

# 1 Kings 1

Kingdom of God or Kingdom of self?

- Heroes/Villains...Good/Evil kings...True/False-Prophets
- **Characters** within 22 Chapters of 1<sup>st</sup> Kings:
  1. **David** and **Bathsheba**: Still together. Their son...
  2. **Solomon**: Story makes up half [Ch. 1-11]
  3. **Rehoboam**: Solomon's son
  4. **Jeroboam**: Solomon's Servant
    - Leads rebellion that splits kingdom
    - Sets up Idols

**1 Kings 14:16** [God] will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who sinned and who made Israel sin."

5. Various Kings of Northern/Southern kingdoms. Mostly BAD
6. Ahab and Jezebel: Lovely couple?
7. Prophet Elijah

## Story of God working through the prophets and Kings of Israel...to Usher in the Messiah

- I and II Samuel originally **one volume**
- I and II Kings originally **one volume**
  1. All of Samuel and Kings compiled into one volume in 150 B.C
  2. **Later split into 4 Books**: I Samuel, II Samuel, I Kings and II Kings
- **Author**:
  1. Unknown. Jeremiah?
- **Date**: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings:
  1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings completed last days Judah [Southern] **586 B.C.** Time of Deportation
  2. 2 Books cover **400+ yrs.** of God dealing w/His people ruled by various kings
- **History/Chronology**: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings
  1. Death David in early 10<sup>th</sup> Century B.C. – Fall Jerusalem in 586 B.C.
  2. **1<sup>st</sup> Kings specifically**:
    - **Solomon**: His reign, projects, crash and burn [½ the book]
    - **Kingdom Split**: 12 Tribes of Israel split in two after Solomon
      - Judah in South [2 Tribes Judah/Benjamin]
      - Israel in North [10 other tribes]
- **Purpose**: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings
  1. Explain in detail why God brought about the fall of Israel
  2. To **give hope** that God's Promise of a Messiah would be fulfilled in spite

The political changes of Israel are given in order to show the religious condition. Everywhere there is a conflict between faith and unbelief, between the worship of Jehovah and the worship of Baal. We see wicked kings who introduce false worship and righteous kings who bring about reforms and try to overthrow false worship. Israel yields to evil and is finally cut off, but Judah repents and is restored to perpetuate the kingdom and to be the medium

through which Jesus came. [Spurgeon]

"It is the story of the rise and fall of kingdoms, of high promise and abject failure, of tragedy and yet of hope." [Wiseman]

**Choice for Nation, Family, Individual:** God's Rule or Self Rule?

- God knew the people would forsake Him and demand an earthly king to rule them
- Before the Exodus from Egypt God spoke to Abraham about a king...

**Genesis 35:11** [God to Abraham] "I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and **kings shall come** from your body.

- After the Exodus from Egypt God spoke of a king...

**Deuteronomy 17:14** [Read] "When you come to the land which the Lord your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,' 15 you shall surely set a king over you **whom the Lord your God chooses**; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. 16 But he shall **not multiply horses** for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the Lord has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.' 17 **Neither shall he multiply wives** for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself. 18 "Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he **shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book**, from the one before the priests, the Levites. 19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, 20 that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.

- **You will say** " I will set a king over us like other nations"
- Instructions for the king they were not supposed to have asked for...
  1. No foreigner as king over God's people
  2. King is not to multiply horses
  3. King is not to multiply wives
  4. King is to "write a copy" of the instructions for the king from the Law
- **-NEWSFLASH-** God was right! The people did demand an earthly king...

**Q.** So what? **A.** Asking for an earthly king was rejecting God as King

- After Exodus and entering the Promised Land God ruled through 12 successive Judges
- **Samuel was the last Judge of Israel...**

**1 Samuel 8:1** [Read] Now it came to pass when Samuel was old that he made his sons judges over Israel. 2 The name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. 3 **But his sons did not walk in his ways**; they turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, 5 and said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. **Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.**" 6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." So Samuel prayed to the Lord. 7 And the Lord said to Samuel,

"Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for **they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.**

8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day—with which they have **forsaken Me and served other gods**—so they are doing to you also. 9 Now therefore, **heed their voice.** However, you shall solemnly forewarn them, and show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them."

