

~TRIBUTE (165)

- **Generally, money or other valuable consideration, such as livestock, paid by a state or a ruler to a foreign power in acknowledgment of submission, to maintain peace, or to gain protection.**
- **For a consideration of the original-language words, Nations exacting tribute from other peoples frequently received gold and silver or products that were in short supply in their own land. In this way they strengthened their economic position while keeping the subjugated nations weak by drawing heavily on their resources.**

See Also TAXATION

- **Judean Kings, David,**
- **And he went on to strike down the Moabites and measure them with a line, making them lie down on the earth, that he might measure two lines to put them to death, and a full line to preserve them alive, and the Moabites came to be David's servants to carry **tribute**. (2 Samuel 8:2)**
- **Further, David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus, and the Syrians came to be David's servants to carry **tribute**. And Yehowah continued to save David wherever he went. (2 Samuel 8:6)**
- **Solomon**
- **The kings of Tarshish and of the islands. **Tribute** they will pay. The kings of Sheba and of Seba. A gift they will present. (Psalms 72:10)**
- **As for Solomon, he proved to be ruler over all the kingdoms from the River to the land of the Philistines and to the boundary of Egypt. They were bringing gifts and serving Solomon all the days of his life. (1 Kings 4:21)**
- **So King Solomon was greater in riches and wisdom than all the other kings of the earth. (1 Kings 10:23)**

- And all the people of the earth were seeking the face of Solomon to hear his wisdom that God had put in his heart. (**1 Kings 10:24**)
- And they were **bringing each his gift**, articles of silver and articles of gold and garments and armor and balsam oil, horses and mules, as a yearly matter of course. (**1 Kings 10:25**)
- **Jehoshaphat,**
- And the dread of Yehowah came to be upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were all around Judah, and they did not fight against Jehoshaphat. (**2 Chronicles 17:10**)
- And from the Philistines they were bringing to Jehoshaphat presents and money as **tribute**. The Arabs also were bringing to him flocks, seven thousand seven hundred rams and seven thousand seven hundred he-goats. (**2 Chronicles 17:11**)
- **Uzziah**
- And the Ammonites began to give **tribute** to Uzziah. Eventually his fame went even as far as Egypt, for he displayed strength to an extraordinary degree. (**2 Chronicles 26:8**)
- **As well as Israelite King Ahab,**
- As regards Mesha the king of Moab, he became a sheep raiser, and he **paid** to the king of Israel a hundred thousand lambs and a hundred thousand unshorn male sheep. (**2 Kings 3:4**)
- And it came about that as soon as Ahab died, the king of Moab began to revolt against the king of Israel. (**2 Kings 3:5**)
- Received **tribute** from other peoples. However, on account of unfaithfulness, the Israelites were often in an inferior position and were forced to pay **tribute** to others. As early as the time of the Judges, while under the domination of Moabite King Eglon, they **paid tribute**.
- And once again the sons of Israel went doing what was bad in Yehowah's eyes. At that Yehowah let Eglon the king of Moab grow strong against Israel, because they did what was bad in Yehowah's eyes. (**Judges 3:12**)

- Furthermore, he gathered against them the sons of Ammon and Amalek. Then they went and struck Israel and took possession of the city of palm trees. (**Judges 3:13**)
- And the sons of Israel continued to serve Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years. (**Judges 3:14**)
- And the sons of Israel began to call to Yehowah for aid. So Yehowah raised up for them a savior, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a left-handed man. In time the sons of Israel sent **tribute** by his hand to Eglon the king of Moab. (**Judges 3:15**)
- Meanwhile Ehud made a sword for himself, and it had two edges, its length being a cubit. Then he girded it underneath his garment upon his right thigh. (**Judges 3:16**)
- And he proceeded to present the **tribute** to Eglon the king of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man. (**Judges 3:17**)
- In later years, both the kingdom of Judah and the northern kingdom of Israel paid **tribute** upon coming under the control of foreign powers.
- It was against him that Shalmaneser the king of Assyria came up, and Hoshea came to be his servant and began to pay **tribute** to him. (**2 Kings 17:3**)
- And the silver and the gold Jehoiakim gave to Pharaoh. Only he taxed the land, to give the silver at the order of Pharaoh. According to each one's individual tax rate he exacted the silver and the gold from the people of the land, to give it to Pharaoh Nechoh. (**2 Kings 23:35**)
- At various times they paid what amounted to a form of **tribute** when buying off enemy nations or bribing others for military assistance.
- At that Jehoash the king of Judah took all the holy offerings that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah his forefathers, the kings of Judah, had sanctified and his own holy offerings and all the gold to be found in the treasures of the house of Yehowah and the house of the king and sent them to Hazael the king of Syria. So he withdrew from against Jerusalem. (**2 Kings 12:18**)

- **Pul the king of Assyria came into the land. Consequently Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hands might prove to be with him to strengthen the kingdom in his own hand. (2 Kings 15:19)**
- **So Menahem brought forth the silver at the expense of Israel, at the expense of all the valiant, mighty men, to give to the king of Assyria fifty silver shekels for each man. At that the king of Assyria turned back, and he did not stay there in the land. (2 Kings 15:20)**
- **And in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib the king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and proceeded to seize them. (2 Kings 18:13)**
- **So Hezekiah the king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria at Lachish, saying; I have sinned. Turn back from against me. Whatever you may impose upon me I shall carry. Accordingly the king of Assyria laid upon Hezekiah the king of Judah three hundred silver talents and thirty gold talents. (2 Kings 18:14)**
- **Therefore Hezekiah gave all the silver that was to be found at the house of Yehowah and in the treasures of the king's house. (2 Kings 18:15)**
- **At that time Hezekiah cut off the doors of the temple of Yehowah and the doorposts that Hezekiah the king of Judah had overlaid and then gave them to the king of Assyria. (2 Kings 18:16)**