

~APE (30)

[Hebrew, *qohph*]

- The **apes** imported by King Solomon may have been a species of **long-tailed monkeys** referred to by ancient writers as being native to Ethiopia.
- For the king had a fleet of ships of Tarshish on the sea along with Hiram's fleet of ships. Once every three years the fleet of ships of Tarshish would come carrying gold and silver, ivory, and **apes** and peacocks. (1 Kings 10:22)
- For ships belonging to the king were going to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram. Once every three years ships of Tarshish would come in, carrying gold and silver, ivory, and **apes** and peacocks. (2 Chronicles 9:21)
- The fact that the Hebrew word *qohph* may be related to the Sanskrit word *kapi* and that peacocks are considered to be native to Southeast Asia has given rise to the conclusion that the **apes** were brought by Solomon's fleet from India or Ceylon. However, the imported items need not necessarily have come directly from the country of origin nor from the same land, in view of the indications that commercial intercourse existed between India and Africa even before Solomon's time.

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