

God's Promise to David: The Reign of King Solomon
Lesson 2 – 1 Kings 2

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David's Final Instructions (1 Kings 2:1-12).

10. David admonished Solomon to “show yourself a man.” According to modern American society, how does a real man act? According to David, how does a real man act?

11. Evaluate the advice David gave to Solomon regarding Joab and Shimei. Was he being vindictive? (For background, review 2 Samuel 3:37 and 2 Samuel 20:10 on Joab's murders of Abner and Amasa, and 2 Samuel 16:5-13 and 2 Samuel 19:18b-23 on Shimei's cursing of King David).

12. How did David describe death in verse 1 Kings 2:2? How is his death described in 1 Kings 2:10? How are these two descriptions different?

Adonijah's Request (1 Kings 2:13-25).

13. What did Adonijah request of Bathsheba? What did he hope to achieve by this request? (See 2 Samuel 16:20-22).

14. Why did Solomon react as he did to Adonijah's request? Did he overreact?

15. We will see in 1 and 2 Kings that many of Israel's queens and queen-mothers exercised great authority and influence. Re-read 1 Kings 2:19. How did Solomon honor his mother? How are we to honor our parents and others in authority over us?

Solomon Disposes of His Enemies (1 Kings 2:26-46).

16. Solomon punished Abiathar the priest but did not take his life. Why?

17. Do you think the executions of Joab and Shimei were justified? According to Romans 13:1-5, what is the God-ordained relationship between government and citizen?

Where is Jesus?

18. 1 Kings 2:7 indicates that the sons of Barzillai were to be given the honor of eating at the king's table. What does this bring to mind?

19. Compare Solomon's "political purges" to the description in Matthew 13:40-43. How did Solomon's actions prefigure what will take place on Judgment Day?

20. 1 Kings 2:12, 24, 45, and 46 all contain the phrase "firmly established" (or something similar). What does this tell us about Jesus?

21. The concept of death occurs several times in the latter part of chapter 2. Why is death vital to the Solomon's throne and kingdom? What does this foreshadow about Judgment Day?

