

I Kings 1-2 –30 June 2022

“Needed Cleansing For Peace”

Introduction

*1st & 2nd Kings was written (around 550BC) as one book & split when translated to Greek

*It records the events from Solomon’s reign in 970BC until the Babylonian Captivity in 586BC

*These books demonstrate that a king’s allegiance to God’s Law was the key to success & protection

*The 1st half of I Kings depicts the reign of Solomon

*The 2nd half of I Kings begins the divided kingdom

*We ended II Samuel w/ King David being old

*David was a man of war with many victories for the Lord in expanding the Promised Land for Israel

*As w/ all times of needed war/conflict, there comes a time of needed cleansing, cleansing that brings peace

***Let’s see 3 keys for bringing that needed cleansing**

1st key to gain that needed cleansing is to be bold in doing God's will (Chap 1:1-53)

Read Chap 1:1-4

1. This is all about health & life, not sexual
2. There's no spiritual lesson here, it intends to introduce us to Abishag so we understand her involvement in Adonijah's rebellion later

Read Vs 5-6

1. David's great sins of not correcting his sons comes back again

Read Vs 7-8

1. Of all David's men, only Joab the general & Abiathar the priest take after their own will instead of seeking the king's will
2. Take note and be careful of who's NOT at important meetings

Read Vs 9-10

1. Adonijah knew Nathan & Solomon enough to not trust they would go along w/ this self-willed plan
2. Adonijah most likely knew that David was going to appoint Solomon to be king

Read Vs 11-14

1. B/c in the mouth of 2-3 witnesses a truth is established
2. So Nathan now acts in favor of David whereas before he seemed to act against David (adultery)
 - a. Proves that a man of God isn't for or against people...they're simply for God's will

Read Vs 15-21

1. She needs David to make the declaration before he passes away
2. Beauty of the creature (Bathsheba) fades & is replaced – but her bold Godly character will endure

Read Vs 22-27

1. Maybe this is David's will but he hasn't told Nathan – polite way of asking David to get involved

Read Vs 28-40

1. David sends all his loyal friends, w/ credibility like David's own mule, to appoint & anoint Solomon
2. See vs 29 – Believers & unbelievers go thru distress; difference is believers have a redeemer
3. Notice Adonijah was only doing 'opening ceremonies' whereas David had Solomon skip right to the anointing & coronation as king

Read Vs 41-49

1. When word of Solomon's coronation comes to Adonijah, all people with him despair & leave
2. Had they sought God's guidance first then they would never have had this despair

Read Vs 50-53

1. For Solomon's first act as king, he pardons his brother for insurrection & betrayal after Adonijah bowed to him

2nd key to gain that needed cleansing is to be better at knowing God's Word (Chap 2:1-12)

Read Chap 2:1-2

1. This is what it means that God made some male...to become men, to be courageous & strong
 - a. Physically, mentally, & spiritually strong to do what's right on offence
 - b. But also, defensively strong to stand
 - i. Read I Cor 16:13

Read Vs 3-4

1. Most males act like men in showing physical courage & strength
2. Some males act like men in showing mental courage & strength
3. But only some males act like men in showing the spiritual courage & strength God's asking for
4. Read Deut 17:18-20 – So how will Solomon continue on the throne? By obeying God's Law

- a. Can't do that w/o reading the Word & knowing God
- b. Psm 1 - Wes Bentley "My obedience has protected me"

Read Vs 5-9

1. Exact justice upon Joab for murder (vs 5-6), grace Barzillai for his grace (vs 7), bring justice upon Shimei (vs 8-9)
2. David wants Solomon to start with a clean slate

Read Vs 10

1. Only 2 usages of 'City of David' mean Bethlehem, & that's b/c of the context of place of birth
2. All other usages are in context to reign & power and 'City of David' refers to Jerusalem
3. Not all people do this 'resting/waiting in peace', some just die...like Saul I Chr 10:13

Read Vs 11-12

1. So the throne of David is established as a lineage, as an inheritance

3rd key to gain that needed cleansing is to believe that unchecked sin spreads (Chap 2:13-46)

Intro

1. In Luk 12:1 Jesus say to ‘beware of the leaven of the Pharisees which is hypocrisy’
2. Paul tells us multiple times that ‘a little leaven leavens the whole lump’

Read Chap 2:13-16 (Adonijah’s leaven)

1. In a fleshly or ‘ways of the world’ way, the kingdom would have been his by birth order
2. Interesting the he recognizes that the Lord Himself had other plans

Read Vs 17-25

1. Bathsheba was naive to accept this request
2. Remember in Chap 1:52 Solomon said “If”
3. The mercy given to Adonijah is now ended for the hypocrisy of his life shows that he’s not a repentant man

Read Vs 26-27 (Abiathar's leaven)

1. Abiathar is cast out of the priesthood fulfilling prophecy from I Sam 2:35 in days of Eli
2. God know every decision we'll every make and it's all under His sovereign control
3. God knows the right timing to intervene

Read Vs 28-35 (Joab's leaven)

1. Joab having shed innocent blood was seen as an open issue that needed resolved by his death for Israel to be at peace
2. Think of all the innocents spared from the effects of the sin that he would have further caused

Read Vs 36-38 (Shimei's leaven)

1. This is what David had commanded Shimei and Solomon is reiterating it again

Read Vs 39-46

1. How many justifications Shimei must have had in his head about why he thought it was ok to go to Gath

Conclusion

So... a fresh start, a clean break, why is it important?

1. **Be bold enough to do God's will**

- a. Be like Nathan willing to serve God, no matter who you have to stand against or with

2. **Be better at knowing God's Word**

- a. We all rule over something or someone; only way to rule well is to know God thru His Word

3. **Believe that unchecked sin spreads**

- a. Adonijah drew others away into his sin, and so does ours
- b. I Cor 11:31 tells of that if we judge ourselves, we shall not be judged

This cleansing leads to fellowship & peace w/ God & w/ man