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A 1 PASSING ON TRUE WORSHIP: KING DAVID'S TRANSFER OF THE KINGDOM TO SOLOMON IN HIS CLOSING DAYS 1:1 - 2:11

B 1 The Procurement of a Virgin (Abishag the Shunammite) to Warm Aging King David 1:1-4

C 1 David’s Declining Health 1:1

D 1 His age: 1 Now King David was old, advanced in age;

D 2 His low metabolism: and they covered him with clothes, but he could not keep warm.

C 2 The Recommendation of David’s Servants 1:2

D 1 Find a young virgin: 2 So his servants said to him, “Let them seek a young virgin for my lord the king,

D 2 To serve as nurse: and let her attend the king and become his nurse; and let her lie in your bosom,

D 3 To keep the king warm: that my lord the king may keep warm.”

C 3 The Search for a Girl 1:3

D 1 The search: 3 So they searched for a beautiful girl throughout all the territory of Israel,

D 2 The success: and found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

C 4 The Service of the Girl 1:4

D 1 Her beauty: 4 The girl was very beautiful;

D 2 Her service as a nurse: and she became the king's nurse and served him,

D 3 The disclaimer: but the king did not cohabit with her.

B 2 David's Thwarting of Adonijah's Attempted Coup By Naming Solomon as His Co-Regent and Successor 1:5-53

C 1 Adonijah's Setting Himself Up as King 1:5-10

D 1 His plot: 5 Now Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, "I will be king."¹ 1:5

D 2 His strategy: So he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen with fifty men to run before him.

D 3 His lack of discipline: 6 His father had never crossed him at any time by asking, "Why have you done so?"² 1:6

D 4 His appeal: And he was also a very handsome man,

D 5 His qualification: and he was born after Absalom.³

D 6 His counselors 1:7

E 1 Joab: 7 He had conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah

E 2 Abiathar: and with Abiathar the priest; and following Adonijah they helped him.

¹ 1:5 - I will be king: Adonijah had made preliminary preparations, but was not yet sitting on the throne.

² 1:6 - "Why have you done so?": Adonijah had apparently grown up as what we today would call a spoiled brat. That may be cute in a two-year old, but not in an adult. Sadly, David's spiritual influence on several of his sons seems to have been lacking.

³ 1:6 - born after Absalom: Both Absalom and Amnon were older than Adonijah, but were now dead (2 Sam. 3:4). Chileab was also older, but since he is never mentioned after 2 Sam. 3:4, it may be that he also had died, possibly as a child. If that is true, Adonijah would have been the oldest surviving son of David.

D 7 Those excluded 1:8

E 1 8 But Zadok the priest,

E 2 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada,

E 3 Nathan the prophet,

E 4 Shimei,⁴ Rei,

E 5 and the mighty men who belonged to David, were not with Adonijah.

D 8 His feast 1:9-10

E 1 His sacrifice: 9 And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and oxen and fatlings by the stone of Zoheleth, which is beside En-rogel; 1:9

E 2 His invited guests: and he invited all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's servants.

E 3 Those excluded: 10 But he did not invite Nathan the prophet, Benaiah, the mighty men, and Solomon his brother. 1:10

C 2 The Attempts to Protect the Aging King 1:11-27

D 1 Nathan the prophet's warning Bathsheba to alert King David to save her life and that of her son, Solomon 1:11-14

E 1 Nathan's informing of Bathsheba: 11 Then Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, "Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith has become king, and David our lord does not know it? 1:11

⁴ 1:8 - Shimei: This was probably not the Shimei who had cursed David when he was fleeing from Absalom (2 Sam. 16:5-13). More likely he was, perhaps, David's brother (2 Sam. 21:21) or the son of Ela, a Benjamite who was became an official in Solomon's regime (1 Kings 4:18). It is not known who Rei is.

