

Solomon Becomes King

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We begin our readings with David making his son Solomon king. The succession was not “clean”, however, with Solomon’s elder brother feeling entitled to the throne. Prior to his death, David urges Solomon to remain obedient to God and to pay close attention to the consequences of his actions. David dedicated all of the spoils of war to God, suggesting that he viewed his battles as campaigns of holy war – initiated and led by God. All proceeds of the victory belonged to God. As we read, thank God for our spiritual forefathers and recommit ourselves to passing on God’s truth to the next generation.

Weekly Reading Plan

Day 1: 1KI 1:1-2:46; 1CH 21:1-30
Day 2: PS 4, 5, 6, 9, 10
Day 3: PS 11-14, 16, 17, 22
Day 4: PS 25-28, 31
Day 5: PS 35, 36, 38, 40, 41
Day 6: PS 53, 55, 58, 61, 64, 69-71
Day 7: PS 86, 102, 109, 139-141, 143

Outline

Establishing Solomon as King [Day 1]
The Military Victories of King David [Day 1]
David’s Final Years [Day 1]
David’s Psalms of lament [Days 2-7]

Key Characters

David Nathan
Bathsheba Adonijah
Solomon Joab
Zadok

Key Locations

Judah
Jerusalem
Moab

Key Terms

Covenant
Lament
Obedience

Key Verses

“So be strong, act like a man, and observe what the Lord your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go and that the Lord may keep his promise to: “If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.” [1 KI 2:2-4]

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord. [PS 4:6]

For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice. Upright men will see his face. [PS 11:7]

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. [PS 25:4-5]

The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? [PS 27:1]

This is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. [PS 27:4]

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. [PS 55:22]

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Chapter Summaries (from @biblesummary)

1Ki1: David was very old. His son Adonijah exalted himself as king. When David heard he told Zadok and Nathan to anoint Solomon as king.

1Ki2: David charged Solomon to keep the law and to punish Joab and Shimei. Then David died. Solomon had Adonijah, Joab and Shimei executed.

1Ch21: Satan led David to count the Israelites. God sent a plague and a destroying angel. David bought Ornan's field and made offerings.

Ps4: Answer me when I call, O God! O people, how long will you seek lies? Put your trust in the LORD! O LORD, you make me sleep in safety.

Ps5: Hear my cry, O LORD! You hate all evildoers. Lead me in righteousness because of my enemies. Let all who take refuge in you rejoice!

Ps6: Be merciful to me, O LORD! My soul is in anguish. I flood my bed with tears. Depart from me, you evildoers! The LORD has heard my cry.

Ps9: I will praise you, O LORD! You have rebuked the nations. The LORD will judge the world with justice. The needy will not be forgotten.

Ps10: O LORD, why do you stand far off? The wicked man hunts the weak. He says, "God will never see." O God, break the arm of the wicked!

Ps13: How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? Look on me and answer! Give light to my eyes. But I will trust in your unfailing love.

Ps14: The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." There is no one who does good. Will evildoers never learn? God is with the righteous.

Ps16: Protect me, O God! I have no good besides you. The LORD is my portion. I will not be shaken. In your presence is fullness of joy!

Ps17: Hear a just cause, O LORD. My steps have held to your paths. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. Deliver my life from the wicked.

Ps22: My God, why have you forsaken me? I am despised. They have pierced my hands. You have answered me! The nations will worship the LORD!

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Ps25: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. Show me your ways, teach me your paths. Be gracious to me, forgive my sins. I take refuge in you.

Ps26: Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked with integrity. I do not sit with deceitful men. I love the place where your glory dwells.

Ps27: The LORD is my light and my salvation. My heart will not fear. I will seek your face, O LORD; do not forsake me! Wait for the LORD.

Ps28: To you I cry, O LORD my rock. Repay the wicked according to their works! The LORD is my shield. He is the strength of his people.

Ps31: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit. Deliver me from my enemies. Praise the LORD for his steadfast love!

Ps35: O LORD, fight against those who fight against me! Then I will rejoice. They repay evil for good. Vindicate me in your righteousness!

Ps36: The wicked flatter themselves. Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens. In your light we see light. There the evildoers lie fallen.

Ps38: O LORD, your arrows have pierced me! My guilt has overwhelmed me. My strength fails me. I confess my sin. Do not forsake me, my God!

Ps40: I waited patiently for the LORD. He drew me up from the pit. I delight to do your will, O God. My heart fails me, but you are my help.

Ps41: Blessed are those who consider the weak. My enemies say, "When will he die?" They gather slander. But you, O LORD, have upheld me.

Ps55: Give ear to my prayer, O God. My heart is in anguish. It is my equal, my friend who rises against me! Cast your burden on the LORD.

Ps58: Do you rulers judge justly? No, you mete out violence. O God, break their teeth! The righteous will rejoice when they see vengeance.

Ps61: Hear my cry, O God! Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. Prolong the life of the king. So I will ever sing praise to your name.

