

David's Final Days and the Rise of Solomon

1 Kings 1-2

Key Verse: 1 Kings 2:2-3

1. Read 1 Kings chapter 1: 1 - 14. What is wrong with David? What did Adonijah, David's fourth son (2 Samuel 3:4), do that Absalom did in 2 Samuel 15:1? Look at all the problems David had because he didn't discipline his sons (verse 6). What is this reason for the problems with David's children? (Proverbs 13:24) What does God say about Solomon? (1 Chronicles 22:9,10)

2. Read 1 Kings chapter 1: 15 - 31. Who is Benaiah? (1 Kings 1:10) What do you find out about him in 2 Samuel 23:20-23? Adonijah thought he could be king by getting a large army to follow him but God had other plans for the next king of Israel. What do these verses say about man's choices and who rules the nations? (2 Chronicles 20:6, Proverbs 16:33)

3. Read 1 Kings 1: 32 - 40. What was Bathsheba afraid of? What did David do to show he was keeping his promise? Read 1 Kings 1: 41 - 53. What was Jonathan's news in 1 Kings 1:43? What did Adonijah do when he heard Jonathan's news? Solomon knew Adonijah was out to do him harm. What should we do when someone hurts us? (Proverbs 20:22, Proverbs 24:29)

4. Read 1 Kings 2:1-11 and 1 Chronicles 22:17-19. What did David ask, or tell, the leaders? What was God's promise to David? (2 Samuel 7:10-16) What did David remind Solomon of? (1 Kings 2:3,4) How was this foreshadowed by the prophet Micah? (Micah 6:8) How did Barzillai show David kindness? (2 Samuel 17:27) How did David repay Barzillai? (1 Kings 2:7) What are ways you show kindness to someone?

5. What have you learned through the study of David's life? What principles can you apply to your own life? What has inspired you and why? What changes do you plan to make in your life?

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