- E 2 Nathan's counsel 1:12-14
 - G 1 His life-and-death warning: 12 "So now come, please let me give you counsel and save your life and the life of your son Solomon. 1:12
 - G 2 His strategy 1:13-14
 - H 1 Immediate notification: 13 "Go at once to King David and say to him, 1:13
 - H 2 Reminder of past promise: 'Have you not, my lord, O king, sworn to your maidservant, saying, "Surely Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne"?'
 - H 3 Information concerning Adonijah's coup: Why then has Adonijah become king?'
 - H 4 Simultaneous confirmation: 14 "Behold, while you are still there speaking with the king, I will come in after you and confirm your words." 1:14
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 - G 2 The condition of David: Now the king was very old, and Abishag the Shunammite was ministering to the king.
 - G 3 The respect of Bathsheba: 16 Then Bathsheba bowed and prostrated herself before the king. 1:16
 - G 4 The question of the king: And the king said, "What do you wish?"

E 2 The speech of Bathsheba 1:17-21

G 1 The promise of David 1:17

H 1 His sacred oath: 17 She said to him, “My lord, you swore to your maidservant by the LORD your God, saying,

H 2 His naming of Solomon as successor: ‘Surely your son Solomon shall be king after me and he shall sit on my throne.’

G 2 The coup of Adonijah 1:18-19

H 1 His stealthy reign: 18 “Now, behold, Adonijah is king; and now, my lord the king, you do not know it. 1:18

H 2 His sacrificial feast: 19 “He has sacrificed oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, 1:19

H 3 His invited guests: and has invited all the sons of the king and Abiathar the priest and Joab the commander of the army,

H 4 His exclusion of Solomon: but he has not invited Solomon your servant.

G 3 The anticipation of Israel: 20 “As for you now, my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, to tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. 1:20

G 4 The imminent danger of Bathsheba and Solomon: 21 “Otherwise it will come about, as soon as my lord the king sleeps with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon will be considered offenders.” 1:21

D 3 Nathan's confirmation of Adonijah's coup 1:22-27

E 1 The entrance of Nathan the prophet 1:22-23

G 1 The entrance of Nathan: 22 Behold, while she was still speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet came in. 1:22

G 2 The announcement of Nathan: 23 They told the king, saying, "Here is Nathan the prophet." 1:23

G 3 The respect of Nathan: And when he came in before the king, he prostrated himself before the king with his face to the ground.

E 2 The speech of Nathan 1:24-26

G 1 His query of the king's authorization of Nathan: 24 Then Nathan said, "My lord the king, have you said, 'Adonijah shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne'? 1:24

G 2 His sacrificial feast: 25 "For he has gone down today and has sacrificed oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, 1:25

G 3 His invited, supportive guests: and has invited all the king's sons and the commanders of the army and Abiathar the priest, and behold, they are eating and drinking before him; and they say, 'Long live King Adonijah!'

G 4 People not invited 1:26

H 1 Nathan himself: 26 "But me, even me your servant,

H 2 Zadok: and Zadok the priest

H 3 Benaiah: and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada

H 4 Solomon: and your servant Solomon, he has not invited.

E 3 The question of Nathan 1:27

G 1 Have you authorized this? 27 “Has this thing been done by my lord the king,

G 2 Why had he not revealed it to his trusted advisors? and you have not shown to your servants who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?”

C 3 David's Response to the Danger 1:28-40

D 1 His reaffirmation to Bathsheba of his commitment to place Solomon on the throne 1:28-31

E 1 His call of Bathsheba 1:28

G 1 His instruction: 28 Then King David said, “Call Bathsheba to me.”

G 2 Her compliance: And she came into the king’s presence and stood before the king.

E 2 His reaffirmation of his vow 1:29-30

G 1 His present vow: 29 The king vowed and said, “As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my life from all distress, 1:29

G 2 His previous vow concerning Solomon: 30 surely as I vowed to you by the LORD the God of Israel, saying, ‘Your son Solomon shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place’; 1:30

G 3 His present vow to act immediately: I will indeed do so this day.”

- E 3 The gratitude of Bathsheba 1:31
 - G 1 Her respect
 - H 1 31 Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the ground,
 - H 2 and prostrated herself before the king
 - G 2 Her well-wishing: and said, “May my lord King David live forever.”

- D 2 His appointment of Zadok, Nathan, and Benaiah to anoint Solomon King of Israel in Gihon 1:32-37
 - E 1 The king’s call for his trusted officials: 32 Then King David said, “Call to me 1:32
 - G 1 Zadok the priest,
 - G 2 Nathan the prophet,
 - G 3 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada.” And they came into the king’s presence.