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Ps64: Hear me, O God! Hide me from the plots of the wicked, who ambush the blameless. God will bring them to ruin. Let the upright be glad!

Ps69: Save me, O God! I endure scorn for your sake. Rescue me from the mire. My foes are all known to you. Let your salvation protect me!

Ps70: Make haste to help me, O God! May those who seek my life be put to shame. May all who seek you rejoice, O LORD, do not delay.

Ps71: In you, O LORD, I take refuge. Do not forsake me when my strength fails. I will tell of your righteousness. I will praise you, O God.

Ps86: Hear, O LORD, and answer me. Save your servant! You alone are God. I will glorify your name forever. Show me a sign of your favor.

Ps102: Hear my prayer, O LORD; I wither away like grass. You sit enthroned forever. The heavens will perish, but your years have no end.

Ps109: Do not be silent, O God. For wicked mouths speak against me. May his name be blotted out! Let curses come upon him! Help me, O LORD.

Ps139: O LORD, you have known me. Where can I go from your Spirit? You knit me together in my mother's womb. Search me and know my heart.

Ps40: I waited patiently for the LORD. He drew me up from the pit. I delight to do your will, O God. My heart fails me, but you are my help.

Ps140: Rescue me, O LORD, from evildoers; protect me from the violent. You are my God, my salvation. The LORD executes justice for the poor.

Ps141: O LORD, may my prayer be as incense. Do not turn my heart to evil. Let the righteous rebuke me. Keep me from the traps of the wicked.**Ps58:** Do you rulers judge justly? No, you mete out violence. O God, break their teeth! The righteous will rejoice when they see vengeance.

Ps143: Hear my prayer, O LORD! My enemy has crushed my life. My soul thirsts for you. Teach me the way I should go. Destroy my adversaries.

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Big Ideas in 1 & 2 KINGS

A king's legacy is based not on his power but on his character

Idolatry drives the demise of God's people; repentance draws their rescue

David's obedience sets the standard by which all other kings are measured

God is patient and merciful, but he will not allow sin to go unpunished

God speaks through his prophets

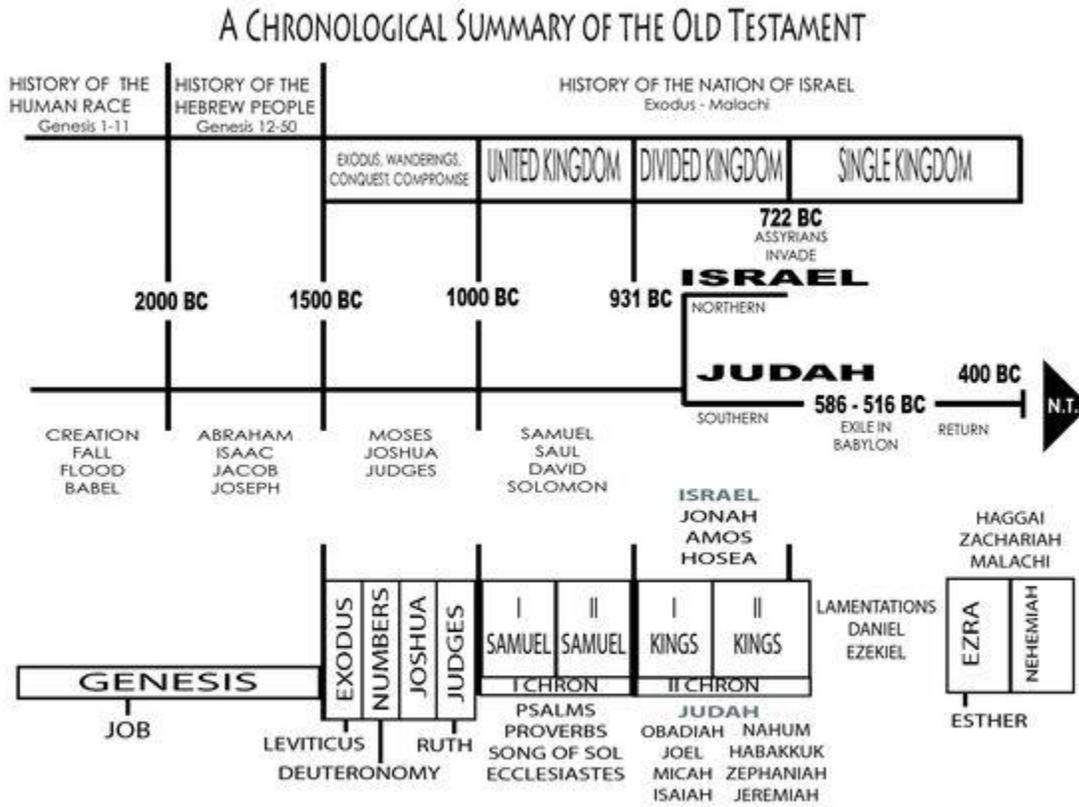
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THE CRITERIA FOR KINGS:

