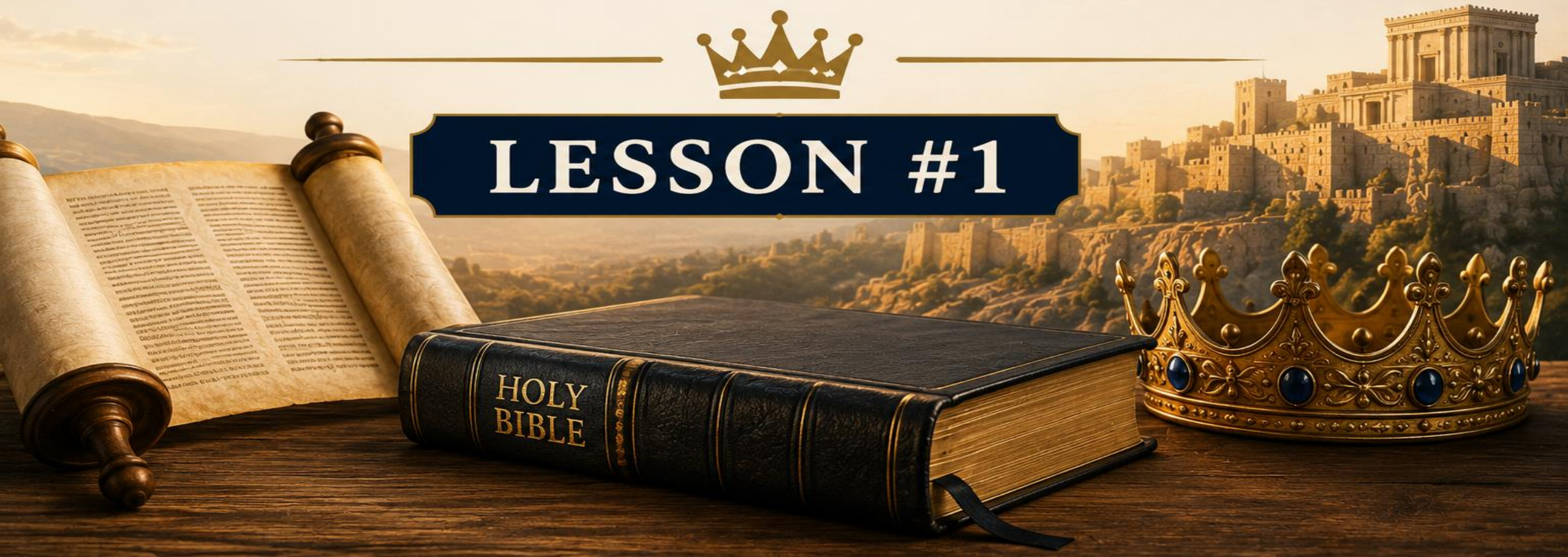


STUDY OF 1st KINGS



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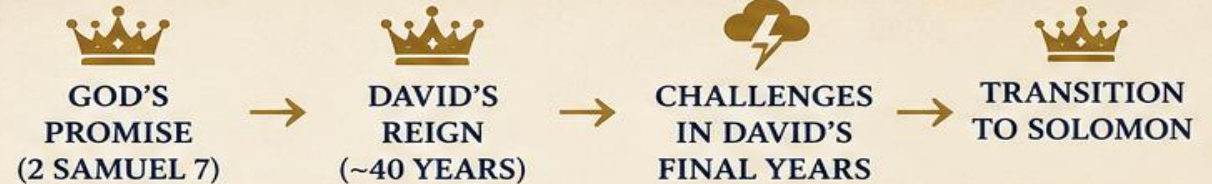
BACKGROUND OF 1 KINGS

-  **The books of 1 and 2 Samuel** record the establishment of the kingdom of Israel.
-  **David has ruled** for approximately forty years.
-  **The kingdom has reached** a time of peace and prosperity.
-  **However, David's final years** are marked by family turmoil and political uncertainty.
-  **The question before Israel** is not simply, "Who will be king?" but "Will God's will prevail?"
-  **At the close of 2 Samuel,** David sinned by numbering the people of Israel.
-  **David is now old** and nearing death.

Your house and your kingdom
shall be made sure forever before me.
Your throne shall be established
forever.

2 SAMUEL 7:16

FROM DAVID TO SOLOMON



1 Kings begins the account of Israel's monarchy as God's plan continues through the rise of Solomon, David's chosen successor.

REVIEW

1



SAUL WAS ISRAEL'S FIRST KING.

God chose Saul to be the first king over His people.

2



DAVID WAS CHOSEN BY GOD TO SUCCEED SAUL.

God chose David, a man after His own heart, to be king over Israel.

