

Table 4: Comparison of Solomon and Pharaoh

<i>1 Kings description of Solomon</i>	<i>Exodus description of Pharaoh</i>
3:28: they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom [<i>chokmah</i>] of God was in him (only of Solomon in 1–2 Kings)	1:10: “Come, let us deal shrewdly [<i>nithchakmah</i>] with them . . .”
4:6: Adoniram son of Abda was in charge of the forced labor [<i>al-hammas</i>]. See also 5:27–28; 9:15, 21; 12:18	1:11: “Therefore they set taskmasters [<i>sare missim</i> ; root <i>mas</i> , only here in Exodus] over them to oppress them with forced labor.”
9:15, 19: “This is the account of the forced labor that King Solomon conscripted to build . . . all of Solomon’s storage cities [<i>arey mamiskenoth</i>] . . .”	1:11: They built storage cities [<i>arey mamiskenoth</i>] (term only in 2 Chronicles elsewhere in Hebrew Bible), Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh.
3:16ff: story of women giving birth to boys and question of babies’ life and death	1:16ff: story of women giving birth to boys and question of babies’ life and death
3:1: Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt; he took Pharaoh’s daughter and brought her into the city of David. . . .” See also 7:8; 9:16; 11:1 (No “Pharaoh’s daughter” mentioned elsewhere in Hebrew Bible)	2:5–10a: The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son.
9:19, 22; 10:26: Solomon gathered together chariots and horses ; he had fourteen hundred chariots and twelve thousand horses, which he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem (see also 9:19, 22).	14:9: “The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots , his chariot drivers and his army. . . .” (see also 14:23, 15:19)
12:4: “Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service [<i>qasbeh</i>] of your father and his heavy yoke that he placed on us, and we will serve you.”	1:13–14: The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service [<i>qasbeh</i>] in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.
3:15: Solomon awoke, and behold! It had been a dream. [<i>vayyiqats shlomoh vehinneh chalom</i>]	Genesis 41:7: Pharaoh awoke, and behold! It was a dream. [<i>vayyiqats par’oh vehinneh chalom</i>] (Phrase nowhere else in Hebrew Scriptures)