



## Second Samuel Pursuing the Heart of God

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### “From Warrior King to Peaceful Empire” The Transition from David to Solomon

1 Kings 1-4

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**Theme:** The final act in David’s life is making Solomon king after him. When Adonijah, the fourth son of David, declares himself to be king, Nathan the prophet intervenes, sending Bathsheba to remind David that he’s promised the throne to Solomon. David then makes Solomon king and Adonijah’s coup collapses. Solomon honors God by asking for wisdom rather than wealth and by building the temple to the Lord. Yet Solomon’s great failure is to marry foreign wives, who turn his heart away from God. The result after Solomon’s death is civil war and the division of the nation.

#### **Outline:**

1. The Succession Narrative
  - a. David’s approaching death
  - b. Adonijah’s play for the throne
  - c. David makes Solomon king

d. Solomon consolidates his reign

## 2. Solomon's Successes

a. Request for Wisdom

b. Building the Temple

## 3. Solomon's Failures

a. Multiplying wives and wealth

b. A heart divided by idolatry

## 4. The Division of the Kingdom after Solomon

**Takeaway:** True success comes when we seek God's kingdom and righteousness.

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Date: August 5, 2018

Title: Introduction to 1 Timothy

Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:1-2