10 So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who asked him for a king. 11 And he said, "This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: He will **take your sons** and appoint them for his own chariots and to be his horsemen, and some will run before his chariots. 12 He will appoint captains over his thousands and captains over his fifties, will set some to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and some to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. 13 **He will take your daughters** to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers. 14 And he will take the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, and give them to his servants. 15 He will take a tenth of your grain and your vintage, and give it to his officers and servants. 16 And he will take your male servants, your female servants, your finest young men, and your donkeys, and put them to his work. 17 He will take a tenth of your sheep. And you will be his servants."

18 And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the Lord will not hear you in that day." 19 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, "**No, but we will have a king over us,** 20 that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles."

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them in the hearing of the Lord. 22 So the Lord said to Samuel, "Heed their voice, and make them a king." And Samuel said to the men of Israel, "**Every man go to his city.**"

- Israel disobeyed the Judge Samuel [also a Prophet] and would pay a heavy price...

#### **Price for Self-Rule:** Scattered and Enslaved

**Deuteronomy 28:36** [In wilderness Moses spoke of reprobations of disobedience] "The Lord will bring you and the king whom you set over you to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods—wood and stone. 37 And you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations where the Lord will drive you... 68 "And the Lord will take you back to Egypt in ships, by the way of which I said to you, 'You shall never see it again.' And there you shall be offered for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no one will buy you."

- Israel would demand an earthly king

**Q.** Was Saul the first King over Israel?

**A.** Melchizedek/AKA Jesus

- After rescuing nephew Lot from being kidnapped...

**Genesis 14:18** Then **Melchizedek king of Salem** [King of Jerusalem/King of Peace/Prince of Peace] brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. 19 And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all. [Jesus is the Eternal King]

- **Saul:** First earthly king over Israel. Did not end well.
- **David:**
  1. 2<sup>nd</sup> King of Israel
  2. Man after God's own heart
  3. David anointed 3x as King of Israel
  4. Desired to build God a house [Temple]
  5. Denied because David was a "man of blood"

### **God told David He would build David an Eternal House and Kingdom**

**2 Samuel 7:15** But My mercy shall not depart from [your descendants], as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.

- David's heir would be the King of the Universe Jesus Christ

David a good but weakened king; debilitated by sin/reaping results of being a bad father

- **David weakened by sin** with Bathsheba:
  1. Stopped fighting and started sinning
  2. No time outs for a man/woman of God
- **David reaping results of being bad Father...**
  1. **Amnon**
    - David's son Amnon raped sister Tamar after bad advice/ bad friend
    - Incident ignored by David. Other son Absalom becomes enraged
    - Absalom kills Amnon his brother to avenge Tamar
  2. **Absalom**
    - Absalom flees from David/No communication/Not phone call/E-Mail
    - David sends for Absalom but continue to ignore him
    - Finally meet and David kisses Absalom in head and continues to ignore
    - Absalom rebels against his father David.
    - Absalom is killed by David's then commander Joab
    - David filled w/grief/can't get ahold himself/almost loses the kingdom

**Too late to fix. No healing. David a mess.  
He is forgiven. He is saved... He is still a mess  
Reaping what he sowed: Sexual sin and murder**

- 42 Kings total over Israel and Judah and one queen Athaliah [Queen over Judah]
  1. Israel [Northern kingdom] were evil
  2. Judah [Southern Kingdom] 12 evil and 8 good

### **End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel begins 1 Kings...**

**2 Samuel 24:24** [Read] Then the king [David] said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it

from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which costs me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. 25 And David built there an altar to the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord heeded the prayers for the land, and the plague was withdrawn from Israel.

End of 2 Samuel David buys the land where Solomon will eventually build the Temple

- **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings:**

1. Intrigue
2. Conspiracies
3. Drama
4. God condescending to a man-caused sin-initiated split Kingdom
5. Line of David must continue to the Messiah. God said so..

**Titus 1:2** ...hope of eternal life which **God, who cannot lie**, promised before time began

## **I. Adonijah Exalts Himself: Exploiting Perceived Weakness**

1 Now King David was old, advanced in years; and they put covers on him, but he could not get warm. 2 Therefore his servants said to him, "Let a young woman, a virgin, be sought for our lord the king, and let her stand before the king, and let her care for him; and let her lie in your bosom, that our lord the king may be warm."

