

STUDY OF 1st KINGS



LESSON #4



REVIEW OF PREVIOUS LESSON:

1. David gives Solomon his final charge.
2. David Prepares Solomon for His Reign.
3. David dies after reigning forty years.



IN THIS STUDY:

1. Solomon removes the remaining threats to his kingdom.
2. Solomon's kingdom is firmly established.
3. Solomon prays for wisdom.
4. Solomon demonstrates the wisdom God has provided to him.
5. Solomon is blessed with great wealth and wisdom.



*The king's heart is in
the hand of the LORD;
he turns it wherever
he will.*

Proverbs 21:1



ADONIJAH

MAKES ANOTHER ATTEMPT — UPON THE KINGDOM —



Adonijah went to Bathsheba and asked to marry Abishag.
(1 Kings 2:13–15)



Solomon saw the true meaning of his request.
(1 Kings 2:22)



Adonijah's renewed ambition led to judgment.
(1 Kings 2:23–25)

"Why do you ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask for him the kingdom also."

— 1 Kings 2:22

Acknowledging God's will is not the same as submitting to God's will.

ABIATHAR IS REMOVED FROM THE PRIESTHOOD

1 KINGS 2:26–27



Abiathar supported Adonijah
in his rebellion.
(1 Kings 2:26)



Solomon said Abiathar
deserved to die.
(1 Kings 2:26)



Solomon spared his life because

- He had carried the ark for David.
- He had shared in David's afflictions.

(1 Kings 2:27)



Solomon removed him from
the priesthood, and Zadok
took his place.
(1 Kings 2:27)



Mercy does not always remove consequences.
God remembers both service and sin,
and His word will be fulfilled.

JOAB FACES JUSTICE

1 KINGS 2:28–35



**JOAB SOUGHT REFUGE
AT THE ALTAR.**
(2:28)



**SOLOMON REMINDED HIM
OF HIS SINS.**
(2:29–34)

- He killed Abner.
- He killed Amasa.
- He shed innocent blood in a time of peace.



**JOAB WAS
EXECUTED.**
(2:34)



**BENAIAH BECAME COMMANDER
OF THE ARMY IN HIS PLACE.**
(2:35)



**RELIGIOUS PLACES CANNOT PROTECT
UNREPENTED SIN.**

**JUSTICE MAY BE DELAYED,
BUT IT IS NEVER FORGOTTEN.**

SHIMEI

VIOLATES HIS OATH

1 KINGS 2:36-46



SHIMEI MADE AN OATH TO SOLOMON.

He promised to remain in Jerusalem and never cross the Brook Kidron. (2:36-37)



HE LIVED IN JERUSALEM FOR THREE YEARS.

He seemed to be faithful. (2:38)



HE LEFT JERUSALEM AND CROSSED THE BROOK.

He went to Gath after his servants and broke his oath. (2:39)



SOLOMON CONFRONTED HIM AND HE WAS EXECUTED.

Disobedience brings consequences. (2:40-46)

"You knew all the wickedness that your heart was aware of that you did to my father David. And the LORD will return your wickedness upon your own head."

— 1 Kings 2:44



AN OATH TO GOD MUST BE KEPT. DISOBEDIENCE ALWAYS HAS CONSEQUENCES.



LESSON: Obedience today protects our walk with God tomorrow. Do not make promises you do not intend to keep.

THE KINGDOM IS ESTABLISHED

1 KINGS 2:46b



GOD'S PURPOSE PREVAILS.
Solomon is firmly seated on the throne as God had promised.



REBELLION IS JUDGED.
Those who opposed God's chosen king faced the consequences.



JUSTICE AND MERCY REMAIN.
Solomon is reminded to rule with both justice and mercy.



WORSHIP OF THE LORD CONTINUES.
Zadok remains as priest, and God's worship is preserved.



PEACE AND STABILITY FOLLOW.
The kingdom is secure so that Solomon may focus on God's work.



**SO THE KINGDOM WAS ESTABLISHED
IN THE HAND OF SOLOMON.**

1 KINGS 2:46b

When God is on the throne, His kingdom stands firm.

SOLI DEO GLORIA!