- WORSHIP THE GOD OF ISRAEL ALONE
- NO ISRAEL IDOLATRY
- FAITHFUL TO THE COVENANT

THE ROLE OF PROPHETS:

- SPEAK ON GOD'S BEHALF
- COVENANT WATCHDOGS
- CALL OUT IDOLATRY AND INJUSTICE
- CHALLENGE TO REPENT AND FOLLOW THE TORAH

THE MESSIANIC KING

- ESTABLISH GOD'S KINGDOM OVER THE NATIONS
- FULFILL THE PROMISES TO ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12)

SOLOMON'S REIGN (1-11)

- 1-2** SOLOMON SUCCEEDS DAVID: Stay faithful to God... AND MURDER THE ENEMIES!
- 3-4** SOLOMON ASKS FOR WISDOM... AND BUILDS THE TEMPLE
- 5-7** SOLOMON'S DOMINION: READ PLUM THE RESEMBLES PHARAOH

ISRAEL'S KINGS - THE PROPHETS (12-18)

- 12-16** ISRAEL SPLITS IN TWO: REBORN ISRAEL (NORTHERN KINGDOM) SOUTHERN JUDAH
- 17** ELIJAH: PRISON A BOY BOY TIMES UP HAMB!
- 18** ELISHA: THE FEELING AREY STOP TO THE PART OF THE SHIP!

JERUSALEM'S DEMISE AND BABYLONIAN EXILE (19-25)

- 18-20** HEZEKIAH: WE MUST REFORM!
- 21** MANASSEH: THE POINT OF NO RETURN!
- 22-25** EXILE CHANGES: GOD DONE WITH ISRAEL AND DAVID'S LINE

THE ROAD TO EXILE (26-32)

- 26-27** THE ROAD TO EXILE: IDOLATRY, INJUSTICE, COVENANT UNFAITHFULNESS HAVE ALLED TO THIS
- 28-30** THE FALL OF JERUSALEM: BABEL
- 31-32** THE ROAD TO EXILE: BABEL

PROPHETIC REFLECTION:

- IDOLATRY
- INJUSTICE
- COVENANT UNFAITHFULNESS

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

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Notes for Discussion

What did I learn about God?

What did I learn about human nature?

How does what I read apply to my life and my relationship with God?

Insights about the time and/or customs?

Other thoughts

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What did I learn about God?

- What does the story in 1 CH 21:1-30 (David taking a census) say about the link between sin and suffering? Between sin and sacrifice? Between humility and service? Between wrath and mercy? What bearing does this have on our confidence that God brings good out of the trials we endure?
- Psalm 9 says “The Lord is known by his justice” and Psalm 10 says sometimes the Lord seems far away in times of trouble. What hope do these psalms give people suffering injustice? Why is God sometimes so silent in time of great need?
- What does Psalm 26 tell us are the ways God tests the mind and heart?
- In Psalm 86 David describes many actions and attributes that define the nature of God. Do we see these today? How is God the Lord of modern day affairs? Of our life? What personal demands does God’s lordship make on us?

What did I learn about human nature?

- What kind of king does David want Solomon to be (1 KI 2:2-4)? What advice does David give in verses 5-9? What do these verses say about David?
- How does the desire for vengeance, even if justified, affect a person’s life? How did David recommend Solomon deal with vengeance in 1 KI 2:5-17)? How did Solomon secure his kingdom (1 KI 2:13-46)? Is it reasonable that Solomon needed to protect himself?
- Psalm 12, the Psalmist talks of “flattering lips”. Why are a person’s words so important? When can a small word hurt a lot? Encourage a lot? What does PS 12:4 mean (“We will triumph with our tongues; we own our lips – who is our master?”)?
- In Psalm 35, David prays for vengeance on his enemies. Are you comfortable with this? How might a Christian pray “against” enemies?

What did I learn about my life/relationship with God?

- Regarding Psalm 5: Why pray for the same thing day after day? How can you tell if God is answering “Wait” or “No”? When God doesn’t seem to answer your prayer (Psalm 10) do you persevere in faith anyway? How?
- In what areas of your life could someone be praying Psalm 10 against you? In what areas of your life are you part of solution? Part of the problem?
- In Psalm 53 David says “the fool says in his heart, there is no God”. Is there any area of your life that runs without (or with little) regard to God? How can you put your faith to work in that area today?
- When you experience serious problems or calamity can you direct your thoughts to God as David did in Psalm 143 to keep from becoming despondent? What do you focus on? When is the last time you felt you were walking on “level ground”? Are you usually climbing upwards or going “downhill”? Are you teachable? When did you last change your mind on an important matter?

Insights about the time and/or customs?

- Explain how PS 86:8 fits Israel’s unique view of the oneness and onliness of YHWH.
- What organ of the human body was believed to be the origin of thought and feelings (see Psalm 16)?