- **King David:** 70 Years old and bedridden

...for David, it wasn't just the years-it was the mileage. He seemed to live the lives of four or five men in his lifetime. [Guzic]

- **Body Heat:**

1. Servants [lit. Physicians] ask for a woman to keep David warm. David agrees
2. **Common practice at the time:** Greek Dr. Galen and Historian Josephus

3 So [the servants] sought for a lovely young woman throughout all the territory of Israel, and found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king. 4 The young woman was very lovely; and she cared for the king, and served him; but the king did not know her.

- "Lovely young woman" a Shunammite

Was this Shunammite [lit. double resting place] the Shulamite [perfect/peaceful] Young woman Solomon would marry in Song of Solomon?

**Song of Solomon 6:10** Who is she who looks forth as the morning, Fair as the moon, Clear as the sun, Awesome as an army with banners?

**Q.** Is Abashag the Shulamite; Solomon's wife in Song of Solomon?

**A.** Maybe but probably not...but then again...*who didn't* Solomon marry?

- "Lovely young woman" to keep David warm and happy

- No sexual relations. David is “out of commission” weakened by life...

## 5 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, “I will be king”

Ungodly and Rebellious exploit perceived weakness. “I will be king”

- **Adonijah:** David’s son from Haggith
- **David’s Wives:** 8 mentioned specifically in Scripture

1. Ahinoam*	Amnon
2. Abigail*	Daniel/Chileab: Died? Unfit to rule, issues. Nowhere after 2 Sam 3
3. Maacah*	Absalom
4. Haggith*	Adonijah: Oldest living son at this point
5. Abital*	Shephatiah
6. Eglah*	Ithream

\*Born in Hebron the 7.5 Years David ruled there before Jerusalem became Capital

- During the 33 years David ruled in Jerusalem 2 more wives mentioned...

7. Michal	No Children
8. Bathsheba	Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, <b>Solomon</b> after 1 <sup>st</sup> child died

**2 Samuel 5:13** And David **took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem**, after he came from Hebron, and more sons and daughters were born to David.

**1 Chronicles 3:6** [David] had nine other sons: Ibhar, Elishua, Elpelet, 7 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, 8 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet. **9** In addition to all these sons, David had sons by his concubines. **He also had a daughter, Tamar.**

- David’s many wives are *descriptive* not *prescriptive*
- Tells what *he did* not what we are *to do*

**Deuteronomy 17:17** [The kings shall not...] **...multiply wives for himself**

Break God’s Command and Expect Problems  
**Choose to Sin...choose to Suffer**

- **Adonijah:**
  1. **Name means:** “The Lord is my Lord”
  2. David’s 4<sup>th</sup> and eldest living son
  3. **Order:** Amnon, Daniel, Absalom and **then Adonijah**
  4. All from different mothers

**Adonijah Exalted Himself “I will be king”**

**NOTE: Saying “I will” before God says “you shall” is a sure path to destruction**

**Isaiah 14:12** “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! **13** For you have said in your heart: ‘**I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God; **I will** also

sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds, **I will** be like the Most High.' 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

Saying "I will" before God says "you shall" leads will ultimately lead to **destruction**

**Proverbs 16:18** Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

- If Humility is a virtue of God then Pride is the sin of the Devil...

**1 Timothy 3:6** [An Elder must not be a...] a novice, lest being **puffed up with pride** he fall into the **same condemnation as the devil**.

Being eldest son Adonijah might conclude he was heir apparent to David  
*Except that* Adonijah knew Solomon was to rein...**Adonijah is heir presumptive**

- Something about presuming leadership
- It is God alone who lifts up and puts down

**James 4:10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and **He will lift you up**.

**Psalms 75:6** For exaltation comes neither from the east Nor from the west nor from the south. 7 **But God is the Judge**: He puts down one, And exalts another.

- **God chose Solomon**; Bathsheba's son...