3



GOD PROMISED DAVID THAT HIS DESCENDANTS WOULD CONTINUE UPON THE THRONE.

2 Samuel 7:12–16

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AT THE CLOSE OF 2 SAMUEL, DAVID SINNED BY NUMBERING THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.

2 Samuel 24:1–10; 1 Chronicles 21:1–8

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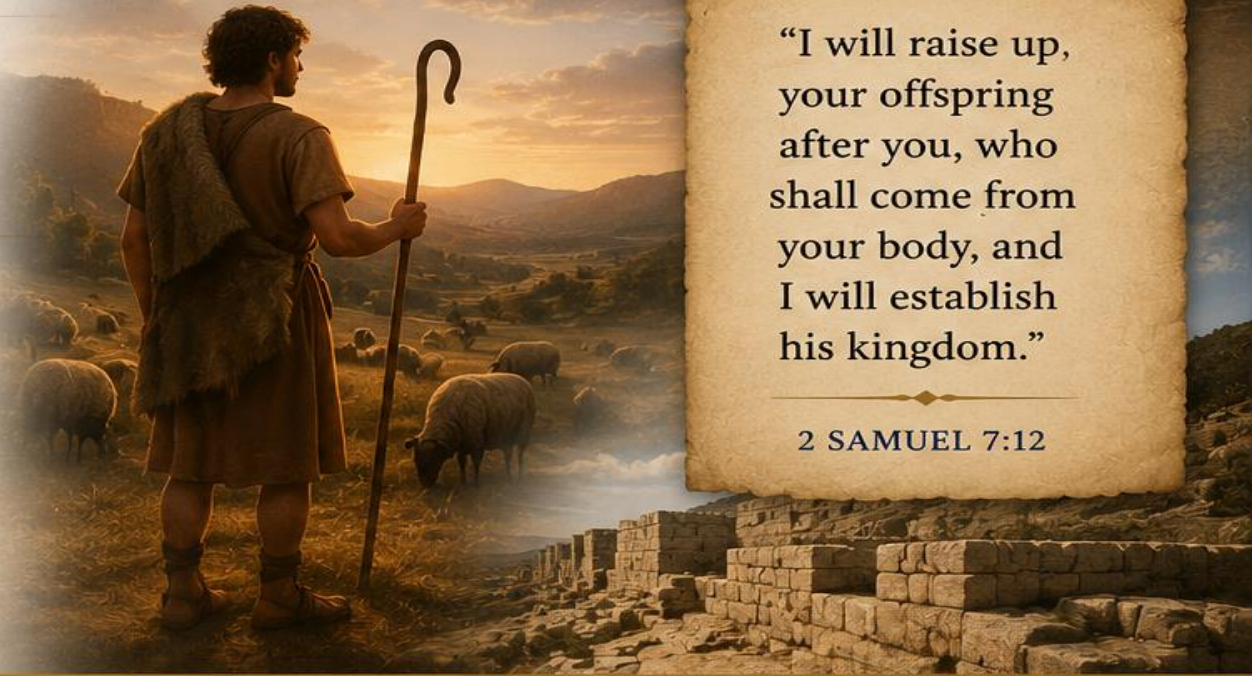
DAVID IS NOW OLD AND NEARING DEATH.

1 Kings 1:1 – David was old and advanced in years.



“I will raise up, your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.”

2 SAMUEL 7:12



God's plan for Israel continues as David's reign comes to an end and the transition to the next king begins.

IN THIS STUDY



1

THE BACKGROUND OF 1 KINGS

Understanding the historical and spiritual setting.



2

THE EVENTS OF CHAPTER ONE

From Adonijah's ambition to Solomon's anointing as king.



3

THE LESSONS FROM CHAPTER ONE

Important truths we can learn about God, leadership, and our own hearts.



4

DAVID PREPARES SOLOMON (CHAPTER 2)

A father's instruction for a faithful reign.



5

APPLICATION FOR OUR LIVES

How these chapters challenge and guide us today.



ADONIJAH SETS HIMSELF UP AS KING

(1 KINGS 1:1–8)