 - E 2 The king’s command: 33 The king said to them, 1:33-35
 - G 1 The king’s bodyguard: “Take with you the servants of your lord, 1:33
 - G 2 The destination: and have my son Solomon ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon.⁵
 - G 3 The anointing: 34 “Let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there as king over Israel, 1:35
 - G 4 The proclamation: and blow the trumpet and say, ‘Long live King Solomon!’

⁵ 1:33 - Gihon: The spring of Gihon was down in the Kidron valley, not far from Mount Zion and the City of David. It would not take much time to take this trip. But it would be in a public place outside the palace, and work would spread across Jerusalem quickly.

- G 5 The coronation: 35 “Then you shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit on my throne and be king in my place; 1:35
- G 6 The authorization: for I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and Judah.”
- E 3 The response of Benaiah: 36 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said, (1:36) 1:36-37
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 - G 2 His desire for confirmation from Yahweh: Thus may the LORD, the God of my lord the king, say.
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 - H 2 Surpassing Divine blessing! and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David!”
- D 3 The compliance 1:38-40
 - E 1 The officials 1:38
 - G 1 38 So Zadok the priest,
 - G 2 Nathan the prophet,
 - G 3 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada,
 - G 4 the Cherethites, and the Pelethites went down
 - E 2 The protocol: and had Solomon ride on King David’s mule, and brought him to Gihon.
 - E 3 The anointing: 39 Zadok the priest then took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon. 1:39

- E 4 The pronouncement: Then they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, “Long live King Solomon!”
- E 5 The celebration: 40 All the people went up after him, and the people were playing on flutes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth shook at their noise. 1:40
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 - G 3 The reply of Jonathan 1:43-48
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 - H 2 Solomon’s support: 44 “The king has also sent with him Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites; 1:44
 - H 3 Solomon’s transportation: and they have made him ride on the king’s mule.

- H 4 Solomon's official anointing: 45 "Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon, 1:45
- H 5 The city's rejoicing: and they have come up from there rejoicing, so that the city is in an uproar. This is the noise which you have heard.
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- E 3 The report to Solomon: 51 Now it was told Solomon, saying, 1:51
 - G 1 Adonijah's fear: "Behold, Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon,
 - G 2 Adonijah's sanctuary: for behold, he has taken hold of the horns of the altar, saying,
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⁷ 11:1-8 title - many foreign women: Sadly, Solomon's wives dragged him away into idolatry, which, unfortunately, was not limited to his reign, but was passed on down to successive generations after him. The 19 kings of Israel unanimously practiced idolatry, inasmuch as it was a focal point of their political stance to remain separate from Jerusalem and the possibility of unification (1 Kings 12:25-33). 12 of the 20 kings of Judah practiced idolatry. See 2 Kings 23:4-27 for the massive purging of idolatry by Josiah, the most reform-minded king of Judah's history.

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⁸ 12:1-24 title: Dates of kings' reigns here and in subsequent sections are obtained from the *Ryrie Study Bible*.

⁹ 12:25-33 title - Jeroboam's move to establish a cult in Israel evidenced a lack of faith in God's Word on his part. Had he really believed God, he would have welcomed the peoples' loyalty to the Yahweh and His central sanctuary in Jerusalem. The very thing he believed would solidify his hold on Israel actually turned out to be his demise (cf. 14:1-16)!

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¹⁰ 14:5-16 title - entire house: The only descendant of Jeroboam to be buried would be this sick son. He was spared an ignominious non-burial because he was the only one in the house of Jeroboam in whom Yahweh had found any good (1 Kings 14:13). We are not told how old this boy was. Joseph at seventeen years of age (Gen. 37:2) was termed a *naar* (5288). Ishmael must have been somewhere between 14 and 16 or 17 when he was called a *naar* (Gen. 21:12, 17-20). Let us assume Abijah, Jeroboam's son, was a teenager. The point I wish to make is that God assesses character, even the character of a teenager. Character certainly makes a difference to God, and it ought to make a great deal of difference to us.

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¹¹ Jehoram ben Jehoshaphat's reign is discussed in detail beginning in 2 Kings 8:16.