**1 Chronicles 22:6** [Read] Then [David] called for his son Solomon, and charged him to build a house for the Lord God of Israel. 7 And David said to Solomon: "My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house to the name of the Lord my God; 8 but the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have made great wars; you shall not build a house for My name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in My sight. 9 Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon, for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days. 10 He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his Father; and **I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever**.' 11 Now, my son, may the Lord be with you; and may you prosper, and build the house of the Lord your God, as He has said to you. 12 Only may the Lord give you wisdom and understanding, and give you charge concerning Israel, that you may keep the law of the Lord your God. 13 Then you will prosper, if you take care to fulfill the statutes and judgments with which the Lord charged Moses concerning Israel.

- Adonijah knew Solomon was to rule after David...

**1 Chronicles 28:5** [Read] And of all my sons (for the Lord has given me many sons) He has chosen my son Solomon to **sit on the throne of the kingdom** of the Lord over Israel. 6 Now He said to me, 'It is your son Solomon who shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to be My son, and I will be his Father. 7 Moreover I will establish his kingdom forever, if he is steadfast to observe My commandments and My judgments, as it is this day.' 8 Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the Lord, and in the hearing of our God, be careful to seek out all the commandments of the Lord your God, that you may possess this good land, and leave it as an inheritance for your children after you forever. 9 "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He

will cast you off forever. 10 Consider now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it.”

- **Adonijah knew God’s will but didn’t like it.**

Solomon; son of two adulterers? King? Really?  
We don’t have to like God’s will... but we do have to agree with it

**5b...and [Adonijah] prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.**

- **Prepared himself...** as did his brother Absalom who is no longer with us

**2 Samuel 15:1** ... it happened that Absalom **provided himself with chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.** 2 Now Absalom would rise early and stand beside the way to the gate.

- **All dressed up and nowhere to go...**

**Proverbs 16:9** A man’s heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.

**Proverbs 19:21** There are many plans in a man’s heart, Nevertheless the Lord’s counsel—that will stand.

- Globalists pushing for utopia without God will be sadly mistaken...

**Psalms 2:1** [Read] Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, 3 “Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us.” 4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. 5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: 6 **“Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.”**

- Adonijah prepared himself and dragged others with him

...prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, **and fifty men to run before him.**

### **“I will be king”**

Adonijah knew he was not to be king...He was a **Rebel**  
**Rebellion is demonic.**

- **Rebellion against Government/Police** [unless asking us to disobey God]
  1. Marches/Protests
  2. Violence/Rage
- **Rebellion against Church Leaders** [unless asking us to disobey God]
  1. Church splits
  2. Bad witness to world
- **Rebellion against Parents** [unless asking us to disobey God]
  1. Parents are children’s God-given authority
  2. Rebellion against parents is evil.



**1 Samuel 15:23** For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord

**A problem with authority...is a problem with God**  
**Adonijah has a problem with authority. Adonijah has a problem with God**

6 (And [Adonijah's] father [David] had not rebuked him at any time by saying, "**Why have you done so?**")

- David never disciplined his kids...

**Proverbs 13:24** He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

- We don't discipline?
  1. Shameful for parents
  2. Hateful to children

No boundaries at home lead to No boundaries in life. Jail/Death

- **David never corrected Adonijah...**

**6b...Adonijah was also very good-looking. His mother had borne him after Absalom.)**

- Good looking? Open doors with just his looks?

It doesn't surprise us that David's children were very good-looking. This gave them an unfair and unfortunate advantage. [Guzic]

- Undisciplined and rebellious/ Good looking and worldly

**7 Then [Adonijah] conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest, and they followed and helped Adonijah.**

- First gathers 50 men and chariots v5
- Next strategic VIP's
  1. **Joab:** Former faithful commander of David [Replaced by Amasa 2 Sam 19:13]
  2. **Abiathar:** Former faithful priest of David
- Once faithful to David now turncoats...

"Joab and Abiathar tarnished a life's devotion and broke sacred bonds, because they thought of themselves rather than of God's will." [Maclaren]

- **Signs of rebellion:**
  1. Exalting self not God
  2. Drawing others to self not God

**Kingdom of self vs. Kingdom of God**

I want what I want and don't care what God wants

**James 3:16** ...where envy and **self-seeking** exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

**James 4:1** Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war.

- **Rebellion in the church:** One rises and draws others...

