

## **God's Sovereign Plan for Solomon**

1 Kings 1:1-31

### **Review of David's Life**

David, the king of God's choosing, is anointed by Samuel while Saul is king.

David has a heart for God which means he loves God and believes:

God is sovereign, completely righteous, always merciful, and God's will is always best.

After Saul dies, David takes the throne, wins the hearts of the Israelites, and unites Israel.

David's time of triumph turns to tragedy and trouble when he sins against God and suffers the consequences.

2 Samuel ends with David, a sinner, continuing to have his whole heart turned towards God.

### **Overview of 1 Kings**

The continuing story of God's people is told through the reign of kings in Judah and Israel covering 400 years.

Solomon's splendid reign is a time of peace, prosperity, and influence, but it ends with division and decline.

Themes in 1 Kings are relevant to us and include God's sovereign control, God's faithfulness, a call for faithfulness from His people, and the true and trustworthy Word of God.

### **Competition for the Crown**

David – A Declining King 1:1-4

**David is old and his health is failing so his servants find beautiful Abishag to care for David.**

**David's decline leaves the throne \_\_\_\_\_.**

Adonijah – A Self - Appointed King 1:5-10

**Adonijah, David's oldest living son, arrogantly attempts to seize David's throne.**

**Adonijah seeks wrong counsel by deviously gathering support from those losing David's favor.**

**Adonijah's revolt is against David and the \_\_\_\_\_ will of God.**

Nathan – A Prophet Serving the King 1:11-27

**Nathan's plan is in harmony with God's will as he sends Bathsheba to reveal Adonijah's revolt.**

**Nathan spurs David to action by \_\_\_\_\_ and wisely asking David questions.**

Solomon – A Sovereignly Declared King 1:28-31

**David humbly acknowledges God as Lord and deliverer, because God has intervened in this crisis.**

**David declares Solomon, God's choice, will succeed him as king which ensures Bathsheba's safety.**

**Bathsheba asks for God's blessing on David which acknowledges David's righteous action.**

*Remember, our sovereign God is working all things out according to His good \_\_\_\_\_.*

*In all situations, walk with the Lord, talk with Him, and trust Him \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Check your heart. Ask yourself, "Is my heart for God?"*

**The Splendid Reign of Solomon – 1 Kings 1:1-31**

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**2 SAMUEL 7:16** “And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

**2 SAMUEL 24:25** And David built there an altar to the Lord and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord responded to the plea for the land, and the plague was averted from Israel.

**ROMANS 15:4** For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

**LUKE 14:11** For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**1 CHRONICLES 22:9-10** “Behold, a son shall be born to you who shall be a man of rest. I will give him rest from all his surrounding enemies. For his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days. He shall build a house for my name. He shall be my son, and I will be his father, and I will establish his royal throne in Israel forever.”

**1 KINGS 8:61** “Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the Lord our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day.”

**PSALM 119:2** Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart.