

10-15-2025 – Journey with King David – Week 15 – Final Week/Words

1 Kings 1 - David is “very old” & Abishag brought to him.

Adonijah. Rebelling. “I will make myself king.” Chariots + 50 men.

- David never disciplined him. **1:6**
 - Joab & Abiathar the priest agreed to help him become king.
 - 6 others listed as refusing to support Adonijah.
- **2 Sam. 3:3** – Adonijah, 4th son, mother = Haggith. Older.

1 Kings 1 – Adonijah has feast. Does not invite Solomon, David supporters

--- Nathan goes to Bathsheba . . . both go to David. “vow before the Lord”

- Israel is waiting for announcement. We’ll be criminals.
- David appoints Solomon. Blow ram’s horn... ride David’s mule.
- Anointed w/ olive oil. Celebration so noisy the earth shook.
 - Vs. 48 - ⁴⁸David, ‘Praise the Lord, God blessed me to see the successor to my throne while I am still alive to see it.’
 - Adonijah’s party breaks up. All panic, scatter.
- Adonijah rushes to sacred tent, seizes horns of the altar in fear.
 - Word gets back to King Solomon. “If he proves himself to be loyal, not a hair on his head will be touched.” // “Go on home.”

David’s final instructions to Solomon:

Have courage – act like a man – walk in obedience to the Lord.

- Mentions 3 men from David’s past: **Joab, Barzillai, Shimei.**
 - Deal w/ **Joab & Shimei** according to your wisdom. Kind – sons.
 - David died, was buried in the City of David.

David was 30 yrs old when he became king, and he reigned **40** years;

7 yrs reigned in Hebron, 33 more yrs in Jerusalem. **1 Kings 2:11.**

What Lessons do we take away from the life of David?

- 1 - Our final words matter. They have an impact. Choose them carefully.
David's are good and bad. The good – be courageous. Obedient.
 - Our unfinished business shouldn't be on others.
- 2 - **David** was an **imperfect** man, but God's favor & blessings were on him.
God looks to our hearts. None of us are perfect.
Our sins/mistakes don't keep us from doing great things for God.
 - God will remind you of His promise, the enemy – your past.
 - God was establish an eternal dynasty. David & his sons were to walk faithfully with God. Solomon & his descendants would fail. **But God kept His promise.**
- 3 - From the throne of David comes the greatest throne.
The Genealogy of Jesus is that He was a "son of David":
 - **Gabriel:** "Behold, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus. **32**[He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David,](#) **33**and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever. His kingdom will never end!" – **Luke 1:31-33**
- 4 - What we seek after outside of God's will is worthless/empty.
 - Adonijah exalted himself. God lifted up Solomon.
- 5 - Our faithfulness is tied to God's blessings.
While Israel & King Solomon were faithful to God, He blessed them. They grew in power, wealth & respect. But as they turned away from God, the kingdom was torn apart.
- 6 - Humble, obscure beginnings can lead to great things.
Don't count yourself out. Let God prepare you.
- 7 - Live in faith, don't live in fear.
God may take you thru the wilderness . . . but God is leading. Present.