**Acts 20:30** ...after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. <sup>30</sup> Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

- Adonijah exalts self and gathers disgruntled...

8 But Zadok the priest, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Shimei, Rei, and the mighty men who *belonged* to David were not with Adonijah.

- **David's Faithful:**

1. **Zadok** the priest
2. **Benaiah:** Lion in a pit on a snowy day guy
3. **Nathan** the Prophet
4. **Shimei:** Not the same as 2 Samuel
5. **Rei?**

9 And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and oxen and fattened cattle by the stone of Zohemoth, which is by En Rogel;

- **Stone of Zohemoth:** "Stone of the Serpent"
- **Offered Sacrifice:** Appearance that this was the will of God. Pretender.

**9b...**[Adonijah] also invited **all his brothers**, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's servants. 10 But he did not invite Nathan the prophet, Benaiah, the mighty men, or Solomon his brother.

- Did not invite those faithful to David
- Invited all his brothers **except Solomon**

**Adonijah knew the King's will...but instead said "I will be king!"**

11 So 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?"

- **Nathan:** David's prophet who once rebuked him "You are the man"
- **Spoke to Bathsheba:** Adonijah has exalted himself and David doesn't know...

12 Come, please, let me now give you advice, that you may save your own

life and the life of your son Solomon. 13 Go immediately to King David and say to him, 'Did you not, my lord, O king, swear to your maidservant, saying, "Assuredly your son Solomon shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne"? Why then has Adonijah become king?'

- **Nathan's advice to Bathsheba:** To save your own life and your son Solomon...

Go now to David: "If you said Solomon was to be king why is Adonijah acting as king?"

14 Then, while you are still talking there with the king, I also will come in after you and confirm your words."

- I'll come in on cue and speed things up...

15 So Bathsheba went into the chamber to the king. (Now the king was very old, and Abishag the Shunammite was serving the king.) 16 And Bathsheba bowed and did homage to the king. Then the king said, "What is your wish?"

- Bathsheba enters to see David who is "very old"
- Bathsheba sees Abishag serving her husband... **bows anyway**

#### **Wives have great influence**

- **Husbands:** Love is what makes a wife blossom
- **Wives:** Respect is the wind beneath husband's wings

**Ephesians 5:33** ...let each [husband] so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

- Husbands love your wives/Wives respect your husbands...

Bathsheba bowed and did homage to the king/  
The king bowed and did homage to Bathsheba

- **Then the king said, "What is your wish?"**

17 Then [Bathsheba] said to him, "My lord, you swore by the Lord your God to your maidservant, saying, 'Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne.' 18 So now, look! Adonijah has become king; and now, my lord the king, **you do not know about it.**

- David really **did not know** what was going on...

19 He has sacrificed oxen and fattened cattle and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the sons of the king, Abiathar the priest, and Joab the commander of the army; but **Solomon your servant he has not invited.** 20 And as for you, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, that you should tell them who will sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. 21 Otherwise it will happen, when my lord the king rests with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon will be counted as offenders."

- **For men...just the facts:**
  1. This is what you said
  2. This is what is happening
  3. You are the king and every eye is on you
  4. You must tell Israel who the next king is
  5. This is what will happen if you do nothing...

If Adonijah becomes King...**he will kill all his rivals including me and Solomon**

22 And just then, while she was still talking with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in. 23 So they told the king, saying, "Here is Nathan the prophet." And when he came in before the king, he bowed down before the king with his face to the ground.

- **Nathan a true friend...** "You are the man. You are a liar, murderer, adulterer..."

**Galatians 6:1** Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, **you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness**, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

- A good friend/Loving friend tells the truth

**Proverbs 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend**, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful. [Get a friend like Nathan]

- **Nathan a true friend...**
- **David a man after God's own heart:** Nathan still has his head!

24 And Nathan said, "My lord, O king, have you said, 'Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne'? 25 For he has gone down today, and has sacrificed oxen and fattened cattle and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's sons, and the commanders of the army, and Abiathar the priest; and look! They are eating and drinking before him; and they say, 'Long live King Adonijah!' 26 But he has not invited me—me your servant—nor Zadok the priest, nor Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, nor your servant Solomon. 27 Has this thing been done by my lord the king, and you have not told your servant who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?"

