





AI-Assisted Bible Study for 1 Kings 1

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Headings



David dies and Solomon becomes king.  

God promises Solomon wisdom and prosperity.  



David charges Solomon to be faithful to God.  



Short Summaries

In the first chapter of 1 Kings, we are introduced to King David and his son Solomon. David is old and about to die, so he charges Solomon with the task of taking care of the kingdom and the people.  



1 Kings chapter 1 tells the story of King David's dying days and his eventual anointment of Solomon as his successor. As David lay dying, he charged Solomon with the task of building the temple, a job which had been dear to David's heart but which he had been unable to fulfill.  



Summaries



In chapter 1 of 1 Kings, King David is old and about to die. He instructions his son Solomon to follow God's laws and be a good king. Solomon is anointed king, and David dies.  



In 1 Kings. Chapter 1, we are introduced to King David who is old and nearing the end of his life. One of his sons, Adonijah, is attempting to take the throne while another, Solomon, is being anointed the new king by the prophet Nathan.  



Application Questions



What can we learn from Adonijah's example about how not to conduct ourselves when we want something?  



How can we develop a more intimate relationship with God?  



What does it mean to "die to self"?  

How can we overcome our fear of death?  



How can we tell if someone is truly qualified to lead?  



What factors should we consider before making ambitious plans?  



How can we discern God's will for our lives?  



How can we tell if our motives are pure when we pursue leadership positions?  



Exegetical Questions



What are the different ways that Adonijah tries to establish himself as king?  



What can we learn from this chapter about how to handle ambition and power struggles within the context of church leadership?  



What does the anointing of Solomon signify?  

What does David's response to Adonijah's actions reveal about David's own character?  



What does Nathan's prophecy about Solomon foreshadow about Solomon's future rule?  



How does Bathsheba's role in this chapter contrast with her role in chapters_11-12?  



How does David's prayer for Solomon emphasize God's sovereignty over Solomon's kingship?  

Why does Zadok stand with Solomon rather than Adonijah?  

Observation Questions

How does David react to Adonijah's actions?  

What does Solomon do when he hears that Adonijah is trying to take the throne?  

How does Joab react when he hears that Solomon is to be king?  

What does Adonijah do when he hears about Solomon being made king?



What does Nathan tell Bathsheba to do?



What does David's attitude seem to be towards Bathsheba and Solomon in this chapter?



How does Bathsheba respond to Nathan?



How does David react when he hears of Solomon's actions?



Group Discussion Questions

How would things have turned out differently if Zadok and Nathan had not supported Solomon? (1:32-33)



How did Solomon know that he was going to be king? (1:15)



What did David mean when he said that Solomon was the "most High?" (1:5)



Why do you think that Solomon had Adonijah executed? (1:50)



Do you think that David was wrong to not publicly anoint Solomon as his successor? (1:34-35)



What do you think was going through Adonijah's mind when he set himself up as king? (1:25)



What lesson can we learn from this chapter about setting our sights on worldly things? (1:51)



Was Bathsheba justified in going to see David about making Solomon king? (1:27)



Prayers Based on 1 Kings 1

Thank you, God, for giving us a king who will bring peace and prosperity to our land.



Thank you, God, for giving us a king who will lead us in your ways.



Thank you, God, for giving us a king who will defend us from our enemies.





Thank you, God, for giving us a king who is righteous and faithful.







Thank you, God, for giving us a king who will be a great and mighty ruler.







Journal Prompts



How would you feel if you were the one being chosen as king?  



What would it feel like to be passed over as king?  



What would you do if you found out someone was trying to overthrow you as king?  

How would you react if one of your siblings tried to take your place as king?  

How would things have been different if Adonijah had been successful in becoming king?  

What can we learn from David's decision to make Solomon king?  

What would you do if you were in charge of choosing the next king?  

What can we learn from Solomon's reaction when he was anointed king?  

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