

**FIRST DAY:**

- Review the lecture, Read the notes and the references

**SECOND DAY:****Read 1 Kings 1:1-27****Adonijah Sets Himself Up as King**

[1Ki 1:1] When King David was old and well advanced in years, he could not keep warm even when they put covers over him. [2] So his servants said to him, “Let us look for a young virgin to attend the king and take care of him. She can lie beside him so that our lord the king may keep warm.”

[3] Then they searched throughout Israel for a beautiful girl and found Abishag, a Shunammite, and brought her to the king. [4] The girl was very beautiful; she took care of the king and waited on him, but the king had no intimate relations with her.

[5] Now Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith, put himself forward and said, “I will be king.” So he got chariots and horses ready, with fifty men to run ahead of him. [6] (His father had never interfered with him by asking, “Why do you behave as you do?” He was also very handsome and was born next after Absalom.)

[7] Adonijah conferred with Joab son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest, and they gave him their support. [8] But Zadok the priest, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Shimei and Rei and David's special guard did not join Adonijah.

[9] Adonijah then sacrificed sheep, cattle and fattened calves at the Stone of Zoheleth near En Rogel. He invited all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah who were royal officials, [10] but he did not invite Nathan the prophet or Benaiah or the special guard or his brother Solomon.

[11] Then Nathan asked Bathsheba, Solomon's mother, “Have you not heard that Adonijah, the son of Haggith, has become king without our lord David's knowing it? [12] Now then, let me advise you how you can save your own life and the life of your son Solomon. [13] Go in to King David and say to him,

‘My lord the king, did you not swear to me your servant: “Surely Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne”? Why then has Adonijah become king?’ [14] While you are still there talking to the king, I will come in and confirm what you have said.”

[15] So Bathsheba went to see the aged king in his room, where Abishag the Shunammite was attending him. [16] Bathsheba bowed low and knelt before the king.

“What is it you want?” the king asked.

[17] She said to him, “My lord, you yourself swore to me your servant by the LORD your God: ‘Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne.’ [18] But now Adonijah has become king, and you, my lord the king, do not know about it. [19] He has sacrificed great numbers of cattle, fattened calves, and sheep, and has invited all the king's sons, Abiathar the priest and Joab the commander of the army, but he has not invited Solomon your servant. [20] My lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, to learn from you who will sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. [21] Otherwise, as soon as my lord the king is laid to rest with his fathers, I and my son Solomon will be treated as criminals.”

[22] While she was still speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet arrived. [23] And they told the king, “Nathan the prophet is here.” So he went before the king and bowed with his face to the ground.

[24] Nathan said, “Have you, my lord the king, declared that Adonijah shall be king after you, and that he will sit on your throne? [25] Today he has gone down and sacrificed great numbers of cattle, fattened calves, and sheep. He has invited all the king's sons, the commanders of the army and Abiathar the priest. Right now they are eating and drinking with him and saying, ‘Long live King Adonijah!’ [26] But me your servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon he did not invite. [27] Is this something my lord the king has done without letting his servants know who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?”

**THIRD DAY****Read 1 Kings 1:28-53****David Makes Solomon King**

[28] Then King David said, “Call in Bathsheba.” So she came into the king's presence and stood before him.

[29] The king then took an oath: “As surely as the LORD lives, who has delivered me out of every trouble, [30] I will surely carry out today what I swore to you by the LORD, the God of Israel: Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne in my place.”

[31] Then Bathsheba bowed low with her face to the ground and, kneeling before the king, said, “May my lord King David live forever!”

[32] King David said, “Call in Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet and Benaiah son of Jehoiada.” When they came before the king, [33] he said to them: “Take your lord's servants with you and set Solomon my son on my own mule and take him down to Gihon. [34] There have Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel. Blow the trumpet and shout, ‘Long live King Solomon!’ [35] Then you are to go up with him, and he is to come and sit on my throne and reign in my place. I have appointed him ruler over Israel and Judah.”

[36] Benaiah son of Jehoiada answered the king, “Amen! May the LORD, the God of my lord the king, so declare it. [37] As the LORD was with my lord the king, so may he be with Solomon to make his throne even greater than the throne of my lord King David!”

