

Major Event: Solomon

Lesson 1: Solomon Secures the Throne

Scriptures: 1 Kings 1:1 – 2:46

Central Text: 1 Kings 2:3

3 Keep the charge of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn.

Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:

Chapter 1

Versus 1-4 – We see that King David is very old and near the end of his life, but the Lord provides for David providing the help of a young hand maiden to attend to him in his old age.

Versus 5-10 – We see that Adonijah is boasting proudly that he will be the next King and hold a feast, but he is not the chosen one of God or King David. Notice how he does not invite Nathan the true prophet of God.

Versus 11-27 – Notice how Nathan the true prophet of God intercedes for Bathsheba and advises Bathsheba how to approach King David about what Adonijah was trying to do. He asked her to remind King David of his previous oath before God. “My master, you swore an oath to your servant by the Lord your God, Solomon your son will be king after me and he will sit on my throne.” Notice the wisdom of Bathsheba in seeking the wise council of Nathan and David.

Versus 28-40 – King David remembers his oath made before God. “I will keep today the oath I swore to you by the Lord God of Israel: ‘Surely Solomon your son will be king after me; he will sit in my place on my throne.’” King David names Solomon as his successor. King David, a man of God, remembered his oath before the Lord and followed through with his promise. Was this in God’s will?

Versus 41-53 – Adonijah learns of the decision of King David and of the succession of Solomon to the throne. Adonijah and the guests at his boastful feast all run for their lives because they feared what the new King Solomon may do to them.

Chapter 2

Versus 1-3 – David gives his last command and advice to Solomon to obey the Lord and walk according to his commandments and he will be blessed. This is the same command as described in Deut 30:15-20

Versus 5-10 – King David gives his last commands and advice on how to deal with his adversaries.

Versus 11-46 – King Solomon executed Adonijah and his followers and “Thus the kingdom was established in the hands of Solomon” vs 46b.

Suggested attributes:

1. Of God: Sovereignty, Veracity
2. Of Man: Trust in God to fulfill His promises

Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home: Deut 30:15-20

Notes: Even though King David was weak and at the end of his Life the Lord used King David because he had a heart of servitude to the Lord.
God’s plan can never be thwarted or changed regardless of the deceitful or wicked plans of man.