



1 KINGS

Establishing the Kingdom

1 Kings 2:1-46



1st Kings 2:1-12 ESV

¹ When David's time to die drew near, he commanded Solomon his son, saying, ² "I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong, and show yourself a man, ³ and keep the charge of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn, ⁴ that the LORD may establish his word that he spoke concerning me, saying,

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‘If your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.’⁵ “Moreover, you also know what Joab the son of Zeruah did to me, how he dealt with the two commanders of the armies of Israel, Abner the son of Ner, and Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed, avenging in time of peace for blood that had been shed in war,

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and putting the blood of war on the belt around his waist and on the sandals on his feet. ⁶ Act therefore according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to Sheol in peace. ⁷ But deal loyally with the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table, for with such loyalty they met me when I fled from Absalom your brother. ⁸ And there is also with you Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite from Bahurim,

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who cursed me with a grievous curse on the day when I went to Mahanaim. But when he came down to meet me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD, saying, 'I will not put you to death with the sword.' ⁶ Act therefore according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to Sheol in peace. ⁷ But deal loyally with the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table, for with such loyalty they met me when I fled from Absalom your brother.

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¹⁰ Then David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David. ¹¹ And the time that David reigned over Israel was forty years. He reigned seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹² So Solomon sat on the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was firmly established.



“In chapter 1 the concern was for the succession in the kingdom; in chapter 2 the focus in on the security of the kingdom.”

DALE RALPH DAVIS

Dale Ralph Davis, *The Wisdom and the Folly: An Exposition of the Book of First Kings*, (Geanies House, Fearn; Ross-shire, Great Britain: Christian Focus, 2002), 25-26.



“Many people think that physical strength, or sexual activity, or professional success, or financial independence will make a man. But if these are the only things we live for, we will waste our lives, because what makes a man is obedience to the Word of God. Manliness is next to godliness.”

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), 51.



Matthew 7:24-25 ESV

²⁴ “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.”

“Law-obedience is the condition for
promise-enjoyment.”

DALE RALPH DAVIS

Dale Ralph Davis, *The Wisdom and the Folly: An Exposition of the Book of First Kings*, (Geanies House, Fearn; Ross-shire, Great Britain: Christian Focus, 2002), 27.



Exodus 21:12-14 ESV

¹² “Whoever strikes a man so that he dies shall be put to death. ¹³ But if he did not lie in wait for him, but God let him fall into his hand, then I will appoint for you a place to which he may flee. ¹⁴ But if a man willfully attacks another to kill him by cunning, you shall take him from my altar, that he may die.



Ecclesiastes 8:11 ESV

¹¹ “Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is full set to do evil.”

Romans 5:6-11 ESV

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would even die – ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.



Romans 5:6-11 ESV

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Matthew 13:41-43 ESV

⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.