[38] So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, the Kerethites and the Pelethites went down and put Solomon on King David's mule and escorted him to Gihon. [39] Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the sacred tent and anointed Solomon. Then they sounded the trumpet and all the people shouted, “Long live King Solomon!” [40] And all the people went up after him, playing flutes and rejoicing greatly, so that the ground shook with the sound.

[41] Adonijah and all the guests who were with him heard it as they were finishing their feast. On hearing the sound of the trumpet, Joab asked, “What's the meaning of all the noise in the city?”

[42] Even as he was speaking, Jonathan son of Abiathar the priest arrived. Adonijah said, “Come in. A worthy man like you must be bringing good news.”

[43] “Not at all!” Jonathan answered. “Our lord King David has made Solomon king. [44] The king has sent with him Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, the Kerethites and the Pelethites, and they have put him on the king's mule, [45] and Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king at Gihon. From there they have gone up cheering, and the city resounds with it. That's the noise you hear. [46] Moreover, Solomon has taken his seat on the royal throne. [47] Also, the royal officials have come to congratulate our lord King David, saying, ‘May your God make Solomon's name more famous than yours and his throne greater than yours!’ And the king bowed in worship on his bed [48] and said, ‘Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who has allowed my eyes to see a successor on my throne today.’”

[49] At this, all Adonijah's guests rose in alarm and dispersed. [50] But Adonijah, in fear of Solomon, went and took hold of the horns of the altar.

[51] Then Solomon was told, “Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon and is clinging to the horns of the altar. He says, ‘Let King Solomon swear to me today that he will not put his servant to death with the sword.’”

[52] Solomon replied, “If he shows himself to be a worthy man, not a hair of his head will fall to the ground; but if evil is found in him, he will die.”

[53] Then King Solomon sent men, and they brought him down from the altar. And Adonijah came and bowed down to King Solomon, and Solomon said, “Go to your home.”

**FOURTH DAY****Read 1 Chronicles 22:1-19; 29:1-20****1 Chronicles 22**

[22:1] Then David said, “The house of the LORD God is to be here, and also the altar of burnt offering for Israel.”

**Preparations for the Temple**

[2] So David gave orders to assemble the aliens living in Israel, and from among them he appointed stonecutters to prepare dressed stone for building the house of God. [3] He provided a large amount of iron to make nails for the doors of the gateways and for the fittings, and more bronze than could be weighed. [4] He also provided more cedar logs than could be counted, for the Sidonians and Tyrians had brought large numbers of them to David.

[5] David said, “My son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for the LORD should be of great magnificence and fame and splendor in the sight of all the nations. Therefore I will make preparations for it.” So David made extensive preparations before his death.

[6] Then he called for his son Solomon and charged him to build a house for the LORD, the God of Israel. [7] David said to Solomon: “My son, I had it in my heart to build a house for the Name of the LORD my God. [8] But this word of the LORD came to me: ‘You have shed much blood and have fought many wars. You are not to build a house for my Name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight. [9] But you will have a son who will be a man of peace and rest, and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side. His name will be Solomon, and I will grant Israel peace and quiet during his reign. [10] He is the one who will build a house for my Name. He will be my son, and I will be his father. And I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.’

[11] “Now, my son, the LORD be with you, and may you have success and build the house of the LORD your God, as he said you would. [12] May the LORD give you discretion and understanding when he puts you in command over Israel, so that you may keep the law of the LORD your God. [13] Then you will have success if you are careful to observe the

decrees and laws that the LORD gave Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged.

[14] “I have taken great pains to provide for the temple of the LORD a hundred thousand talents of gold, a million talents of silver, quantities of bronze and iron too great to be weighed, and wood and stone. And you may add to them. [15] You have many workmen: stonecutters, masons and carpenters, as well as men skilled in every kind of work [16] in gold and silver, bronze and iron—craftsmen beyond number. Now begin the work, and the LORD be with you.”

