

Notes 9/18

In class the following points were raised, but not all were covered, I have composed the main points raised during discussion for the points in class and there are a few extra points that were brought up during the discussion.

Points Raised in Class:

1. No Page, Comparison of God in Today's Society, and its prevalence in their's and ours
2. Page 31, Solomon tricking queen into bed
3. Page 24-25, Solomon's Wisdom
4. Page 37, Solomon wanting 1000 children & many wives
5. No Page, Solomon and lack of respect for God
6. Page 21, Solomon's kingdom as the perfect utopian society
7. Page 46-51, Zadok the high priest to David II
8. Page 42, Conversation between Solomon and son
9. No Page, Role of Women

Discussions-

1. Point was raised that God is more prevalent in King Solomon, we see this with the Arc of the Covenant, higher time of religion, way to unite people, not as prevalent since today we have separation of Church and State
2. Tricking the queen into bed- Entrapment, made her take oath, she takes water-he takes her virginity and her kingdom, we see his wisdom in how he was able to out think her, could be more cunning than wise
3. Solomon's power is from God, Solomon's will is God's will, because Solomon wants 1000 wives is because God wants him too, Solomon sees this as his way of spreading his seed, he would spread Christianity through having children who would then inherit other kingdoms spreading throughout the land, however only 3 children came about, so the question is asked if this is for fornication or if God made him do it
4. Solomon's utopian society, the haves and have nots are present, people must do what they can to be better off, God is dictator, Solomon stayed neutral, God justified his actions and decisions, he did not ask for victory in battle, riches or fame, but asked only for wisdom from God, so that he may rule justly over the kingdom
5. Laborer and Solomon are equals, "Get thee to work", comparisons could make the laborer feel good about himself, laborer may have been mad or happy for break from work or comparison to King Solomon
6. King Solomon respects God or fears God, he has no will, he hands his will over to God, so that he is doing God's will, doing job by seducing queen became an example raised up about this
7. Odyssey, Sundiata, Kebra Nagast
 - a. Orally-many years different probably versions of Odyssey
 - b. All three have one who leaves
 - c. All three have that same one coming back later, stronger and able to take control
 - i. Has grown up and developed over the time spent away
 - ii. More wise and strong