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r. c. 962-922 B.C.

King of Israel who built massive fortifications, palaces, and a national temple in Jerusalem. Many of the technological details of his various construction projects, especially the temple, are given in the Bible (1 Kings 5-7). He was only 18 when he ascended the throne upon the death of his father, King David, and he reigned for 40 years. He is regarded as a philosopher and poet and is known for his wisdom and justice.