ADONIJAH EXALTS HIMSELF

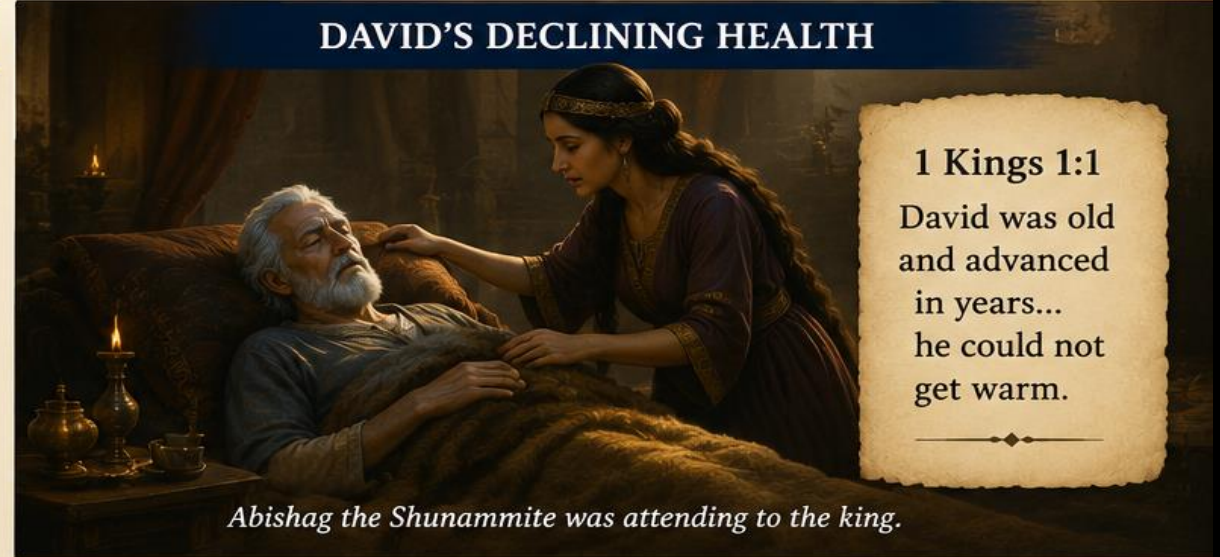
- 1 Kings 1:1**
David was old and advanced in years. Although they covered him with clothes, he could not get warm.
- 1 Kings 1:5–6**
Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, “I will be king.” He prepared chariots, horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. His father had never displeased him, and he was a very handsome man, born next after Absalom.
- 1 Kings 1:7**
He conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest. And they followed Adonijah and helped him.



“I WILL BE KING.”

(1 KINGS 1:5)

DAVID'S DECLINING HEALTH



1 Kings 1:1
David was old and advanced in years... he could not get warm.

Abishag the Shunammite was attending to the king.

ADONIJAH'S SUPPORTERS



JOAB
Son of Zeruiah



ABIATHAR
The Priest

They followed Adonijah and helped him.
(1 KINGS 1:7)

NOT WITH ADONIJAH



ZADOK
The Priest



BENAAIAH
Son of Jehoiada



NATHAN
The Prophet



SHIMEI



REI
& DAVID'S
MIGHTY MEN

They were not with Adonijah.
(1 KINGS 1:8)



LESSON: *Pride seeks power, but God's plan stands firm.*



God's purposes will prevail over human ambition.

NATHAN AND BATHSHEBA APPEAL TO DAVID

(1 KINGS 1:11–30)

FAITHFUL COUNSEL. COURAGEOUS ACTION. FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISE.

1 1 KINGS 1:11–14 NATHAN'S WARNING



Nathan tells Bathsheba that Adonijah has exalted himself as king and David does not know. He urges her to speak to the king to protect herself and Solomon.

2 1 KINGS 1:15–18 BATHSHEBA SPEAKS TO DAVID



Bathsheba reminds David of his oath that Solomon would reign after him and informs him that Adonijah has declared himself king.

3 1 KINGS 1:20–21 THE CONSEQUENCES OF SILENCE



Bathsheba urges David to act now, for all Israel is watching. If he does nothing, she and Solomon could be considered offenders.

4 1 KINGS 1:24 NATHAN CONFIRMS THE TRUTH



Nathan enters and asks David if he has declared Adonijah to be his successor, prompting David to respond.

5 1 KINGS 1:28–30 DAVID RENEWS HIS OATH



David swears again by the LORD that Solomon his son will reign after him. He will do it that very day.



“As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my soul out of every adversity, as I swore to you by the LORD... even so will I do this day.”

1 KINGS 1:29–30

DAVID REMEMBERS GOD'S PROMISE

- ✓ David had made a promise to Bathsheba (2 Samuel 7:12–16).
- ✓ God had promised that his descendant would reign forever.
- ✓ David's response shows integrity, repentance, and commitment to God's will.

LESSONS FOR US



FAITHFUL COUNSEL MATTERS
Nathan spoke courageously for God's purpose.



OBEDIENCE HONORS GOD
David kept his promise and upheld God's plan.



GOD'S PROMISES WILL STAND
He is faithful to establish the kingdom!

When God's promises are threatened, He raises up faithful servants to ensure His will is done.

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**In our next study, we will look at
the transition to the reign of King
Solomon!**