

Historical Princess Study Guide

Makeda

Queen of Sheba

Name: Makeda

Also known as: Queen of Sheba, Queen of the South, Candace

Lived: around 950 BC

Issue: Baina-lehkem/ Menilek/ David

It is unclear where Sheba is. Most sources say that it was in the southern part of the Arabian Peninsula and/ or Ethiopia.



Solomon and The Queen of Sheba, Giovanni De Min

When Solomon was building the Temple, he ordered supplies from all over the known world. The Queen of Sheba visited King Solomon in Israel because she heard from her tradesmen of his wisdom and generosity. She brought him gold and spices and precious stones. He sent her home with gifts as well, and (most likely) a son.

Website/ Book List

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Queen_of_Sheba

<http://www.blackhistoryheroes.com/2010/05/queen-of-sheba.html>

1 Kings chapter 10, and 2 Chronicles chapter 9

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The Queen of Sheba from Ethiopian fresco (c. 1100s-1200s), Lalibela, Ethiopia.

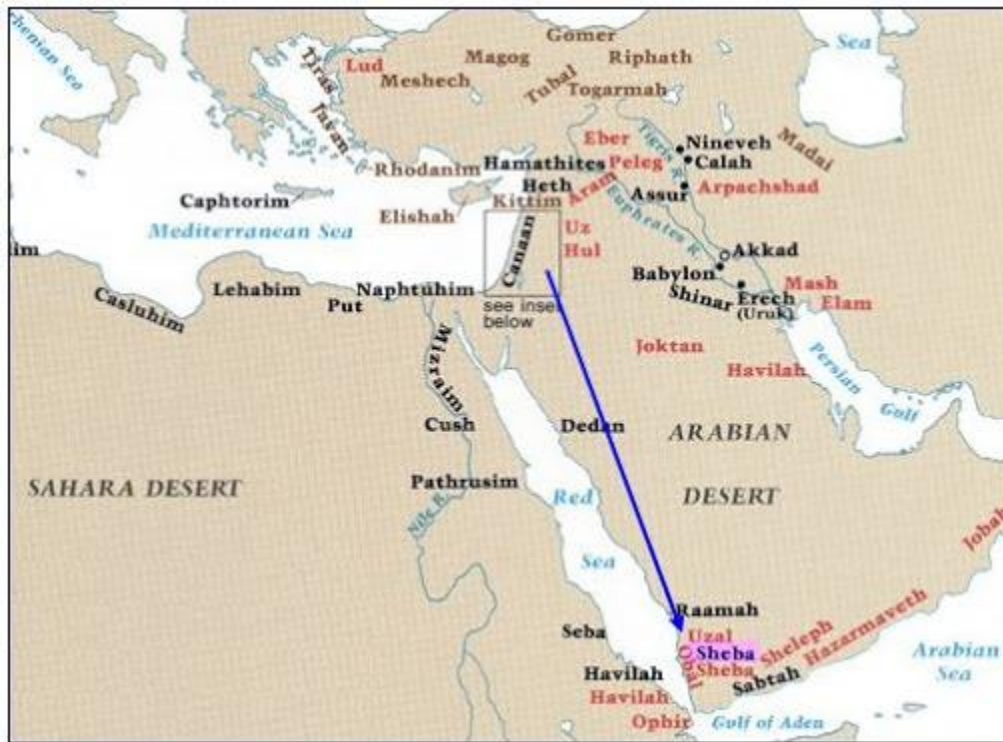
Music

Many songs have been inspired by the story of the Queen of Sheba:

- *Solomon* (composed in 1748; first performed in 1749), oratorio by George Frideric Handel; the "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" from this work is often performed as a concert piece
- *La reine de Saba* (1862), opera by Charles Gounod
- *Die Königin von Saba* (1875), opera by Karl Goldmark
- *La Reine de Scheba* (1926), opera by Reynaldo Hahn
- *Belkis, Regina di Saba* (1931), ballet by Ottorino Respighi
- *Solomon and Balkis* (1942), opera by Randall Thompson
- "Black Beauty" (1970), song by Focus
- "Makeda" (1998), French R&B by Chadian duo Les Nubians
- "Aïcha" (1996), by Khaled
- "Balqis" (2000), song by Siti Nurhaliza

List from Wikipedia

Maps



Discussion or Essay Questions

1. Why did the Queen of Sheba go to Israel? What did she give to Solomon?
2. What became of Makeda's son?

Activities

1. Watch "Solomon and Sheba" starring Halle Berry (comments on IMDb say this is family friendly)
2. Map the journey of Sheba to Israel. How long of a distance was it? What type of lands would the journey have gone through?
3. The Queen of Sheba asked Solomon many questions, testing his wisdom. Test your own mind with some riddles (below)
4. The Queen of Sheba brought an abundance of gifts to Solomon. Make a care package for someone you know, a meal for a neighbor or a letter to a soldier.

1) The combined age of father
and son is 66 years.

The age of the father is the age
of the son but with the digits
reversed.

How old are they?

2) A man says:

*My daughters are all blondes,
but two*

all brunettes, but two

all redheads, but two.

*How many daughters does the
man have?*

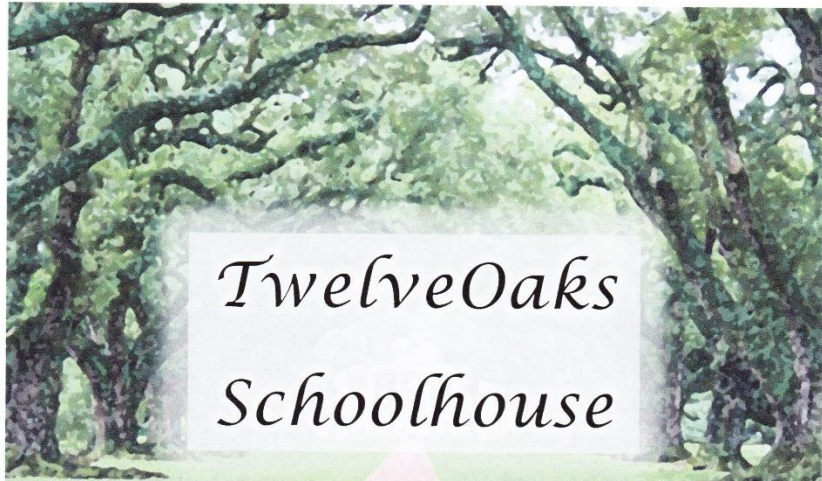
3) I have a neck but no head.

I have two arms but no hands.

What am I?

Answers

- 1) There are three possible answers: Father is 60 years old and son is 6 years old. Father is 51 years old and son is 15 years old. Father is 42 years old and son is 24 years old.
- 2) Three daughters. One is blonde, one is brunette and one is a redhead.
- 3) A shirt.



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