**Tell me it's not so!**

## **II. Solomon becomes King of Israel**

**1 Chronicles 22:9** Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days. 10 He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his Father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.

**God's Grace:** Solomon, **son of two adulterers** is heir to the very throne of Israel  
The son of two adulterers will be in the line of the Jesus Christ!

- **Nathan to David:** Did you say Adonijah is to be king and not tell me?

28 Then King David answered and said, "Call Bathsheba to me." So she came into the king's presence and stood before the king. 29 And the king took an oath and said, "As the Lord lives, who has redeemed my life from every distress, 30 just as I swore to you by the Lord God of Israel, saying, 'Assuredly Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place,' so I certainly will do this day." 31 Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth, and paid homage to the king, and said, "**Let my lord King David live forever!**"

- David will live forever

**Psalm 23:6** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And **I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.**

- David will reign as Prince when Jesus returns...

**Ezekiel 37:25** Then [Millennium] they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant **David shall be their prince forever.**

32 And King David said, "Call to me Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada." So they came before the king.

- **David calls the faithful:**

1. **Zadock** the Priest: Bringing David before the Lord
2. **Nathan** the Prophet: Bringing the Lord before David
3. **Benaiah** the Might Man Killed a Lion in a pit on snowy day

33 The king [David] also said to them, "Take with you the servants of your lord, and have Solomon my son ride on my own mule, and take him down to Gihon. 34 There let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel

- **Final Instructions:** David fulfills the Lords will...

1. Take my faithful servants with you
2. Throw Solomon on my mule: Imported/Expensive/Reserved for royalty
3. Grab Zadok the Priest and Nathan the Prophet and anoint Solomon [Horn]
  - Vindication that Solomon is the true king
  - Validation that Solomon is the true king

We can think we are something but until God vindicates/validates we are on our own

**34b...**and blow the horn, and say, '**Long live King Solomon!**' 35 Then you shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit on my throne...

**Next...Get loud:** Long live Solomon!

- **Finally...Take Solomon to my throne!**

**35b...**and he shall be king in my place. For I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and Judah."36 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said, "Amen! May the Lord God of my lord the king say so too. 37 As the Lord has been with my lord the king, even so may He be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David."

**2 Samuel 23:20** Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who had done many deeds. He had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.

**"As the Lord was with David may he also be with Solomon...and even more so"**

38 So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule, and took him to Gihon. 39 Then Zadok the priest took a horn of oil from the tabernacle and anointed Solomon. And they blew the horn, and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!" 40 And all the people went up after him; and the people played the flutes and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth seemed to split with their sound.

- **Celebration:** The Lords chosen is on the throne of David!

**Proverbs 29:2** When the **righteous are in authority**, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

- **Meanwhile the usurper is unaware and partying...**

41 Now Adonijah and all the guests who were with him heard it as they finished eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the horn, he said, "Why is the city in such a noisy uproar?"

- **Parties over...**
- **Belshazzar King of Babylon** partying with gold vessels stolen from temple of God

**Daniel 5:4** They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone. 5 In the same hour the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. 6 Then the king's countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other.

- Adam's sin allowed the devil to usurp the kingdoms of the world... for a while

**Matthew 4:8** ... the devil took [Jesus] up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things **I will give You** if You will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" 11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

**Post-cross/Post-Resurrection: Sherriff is back in town**

**Revelation 20:10** The devil, who deceived [the nations], was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

### **Rebellion is serious in God's eyes.**

- Satan will have a rude awakening to the rightful king Jesus...
- Adonijah has a rude awakening to the rightful king Solomon

42 While [Joab] was still speaking, there came Jonathan, the son of Abiathar the priest. And Adonijah said to him, "Come in, for you are a prominent man, and bring good news."

- Get the feeling their hoping for the best...

43 Then Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, "No! Our lord King David has made Solomon king. 44 The king has sent with him Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites; and they have made him ride on the king's mule. 45 So Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king at Gihon; and they have gone up from there rejoicing, so that the city is in an uproar. This is the noise that you have heard. 46 Also Solomon sits on the throne of the kingdom.

