



# 1 KINGS

Poor Finishes & Power Snatches

1 Kings 1:1-53





# 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 1:1-14 ESV

<sup>1</sup> Now King David was old and advanced in years. And although they covered him with clothes, he could not get warm. <sup>2</sup> Therefore his servants said to him, “Let a young woman be sought for my lord the king, and let her wait on the king and be in his service. Let her lie in your arms, that my lord the king may be warm.” <sup>3</sup> So they sought for a beautiful young woman throughout all the territory of Israel,

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and found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king. <sup>4</sup> The young woman was very beautiful, and she was of service to the king and attended to him, but the king knew her not. <sup>5</sup> Now Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, “I will be king.” And he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen,



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and fifty men to run before him. <sup>6</sup> His father had never at any time displeased him by asking, “Why have you done thus and so?” He was also a very handsome man, and he was born next after Absalom. <sup>7</sup> He conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest. And they followed Adonijah and helped him.

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<sup>8</sup> But Zadok the priest and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and Nathan the prophet and Shimei and Rei and David's mighty men were not with Adonijah. <sup>9</sup> Adonijah sacrificed sheep, oxen, and fattened cattle by the Serpent's Stone, which is beside En-rogel, and he invited all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the royal officials of Judah,



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<sup>10</sup> but he did not invite Nathan the prophet or Benaiah or the mighty men or Solomon his brother.

<sup>11</sup> Then Nathan said to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, “Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith has become king and David our lord does not know it? <sup>12</sup> Now therefore come, let me give you advice,

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that you may save your own life and the life of your son Solomon. <sup>13</sup> Go in at once to King David, and say to him, ‘Did you not, my lord the king, swear to your servant, saying, “Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne”? Why then is Adonijah king?’ <sup>14</sup> Then while you are still speaking with the king, I also will come in after you and confirm your words.”



“Were David’s servants simply trying to keep him warm? If so, then why did they conduct a Miss Israel pageant to find the prettiest young thing in the whole country?”

**PHILIP GRAHAM RYKEN**

Philip Graham Ryken, *1 Kings*, Reformed Expository Commentary, ed. Richard D. Phillips, Philip Graham Ryken, & Iain M, Duguid, (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2011), 7.





“The greatest “achievement” in life, if it can be put like that, is simply to keep going with Jesus. Right to the end, whenever that comes for us. If asked about our greatest goal in life, how many of us would say that it is to keep following Jesus faithfully right to the end?

**J GARY MILLAR**

J Gary Millar, “1-2 Kings” in *ESV Expository Commentary Vol 3: 1 Samuel – 2 Chronicles*, ed. Iain M. Duguid, James M. Hamilton Jr., & Jay Sklar, (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2019) 523.





“This veteran wasn’t looking to fade away in retirement. He wasn’t about to waste his last years down the bowling club, or in front of Sky Sports, or up at the garden centre or painting his seaside holiday cottage! Even if his body was weakening, his zeal for the work of the LORD burned as brightly in his eyes as it had ever done....

**RICHARD COEKIN**

Richard Coekin, *A Few Good Men: What kind of man will you be?* (United Kingdom: The Good Book Company, 2020), 101.





In our youth-dominated culture, too many retired Christians think that they are past their ‘best-before’ date when it comes to serving God.

Caleb spent his retirement leading a band of battle-hardened warriors on a glorious mission for almighty God. That’s the way to finish well.

To ‘go out in a blaze of glory’ for Christ, not rotting on a cruise ship in the Med[iterranean].”

## **RICHARD COEKIN**

Richard Coekin, *A Few Good Men: What kind of man will you be?* (United Kingdom: The Good Book Company, 2020), 101.









“In love, [God] has worked to dent and deface my glory so that his glory would be my delight.

He has plundered my kingdom so that his kingdom would be my joy. And he has crushed my crown under his feet so that I would quest to be a good ambassador and not crave to be a king.

## PAUL DAVID TRIPP

Paul David Tripp, *Dangerous Calling: Confronting the Unique Challenges of Pastoral Ministry*, (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012), 181.





In this violent mercy there is hope for every person in ministry. Your Lord is not just after the success of your ministry; he is working to dethrone you as well. It is only when his throne is more important than yours that you will find joy in the hard and humbling task of gospel ministry. And his grace will not relent until our hearts have been fully captures by his glory.

Now, that's good news!"

**PAUL DAVID TRIPP**





# Philippians 2:6-11 ESV

<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.



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<sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.