

# Covid Keys & Cures in 2 Chronicles

*Please read 2 Chronicles Chapter 9*

In this chapter Solomon's exceptional wisdom is celebrated. Let Solomon represent Christianity; let the queen of Sheba represent the world – humanistic culture, etc. Three thousand years of secular philosophy has run its course and come to a dead end in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Rationalism (godless thinking), empiricism (godless feeling), hedonism (pleasure seeking), etc have left us with scepticism (we cannot know anything), nihilism (life is purposeless) & existentialism (live for the moment) etc.

The great Christian scholar Cornelius Van Til saw that ONLY CHRISTIANITY PROVIDED THE NECESSARY FOUNDATION FOR MAKING SENSE OF HUMAN EXPERIENCE. Other great Christian thinkers followed on (Schaeffer & Rushdoony) and determined that SCRIPTURE ALONE CAN SUPPLY THE NECESSARY BASIS FOR BUILDING CIVILISATION.

It was always God's purpose that His kingdom might be established HERE ON EARTH:

*Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Matt 6:10)*

This was why God commissioned His law in Israel:

*Therefore, be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' "For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the Lord our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him? And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day? (Deut 4:6-8)*

Notice that

- a) Solomon's wisdom was extensive in scope. It wasn't limited to the 'spiritual realm.' Neither is God's! Is there a good work for us to do? Scripture must inform the way it is to be done (see 2Tim 3:16)
- b) Biblical Christianity might seem to the world like foolishness. But St Paul tells us that the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom & the weakness of God is mightier than man's strength (1Cor 1:25). Listen to Dr Greg Bahnsen debate Dr Gordon Stein (The Great Debate – see [here](#)) to see how a real Bible scholar is competent to meet an atheistic challenge.
- c) Solomon reigned over all the kings of the surrounding nations – i.e. beyond the boundary of Israel (see v26). Even so King Jesus is destined to reign over all the kings of the Earth according to the NT (see Rev 1:5 & Rev 11:15)

**Covid Keys & Cures in 2 Chronicles – Questions from Ch 9:**

- ***What was the scope of Solomon's wisdom? What ought to be the scope of biblical wisdom?***
- ***The queen of Sheba carefully scrutinised Solomon's wisdom. How did it fair? What is the present reputation of Scripture within the academic world?***
- ***Is contemporary evangelical Christianity competent to overturn the wisdom of this world? Is its 'modus operandi' intellectually respectable?***
- ***Was Solomon's kingship absolute? (See v8)***