sighted statesmanship.

His vision was far ahead of his time and his reign became known as the golden age of Israel. Solomon was the most powerful ruler in the region stretching from Euphrates to Egypt. He established diplomatic relations with all his neighbouring countries and married the daughter of the Pharaoh of Egypt, which was unusual for a king of Israel.

The Bible tells a legendary story of how the queen of Sheba, an ancient kingdom in the Arabian Peninsula, decided to visit him and was impressed by the display of magnificence in his court at Jerusalem. The queen even tested Solomon's legendary wisdom and realising everything she had heard about him was true departed from Israel after offering expensive gifts like gold, precious stones and perfumes.

Resentment between the powerful tribes of Israel in the north and south continued to haunt the kingdom, paving the way for a future split.



Word of God

Isaiah 37: 33 – 34

It is better to have a little, honestly earned, than to have a large income, dishonestly gained. If you are sensible, you will control your temper. When someone wrongs you, it is a great virtue to ignore it. If you know what you are talking about, you have something more valuable than gold or jewels.

Insight



Pune's City Church

Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church or the City Church in Pune is one of the oldest churches in Maharashtra outside the Mumbai and Vasai region. Peshwa Madhavrao II had donated four acres of land for the church in appreciation of the services of Portuguese soldiers in the Peshwa Army. The foundation for the church was laid on December 8, 1792.

Notes

Know Now

Solomon prayed for the gift of wisdom and God granted it in abundance. His wisdom has come to us in the Book of Proverbs in which he has composed more than 3000 proverbs.

BOOK: The Kings of Israel and Judah: A Captivating Guide to the Ancient Jewish Kingdom of David and Solomon –This book deals with political personality of Solomon, the Divided Monarchy, and the Assyrian and Babylonian Conquests of Samaria and Jerusalem

PAINTING: The Dream of Solomon is a famous painting by Luca Giordano about the vision of King Solomon at Gibeon.

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