

# I Kings 2 Solomon's Reign Begins

## I. Background

1. What are some characteristics of being a good leader?
2. How do leaders unite a group of people?
3. Solomon spared the life of Adonijah after he tried to assume the kingship of Israel. What does this show you about Solomon's character as a leader?

## II. The Advice from King David

### 4. Read 1 Kings 2:1-4

What is the focus of the advice King David gave to Solomon shortly before his death?

### 4 b. Read Deuteronomy 17:18-20

<sup>18</sup> "And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by<sup>al</sup> the Levitical priests. <sup>19</sup> And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, <sup>20</sup> that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

### 5. Read 1 Kings 2:5-9

What political advice does King David give to Solomon?

### 6. Read 2 Samuel 3:27-30

<sup>27</sup> And when Abner returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside into the midst of the gate to speak with him privately, and there he struck him in the stomach, so that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother. <sup>28</sup> Afterward, when David heard of it, he said, "I and my kingdom are forever guiltless before the LORD for the blood of Abner the son of Ner. <sup>29</sup> May it fall upon the head of Joab and upon all his father's house, and may the house of Joab never be without one who has a discharge or who is leprous or who holds a spindle or who falls by the sword or who lacks bread!" <sup>30</sup> So Joab and Abishai his brother killed Abner, because he had put their brother Asahel to death in the battle at Gibeon.

### 6b. Read 2 Samuel 20:10

<sup>10</sup> But Amasa did not observe the sword that was in Joab's hand. So Joab struck him with it in the stomach and spilled his entrails to the ground without striking a second blow, and he died. Then Joab and Abishai his brother pursued Sheba the son of Bichri.

6. What information is given about Joab?

### 7. Read 2 Samuel 16:5-8 (page 2-top)

7. When King David came to Bahurim, there came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera, and as he came he cursed continually. <sup>6</sup> And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David, and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. <sup>7</sup> And Shimei said as he cursed, "Get out, get out, you man of blood, you worthless man! <sup>8</sup> The LORD has avenged on you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned, and the LORD has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. See, your evil is on you, for you are a man of blood."

What information is given about Shimei?

### **III. The Request of Adonijah**

8. Read 1 Kings 2:13-18

What request did Adonijah make of Bethseba?

9. Read 1 Kings 2:15

What were Adonijah's motives behind his request?

10. Read 1 Kings 2:19-22

What was Solomon's response the Adonijah's request as presented by Bethsheba?

### **IV. Priest Abiathar**

Read 1 Kings 2:23-27

11. Why did Solomon punish Abiathar? What punishment was he given?

### **V. General Joab**

Read 1 Kings 2:28-35

12. Why did Solomon punish Joab? What was his punishment?

### **VI. Shimei**

Read 1 Kings 2:36-48

13. What happened to Shimei?

### **VII. Conclusion**

Read 1 Kings 2:4

14. What promise does God attach to His command to remain faithful to his ways? (Vs 4)

15. The authors of Kings are not concerned with the economic, political or social situations of Israel. What is the reason for this historical record?

16. The book of Kings is a cooperate recording of a nation. How can we personalize the authors' theme into our lives?

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