[17] Then David ordered all the leaders of Israel to help his son Solomon. [18] He said to them, “Is not the LORD your God with you? And has he not granted you rest on every side? For he has handed the inhabitants of the land over to me, and the land is subject to the LORD and to his people. [19] Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the LORD your God. Begin to build the sanctuary of the LORD God, so that you may bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the sacred articles belonging to God into the temple that will be built for the Name of the LORD.”

**1 Chronicles 29****Gifts for Building the Temple**

[29:1] Then King David said to the whole assembly: “My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. [2] With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities. [3] Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple: [4] three thousand talents of gold (gold of Ophir) and seven thousand talents of refined silver, for the overlaying of the walls of the buildings, [5] for the gold work and the silver work, and for all the work to be done by the craftsmen. Now, who is willing to consecrate himself today to the LORD?”

[6] Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's work gave willingly. [7] They gave toward the work on the temple of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze and a hundred thousand talents of iron. [8] Any who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the LORD in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite. [9] The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

**David's Prayer**

[10] David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

“Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

[11] Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

[12] Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

[13] Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

[14] “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. [15] We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. [16] O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. [17] I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. [18] O LORD, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep this desire in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.

[19] And give my son Solomon the wholehearted devotion to keep your commands, requirements and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I have provided.”

[20] Then David said to the whole assembly, “Praise the LORD your God.” So they all praised the LORD, the God of their fathers; they bowed low and fell prostrate before the LORD and the king.

**FIFTH DAY:****Read 1 Kings 2 with 1 Chronicles 29:21-25****1 Kings 2****David's Charge to Solomon**

[2:1] When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son.

[2] “I am about to go the way of all the earth,” he said. “So be strong, show yourself a man, [3] and observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in his ways, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and requirements, as written in the Law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go, [4] and that the LORD may keep his promise to me: ‘If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.’

[5] “Now you yourself know what Joab son of Zeruiah did to me—what he did to the two commanders of Israel's armies, Abner son of Ner and Amasa son of Jether. He killed them, shedding their blood in peacetime as if in battle, and with that blood stained the belt around his waist and the sandals on his feet. [6] Deal with him according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to the grave in peace.

[7] “But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai of Gilead and let them be among those who eat at your table. They stood by me when I fled from your brother Absalom.

[8] “And remember, you have with you Shimei son of Gera, the Benjamite from Bahurim, who called down bitter curses on me the day I went to

Mahanaim. When he came down to meet me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD: 'I will not put you to death by the sword.' [9] But now, do not consider him innocent. You are a man of wisdom; you will know what to do to him. Bring his gray head down to the grave in blood."

[10] Then David rested with his fathers and was buried in the City of David. [11] He had reigned forty years over Israel—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. [12] So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.

### **Solomon's Throne Established**

[13] Now Adonijah, the son of Haggith, went to Bathsheba, Solomon's mother. Bathsheba asked him, "Do you come peacefully?"

He answered, "Yes, peacefully." [14] Then he added, "I have something to say to you."

"You may say it," she replied.

[15] "As you know," he said, "the kingdom was mine. All Israel looked to me as their king. But things changed, and the kingdom has gone to my brother; for it has come to him from the LORD. [16] Now I have one request to make of you. Do not refuse me."

"You may make it," she said.

[17] So he continued, "Please ask King Solomon—he will not refuse you—to give me Abishag the Shunammite as my wife."

[18] "Very well," Bathsheba replied, "I will speak to the king for you."

[19] When Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah, the king stood up to meet her, bowed down to her and sat down on his throne. He had a throne brought for the king's mother, and she sat down at his right hand.

[20] "I have one small request to make of you," she said. "Do not refuse me."

The king replied, "Make it, my mother; I will not refuse you."

[21] So she said, "Let Abishag the Shunammite be given in marriage to your brother Adonijah."

[22] King Solomon answered his mother, "Why do you request Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? You might as well request the kingdom for him—after all, he is my older brother—yes, for him and for Abiathar the priest and Joab son of Zeruiah!"

[23] Then King Solomon swore by the LORD: "May God deal with me, be it ever so severely, if Adonijah does not pay with his life for this request! [24] And now, as surely as the LORD lives—he who has established me securely on the throne of my father David and has founded a dynasty for me as he promised—Adonijah shall be put to death today!"

