



The Kings of Israel

Lesson #31

In our last study:

Adonijah set himself up as King.

David prepared for Solomon to be the next King of Israel.

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In this study:

The Death of King David

King Solomon's reign is established!

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the next King of Israel.

1 Kings 2:1 – 4 (ESV)

1 When David's time to die drew near, he commanded Solomon his son, saying, 2 "I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong, and show yourself a man, 3 and keep the charge of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn, 4 that the LORD may establish his word that he spoke concerning me, saying, If your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'

1 Kings 2:5 (ESV)

5 “Moreover, you also know what Joab the son of Zeruah did to me, how he dealt with the two commanders of the armies of Israel, Abner the son of Ner, and Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed, avenging in time of peace for blood that had been shed in war, and putting the blood of war on the belt around his waist and on the sandals on his feet.

1 Kings 2:6 (ESV)

6 Act therefore according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to Sheol in peace.

1 Kings 2:7 (ESV)

7 But deal loyally with the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table, for with such loyalty they met me when I fled from Absalom your brother.

1 Kings 2:8 (ESV)

8 And there is also with you Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjaminite from Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse on the day when I went to Mahanaim. But when he came down to meet me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD, saying, 'I will not put you to death with the sword.'

1 Kings 2:9 (ESV)

9 Now therefore do not hold him guiltless, for you are a wise man. You will know what you ought to do to him, and you shall bring his gray head down with blood to Sheol.”

The Death of King David

1 Kings 2:10 – 11 (ESV)

10 Then David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David. 11 And the time that David reigned over Israel was forty years. He reigned seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

1 Chronicles 29:26 – 28 (ESV)

26 Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. 27 The time that he reigned over Israel was forty years. He reigned seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. 28 Then he died at a good age, full of days, riches, and honor. And Solomon his son reigned in his place.

1 Kings 2:12 (ESV)

12 So Solomon sat on the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was firmly established.


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2 Chronicles 1:1 (ESV)

1 Solomon the son of David established himself in his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him and made him exceedingly great.

2 Chronicles 1:2 – 6 (ESV)

2 Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, to the judges, and to all the leaders in all Israel, the heads of fathers' houses. 3 And Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon, for the tent of meeting of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness, was there. 4 (But David had brought up the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim to the place that David had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it in Jerusalem.) 5 Moreover, the bronze altar that Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, had made, was there before the tabernacle of the LORD. And Solomon and the assembly sought it out. 6 And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before the LORD, which was at the tent of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

The image features three glass chess pieces on a light-colored surface. In the center is a king piece with a cross-shaped top. To its left is a queen piece with a crown-like top. To its right is a pawn piece with a rounded top. The pieces are made of clear glass and are slightly out of focus. Overlaid on the image is the text: "In our next study, we will continue to look at the reign of King Solomon!"

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