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AI-Assisted Bible Study for 1 Kings 2

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Headings

Solomon becomes king, then kills his rivals.

Solomon wisdom and reign described.

David's final instructions to Solomon.

Short Summaries

In 1 Kings 2, David appoints his son Solomon as his successor, and urges him to follow God's commandments. He then dies and is buried.

- 1. David is dying and gives Solomon instructions on how to be a good king.
- 2. David explains how to uphold justice and respect God's laws.

Summaries

1_Kings_2 tells the story of King David's final days and the transition of power to his son Solomon. David gives Solomon advice on how to be a good king and then dies.

In 1 Kings 2, King David gives a final charge to Solomon and then dies. Solomon consolidates his power, getting rid of any rivals.

Application Questions

What do you think will happen if you fail to do this? (1 <u>Kings 2:4</u>)

Why do you think David told Solomon to "be strong, act like a man, and observe carefully the commands of

What do you think it would be like to be anointed king by another king? (1_Kings 1:39)

the Lord your God"? (1 Kings 2:2)

What do you think was David's reasoning behind this? (1_Kings_1:39)

What does it mean to you that David established Solomon as king while he was still alive? (1 Kings 1:34)

What do you think David's last words to Solomon suggest about his relationship with God? (1 Kings 2:12-15)

What do you think was David's advice to Solomon about dealing with his enemies? (1 Kings 2:6-9) What do you think it means to "walk in [God's] ways" and "keep [God's] decrees and commands"? (1_Kings 2:3)

Exegetical Questions

What do David's instructions to Solomon regarding Joab in 1_Kings 2:5_6 reveal about David's view of justice?

How does David's attitude in 1_Kings 2:1-4 towards his death compare to his attitude in Psalm 23?

What do we learn from David's instructions to Solomon in 1 Kings 2:10-12 about how to deal with enemies?

Why does David give specific instructions to Solomon regarding Shimei in 1_Kings 2:8-9?

What can we learn from David's final charge to Solomon in 1 <u>Kings 2:15-17</u> about the importance of always obeying God?

What does David's charge to Solomon in 1_Kings_2:1-4 teach us about David's attitude towards his impending death?

What do David's words to Solomon in 1 <u>Kings 2:13-14</u> teach us about the importance of being faithful to God's Word?

What can we learn from David's comment to Solomon in 1 <u>Kings 2:2</u> about the importance of having a heart for God?

Observation Questions

How did David instruct Solomon to deal with Joab and Shimei? (2:13-46)

How did the people react when they heard that David had died? (2:48-49)

What would happen if Solomon was not careful to follow David's instructions? (2:11-12)

Why did David charge Solomon to be strong? (2:10)

How did David establish Solomon's throne? (2:5-9)

Who was Solomon's mother? (2:51)

What else did David charge Solomon with before he died? (2:47)

What was David's charge to Solomon? (2:1-4)

Group Discussion Questions

David tells Solomon to keep the commandments of the Lord and walk in his ways. Why do you think it's important to keep God's commandments? 1_Kings 2:3 David tells Solomon to keep the statutes and the rules that he has commanded him. Why do you think it's important to keep statutes and rules? 1 Kings 2:5 David tells Solomon to act wisely and do what is right. Why do you think it's important to act wisely? 1 Kings 2:4

David tells Solomon to follow the example that he has set. What do you think are some examples that David has set? 1 <u>Kings 2:6</u> David tells Solomon to be strong and show himself a man. What do you think this means? 1 <u>Kings 2:2</u>

David tells Solomon to be careful to act in the sight of the Lord. Why do you think it's important to act in the sight of the Lord? 1 Kings 2:7

David gives Solomon his charge and then dies. What do you think are some final words of wisdom that you would give to someone? 1
Kings 2:8-9

David gave Solomon several charges before his death. What do you think was the most important charge for Solomon to remember? 1_Kings 2:1-9

Prayers Based on 1 Kings 2

Thank you, God, for the peace and prosperity that Solomon brought to Israel during his reign.

Thank you, God, for Solomon's humility in seeking Your guidance and wisdom.

Thank you, God, for giving David a wise and obedient son in Solomon.

Thank you, God, for giving Solomon the wisdom and

Thank you, God, for the legacy of faithfulness and

discretion to rule God's people well.

wisdom that Solomon has left for us.

Journal Prompts

How does it feel to know that you are the heir to your father's throne?

What do you think David was feeling as he gave his final instructions to Solomon?

What do you think the people of Israel thought of David's choice of Solomon as his successor?

How would you have felt if you were one of David's close advisors during this time?

What do you think was going through Solomon's mind as he ascended to the throne?

How would you have reacted if you were in Solomon's shoes when David revealed his plans?

What would you do if you were in Solomon's position?

What do you think the people of Israel thought of Solomon as he ascended to the throne?

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