[25] So King Solomon gave orders to Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and he struck down Adonijah and he died.

[26] To Abiathar the priest the king said, "Go back to your fields in Anathoth. You deserve to die, but I will not put you to death now, because you carried the ark of the Sovereign LORD before my father David and shared all my father's hardships." [27] So Solomon removed Abiathar from the priesthood of the LORD, fulfilling the word the LORD had spoken at Shiloh about the house of Eli.

[28] When the news reached Joab, who had conspired with Adonijah though not with Absalom, he fled to the tent of the LORD and took hold of the horns of the altar. [29] King Solomon was told that Joab had fled to the tent of the LORD and was beside the altar. Then Solomon ordered Benaiah son of Jehoiada, "Go, strike him down!"

[30] So Benaiah entered the tent of the LORD and said to Joab, "The king says, 'Come out!'"

But he answered, "No, I will die here."

Benaiah reported to the king, "This is how Joab answered me."

[31] Then the king commanded Benaiah, "Do as he says. Strike him down and bury him, and so clear me and my father's house of the guilt of the innocent blood that Joab shed. [32] The LORD will repay him for the blood he shed, because without the knowledge of my father David he attacked two men and killed them with the sword. Both of them—Abner son of Ner, commander of Israel's army, and Amasa son of Jether, commander of Judah's army—were better men and more upright than he. [33] May

the guilt of their blood rest on the head of Joab and his descendants forever. But on David and his descendants, his house and his throne, may there be the LORD's peace forever.”

[34] So Benaiah son of Jehoiada went up and struck down Joab and killed him, and he was buried on his own land in the desert. [35] The king put Benaiah son of Jehoiada over the army in Joab's position and replaced Abiathar with Zadok the priest.

[36] Then the king sent for Shimei and said to him, “Build yourself a house in Jerusalem and live there, but do not go anywhere else. [37] The day you leave and cross the Kidron Valley, you can be sure you will die; your blood will be on your own head.”

[38] Shimei answered the king, “What you say is good. Your servant will do as my lord the king has said.” And Shimei stayed in Jerusalem for a long time.

[39] But three years later, two of Shimei's slaves ran off to Achish son of Maacah, king of Gath, and Shimei was told, “Your slaves are in Gath.” [40] At this, he saddled his donkey and went to Achish at Gath in search of his slaves. So Shimei went away and brought the slaves back from Gath.

[41] When Solomon was told that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath and had returned, [42] the king summoned Shimei and said to him, “Did I not make you swear by the LORD and warn you, ‘On the day you leave to go anywhere else, you can be sure you will die’? At that time you said to me, ‘What you say is good. I will obey.’ [43] Why then did you not keep your oath to the LORD and obey the command I gave you?”

[44] The king also said to Shimei, “You know in your heart all the wrong you did to my father David. Now the LORD will repay you for your wrongdoing. [45] But King Solomon will be blessed, and David's throne will remain secure before the LORD forever.”

[46] Then the king gave the order to Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and he went out and struck Shimei down and killed him.

The kingdom was now firmly established in Solomon's hands.

## **1 Chronicles 29:21-25**

### **Solomon Acknowledged as King**

[21] The next day they made sacrifices to the LORD and presented burnt offerings to him: a thousand bulls, a thousand rams and a thousand male lambs, together with their drink offerings, and other sacrifices in abundance for all Israel. [22] They ate and drank with great joy in the presence of the LORD that day.

Then they acknowledged Solomon son of David as king a second time, anointing him before the LORD to be ruler and Zadok to be priest. [23] So Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king in place of his father David. He prospered and all Israel obeyed him. [24] All the officers and mighty men, as well as all of King David's sons, pledged their submission to King Solomon.

[25] The LORD highly exalted Solomon in the sight of all Israel and bestowed on him royal splendor such as no king over Israel ever had before.

### **Question 14**

**1 Kings 2:12,45;** [12] So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.

[45] But King Solomon will be blessed, and David's throne will remain secure before the LORD forever.”

## **Sixth Day**

### **Review 1 Kings 1-2 with 1 Chronicles 22,29**

**(See above scriptures)**