#### ▪ **Bad news for Adonijah:**

1. David made Solomon King
2. Solomon has a Priest/Prophet/Military Commander in place
3. Solomon is riding on David's mule

#### **Solomon has been anointed with oil and is sitting on David's throne!**

47 And moreover the king's servants have gone to bless our lord King David, saying, 'May God make the name of Solomon better than your name, and may He make his throne greater than your throne.'

- **Parties over!** David's servants are now Solomon's servants. He has a following.

**47b...**Then the king bowed himself on the bed. 48 Also the king said thus, 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has given one to sit on my throne this day, while my eyes see it!'"

- David praises God as God's Word comes to pass
- Jonathan concludes the bad news for Adonijah and those who followed him

#### **Bad news for those who will follow the false-king**

**John 5:43** I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

- Those who follow the AC will receive the same judgment...

**Revelation 19:20** Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

- Eternal judgment for those who follow AC/ Those who forsake His offer of Salvation

**Revelation 14:9** Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

- Hell is eternal.
- **SDA:** "If hell is eternal God is more evil than Hitler"

I do not question the idea of hell, which the Bible describes as a "lake of fire" (Revelation 19:20; 20:14). The Bible is very clear about the fact that God will punish the wicked with fire. However, I simply cannot imagine a merciful God continuing to give the wicked immortality just so they can scream in pain throughout all eternity. We look with loathing on Hitler, who killed six million Jews in the gas chambers of Auschwitz and similar prison camps. But Hitler at least eventually put his victims out of their misery. The popular God of hell never lets up. He keeps human beings artificially alive so that they can go on suffering throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. That view of God is simply beyond my comprehension. It's a total contradiction of the merciful and just God that I read about in the Bible. [Marvin Moore, the God of Hell. Signs of the Times July 2011]

- Cannot imagine? Simply beyond my comprehension? Heresy.

### **Hell is what Jesus suffered and died to keep us from**

**Matthew 25:46** [Goats, those who do not follow Jesus] these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

- Rebellious will follow the AC because they rejected Jesus

**1 Samuel 15:23** ...rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have **rejected the word of the Lord**

- Those who reject God's offer Salvation [Proud/Rebellious/Many]: Eternal Punishment

**2 Thessalonians 2:8** [Read] And then the lawless one [AC] will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, **because they did not receive the love of the truth**, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

### **Message of Jesus dying on cross is foolishness to those who will be damned**

**1 Corinthians 1:18** ...the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.



- Adonijah a picture of Satan attempting to usurp the true king...

49 So all the guests who were with Adonijah were afraid, and arose, and each one went his way.

- **I think I left my stove on...**

50 Now Adonijah was afraid of Solomon

- **Adonijah was afraid:** Correct Reaction to sure judgment

**Hebrews 10:26** [Read] ...if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people." 31 **It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

- We will not fear judgment if we are loving as Jesus loved...

**1 John 4:17** [Read] Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; **because as He is, so are we in this world.** 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love Him because He first loved us.

- Adonijah loves self and rightfully fears Judgment from the true king

**50b...so [Adonijah] arose, and went and took hold of the horns of the altar.**

- **Horns of the Altar of the tabernacle:**

1. Where innocent go be protected from relatives of those hurt/killed accidentally
2. *Not* a place for the guilty to be protected

51 And it was told Solomon, saying, "Indeed Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon; for look, he has taken hold of the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let King Solomon swear to me today that he will not put his servant to death with the sword.'"

- Let King Solomon not put "his servant" to death? Has he repented? No.

52 Then Solomon said, "If he proves himself a worthy man, not one hair of him shall fall to the earth; but if wickedness is found in him, he shall die."

- Worthy and Live/ Wicked and Die. Not a good deal for Adonijah

**Romans 3:23** ...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

- Those who claim to be without sin make God out to be a liar

**1 John 8:8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

- We all need to be washed in Jesus blood.

**We are not sinner because we sin. We sin because we are sinners**

**Psalm 51:5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. 6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

53 So King Solomon sent them to bring him down from the altar. And he came and fell down before King Solomon; and Solomon said to him, "Go to your house."