

# Solomon Succeeds David

*Quote: "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?" 1 Kings 3:9*

## Bible Marking

## Kings General Notes (Mark above 1 Kings 1)

**The Books of Kings:** The two books of Kings were originally one book, but were divided when the Greek (Septuagint) Version of the Bible was translated about the 3rd century BC.

They Cover a Period of Approximately 430 years.

**Author:** Uncertain, but probably Jeremiah.

**1 Kings: The Book of Division - Disruption Caused Through Disobedience (see 1 Kings 11:11-13).**

**11 Kings: The Book of Rebuke and Retribution.**

1. The Glorious 40 Year Reign of Solomon (**Ch 1-11**).
  - a. ch 1-4 - Solomon's Accession and Early Acts.
  - b. ch 5-8 - Solomon's Temple and Palace Built.
  - c. ch 9-10 - Solomon's Fame and Glory.
  - d. ch 11 - Solomon's Decline and Death.
2. Disruption & Decline of the Kingdom (1 Kg 12-2 Kg 25).  
Character sketches of men who influenced the kingdoms of Judah and Israel.

## Kings and the Prophecy of Daniel 2:44 - A Contrast:

Kings	Daniel 2:44
David's son - Solomon	David's greater son - Christ
His kingdom was destroyed (1 Kg 11:34)	His kingdom shall never be destroyed
left to others (1 Kg 11:11)	shall not be left to other people
broken in pieces (1 Kg 11:31)	shall not break in pieces
consumed by other kingdoms (2 Kg 17:6; 2 Kg 25)	shall consume all kingdoms
Would not stand for ever (Ezek 21:27) - ruled by mortals.	shall stand for ever - ruled by immortals.

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## The Revolt of Adonijah ( 1 Kings 1:1-31)

1 Kg 1:1 "David was old and stricken in years" - David was about 69 years old (cp 2 Sam 5:4-5 with 1 Kg 2:11). His last years were troubled with bouts of sickness (Psa 41). The worries and trials he had faced had undermined his health.

1 Kg 1:5 "he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him." - Adonijah copies Absalom in his revolt (2 Sam 15:1).

1 Kg 1:6 "And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so?" - "displeased" (Heb 'asab') is translated as "checked" (LXX), and "rebuked" (NKJV). The TWOT says concerning 'asab', "...his father had "never crossed him" (1Kg 1:6 NASB) at any time by inquiring into his activities, a shameful lack of parental interest and discipline". See Prov 22:15; Heb 12:5-6.

1 Kg 1:7 - "Joab" - He had been in disgrace since the death of Absalom, and his murder of Amasa (2 Sam 20:9-10) whom David had made captain. He doubtless feared his position would be lost if Solomon was made king.

"Abiathar"- probably jealous of the rise of his "rival" Zadok.

1 Kg 1:8 - "Nathan" - Knew the mind of Yahweh regarding Solomon (2 Sam 12:24-25).

*Mark at the bottom of 1 Kings 1*

**Adonijah** - means My Lord or My Ruler is Yahweh.  
He had become the eldest with the death of Absalom (1 Kg 1:6), and therefore he considered that the right of Kingship was his. He shows great similarities to Absalom being a "goodly man" appealing to the flesh (1 Kg 1:6), and employed his methods of gaining notoriety (1 Kg 1:5). Adonijah had been spoiled by his father (1 Kg 1:6). As a result had no love for his father, and no reverence for God (Exod 20:12) - he failed to live up to his name. He exalted himself (1 Kg 1:6) and would according to the principles of scripture be abased (Prov 16:18; 18:12; Lk 14:12; 18:14).

**Bible Marking****Solomon Formally Made King (1 Chronicles 28-29)****Ch 28 - David's Farewell Speech and Charge to the Elders of Israel.**vv1-8 - How Yahweh Chose David and Solomon

Key Word: Colour the word "chose" and "chosen" in v4 (2x),5,6.

1 Chron 28:4 - "**chose**" - Heb 'bachar' = to choose, decide for. The Kingdom of God is founded on Divine choice. This is true of the Kingdom in the past and in the future (Psa 65:4; 89:3,19; 106:5; Matt 12:18; 20:16; 22:14; Lk 23:35; 1 Cor 1:27; Eph 1:4; 2 Tim 2:4; Jas 2:5; 1 Pet 2:4; Rev 17:14).

1 Chron 28:5 - "**the kingdom of the LORD over Israel**" - see also **ch29:23**. The kingdom of God existed in the past. It was overturned (Ezek 21:26-27), but will be restored (Amos 9:11; Acts 1:6-8; 3:19-21; Jer 3:17).

vv9-10 - David's Charge to Solomon

1 Chron 28:9 - "**know thou the God of thy father**" - means to know God in the most intimate and personal way. See **Jn 17:3** (such knowledge leads to life).

1 Chron 28:10 - "**Take heed now**" - Labour in Yahweh's service is not a thing to be taken lightly (**1 Tim 4:16**).

vv11-19 - David's Plans for the Temple

1 Chron 28:11 - "**pattern**" - This pattern will be used in the Kingdom - **Amos 9:11; Isaiah 16:5**.

vv20-21 - Yahweh Has Instituted the Work - It is For Solomon to Complete It.**Ch 29 - David's Challenge - He Sets the Leaders an Example of Liberty.**

Key Word: Colour the word "willing" or "willingly" (1 Chron 29:5, 6, 9 (2x), 14, 17 (2x)).

1 Chron 29:5 - "**willing**" - Heb 'nadab' = "an uncompelled and free movement of the will unto divine service or sacrifice" (TWOT).

**Three Steps Showing the Power of Example**

Mark above **Among Leaders:**

1 Chronicles 29

1. David's Example (**1 Chron 29:3**) He gave of his own treasures. Roth has: "having a treasure of mine own in gold and silver, I have given for the house of my God".
2. The chief of the fathers, princes, captains and rulers followed David's example and gave willingly (**1 Chron 29:6**)
3. The people followed their example for good and also offered willingly (**1 Chron 29:9**).

vv1-5 - David's Appeal.vv6-8 - The Leaders Willingly Respondvv9 - The People Willingly Respondvv10-19 - David's Public Prayer of Thanksgivingvv 20-21 - The Ecclesia Respondsvv22-25 - Solomon's Reign Commencesvv26-30 - Summary of David's Reign**Bible Marking****Solomon's Judgment Against Evil-Doers ( 1 Kings 2:10-46)**

Mark above 1 Kings 2

**The Judgments of Solomon**

The firmness and justice Solomon demonstrated early in his reign, showed he would not tolerate rebels, and established his authority as king (**1 Kings 2:46**).

Solomon applied the principle he wrote in **Ecclesiastes 8:11** - "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." This principle is lacking in the world today.

The Lord Jesus Christ at his return, will like Solomon root out the workers of iniquity, execute speedy and righteous judgment, and so bring peace to the world (see **Mal 4:1-3; Isa 11:4-5; 32:1-6, 16-18**).

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