

## 2 – ROYAL DRAMA (1 KINGS 1:1-2:12)

### I. The Issue of David's Throne (1 Kings 1:1-53)

#### A. David's Condition (1:1-4)

- As David advanced in age, his servants were not able to keep him warm with covers.
- It was suggested that they find a young virgin to care for the king and physically warm him.
- They search throughout Israel and found Abishag the Shunammite to bring to the king.
- She served and cared for the David, but he did not know her sexually.

#### B. Adonijah's Ploy (1:5-10)

- Adonijah, the fourth son of David, proclaimed that he would be king.
- He prepared for himself chariots, horsemen and 50 men to run before him.
- The writer notes that at no time did David rebuke Adonijah.
- Adonijah received help from Joab and Abiathar the priest as they followed him.
- It is noted that there were others such as Nathan and Zadok who did not support Adonijah.
- Adonijah made sacrifices and hosted a great feast with his brothers and the men of Judah.
- He did not invite Solomon, Nathan, the mighty men as well as others.

#### C. Nathan's Plan (1:11-27)

- Nathan went to Bathsheba and told her to approach the King about his promise to her.
- If she did not do this, she and Solomon would surely die when Adonijah is king.
- Nathan stated that he would come to the king and support her words concerning Adonijah.
- Bathsheba went to the king and reminded him of the promise he made concerning Solomon.
- She also pointed out that Adonijah has made himself king and is feasting with the leaders.
- At that point, Nathan comes and confirms what Bathsheba told David concerning Adonijah.
- Nathan asks David if he has selected Adonijah as king without telling his servants.

#### D. David's Command (1:28-37)

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- David asked for Bathsheba and affirmed his promise to her concerning Solomon.
- Solomon was then to ride on David's own mule to Gihon where he would be anointed as king.
- Once anointed by Zadok and Nathan, they were to blow the horn and proclaim him as king.
- After which, Solomon was to go and assume his place on David's throne.

## E. Solomon is Exalted (1:38-40)

- They did all that David commanded and Solomon was anointed as king.
- The people celebrated so that the area was filled with the sounds of celebration.

## F. Adonijah's Party is Ended (1:41-49)

- While Adonijah was feasting with the others, they heard the noise of the celebration.
- Adonijah was informed that David selected Solomon as king and he now sits on the throne.
- All of Adonijah's guests quietly left since they were very afraid of having supported him.

## G. Adonijah Submits to Solomon (1:50-53)

- Solomon was told that Adonijah feared for his life and sought refuge in the Tabernacle.
- Taking hold of the horns of the Altar was a way that someone could claim refuge.
- Adonijah stated that he wanted to have Solomon swear that he would not be killed.
- Solomon proclaimed that if he did right then not one hair on his head would fall.
- However, if Adonijah did wickedly, then he would die.
- Adonijah came and bowed himself before Solomon, who then sent him to his house.

## II. David's Charge and Death (1 Kings 2:1-12)

### A. David's Charge to Solomon (2:1-9)

- As David drew near to the time of his death, he gave a charge to his son Solomon.
- He called Solomon to walk with the Lord and keep his commandments.
- David reminded Solomon about the evil of Joab and called him to not let him die in peace.
- David also called Solomon to show kindness to the sons of Barzillai.

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- This was a fulfillment of a promise to Barzillai concerning his kindness to David.
- David pointed out the sin of Shimei the Benjamite and called him to deal with him as well.

### B. David's Death (2:10-12)

- David died and was buried in Jerusalem, the City of David.
- David reigned as king for 40 years, 7 years over Judah and 33 years over all of Israel.
- Solomon sat on David's throne and his kingdom was firmly established.