

**INTRO.** 1 Kg. 1:1-12:16, the united kingdom:

## TEXT

### I. 1:1-2:12, SOLOMON PRONOUNCED KING THE FIRST AND SECOND TIMES

- A. 1:1-4, David's attendant: 1, Now David...
- was old...
  - they covered him with clothes, but he could not keep warm
  - ...3-4, ...Abishag the Shunammite...became the king's nurse...
    - No wife to comfort him, cf. 2 Sm. 12:11 w. 16:22 and 20:3?
    - Re. but the king did not cohabit with her: **Pt of moral uprightness? I doubt it. More in connection with Adonijah (cf. ...2:13-25).**
- B. 1:5-40, Adonijah attempts to become king. 5, Now...
- Adonijah...
    - the son of Haggith, 4th born in Hebron (2 Sm. 3:2-5), eldest surviving (Chileab is unmentioned after 2 Sm. 3)?
    - exalted...
      - himself
      - saying, "I will be king, usurping David in his right to appoint a successor. Also, it seems Adonijah knew about Solomon, cf. 10 (19), 21 (30), 26.
    - ...6, His father had never crossed him at any time saying, "Why have you done so?"
    - 7, Conferred with...
      - Joab
      - Abiathar
    - 8, But Zadok....
    - 10, But he did not invite Nathan the prophet...and Solomon...
    - 11, Nathan spoke to Bathsheba...
      - Have you not heard..., n.b. a threat to God's plan (cf. 17 w. 1 Chron. 22:9 et al).
      - 13, "Go at once to King David and say to him, "Have you not, my lord, O king, sworn to your maidservant, saying, "Surely Solomon your son shall be king after me...?"
    - ...15, So Bathsheba...
      - went...
      - ...20, the eyes of all Israel are on you, to tell them who should sit on the throne...
    - ...27, You have not shown to your servants who should sit on the throne...
    - 28-30, Then King David said..., "...your son Solomon...
    - ...36-37, Benaiah...answered..., "Amen! Thus may the Lord, the God of my lord the king say, "As the Lord has been with my lord the king, so may He be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David!"
    - ...39, All the people...
      - said, "Long live King Solomon!"
      - 40, went up after him, and with people were playing on flutes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth shook at their noise.

C. 1:41-50, Adonijah seeks refuge at the altar. 41, Now...

    - Adonijah...heard it as they finished eating
    - Joab...said, "Why...?"
    - 42, Adonijah said, "Come in..."
    - 43, ...Jonathan replied...
      - Our lord King David has made Solomon king...
      - 44, The king also has sent with him Zadok...
      - they have made him ride on the king's mule
      - 45, Zadok... and Nathan...have anointed him

N.B.: Ever hear of an elderly person in modern times unable to stay warm? Ill. "Any of several situations can make the body temperature drop, but the elderly are more susceptible because their bodies are getting old and tired. Things just don't work as well as they used to work. Their temperature can drop too low when it's cold outside and they aren't dressed warmly enough, even though you would be very hot if you dressed the way they needed to be. Exposure to cold water, sweating when the air temperature around you is cold, submersion in cold water, some medical conditions, physical problems, medications and malnutrition can all contribute to hypothermia. A person with dementia may know they are cold, but they don't have the mental capacity to understand how or when to get warm." (<http://www.caregivershome.com/news/practical.cfm?UID=4>)

- So much for "We've come so far in science." Conveniently overlooks how much we don't know ill. as though the healing machines in Star Trek are actually a reality!
- Sound like fun (1)? How react (behave) in that situation? Complain? Prepare your mind now.
- N.B.: Are you preparing for when you will be old? Are you preparing for when you will never grow older? Ps. 39:4-6, cf. 1-3, ...13.

Cf. Pr. 29:15 *The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother*, cf David and Adonijah!

- Parenting 101: Teach your children God's law. Dt. 6:7. (*Why assumes about Adonijah that he knew or should have known better.*)
- Parenting 102: Praise your children when they obey God's law, Pr. 25:11, *Like apples of gold in settings of silver Is a word spoken in right circumstances*; Rm. 13:...3.
- Parenting 103: When your children break God's law, question them about it, 1 Kg. 1:6, *Why...?*
- Parenting 104: When your children break God's law, discipline them, Pr. 13:24, *He who withholds his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently*; 23:13-14, *Do not hold back discipline from the child, Although you strike him with the rod, he will not die. You shall strike him with the rod And rescue his soul from Sheol*, etc.
- Parenting 105: Be merciful to your children... God is with us. N.B.: Jer. 10:24.

**N.B.: Well behaved children don't just happen.**

- e) 46, *Besides, Solomon has even taken his seat on the throne...*
  - f) 47, *Moreover, the kings servants came to bless our lord King David, saying, "May your God make the name of Solomon better than your name*
  - g) *And the king owed himself in bed.*
  - h) 48, *This the king has also said... Decisive!*
5. 49, *Then...*
- a) *all the guests of Adonijah...*
    - (1) *were terrified*
    - (2) *went their own way*
  - b) 50, *Adonijah...*
    - (1) *was afraid of Solomon*
    - (2) *went and took hold of the horns of the altar*
- D. 1:51-53, King Solomon pardons Adonijah. 51, *Now...*
1. *it was told Solomon...*
  2. 54, *Solomon said...*
    - a) *"If he is a worthy man, not one of his hairs will fall..."*
    - b) *but if wickedness is found in him, he will die*
  3. 53, *So King Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar*
  4. *And he came and prostrated himself before King Solomon*
  5. *And Solomon said to him, "Go to your house. First act as king was an act of mercy:*
    - a) **Hope — Sounds like it's going to be a good reign.**
    - b) **N.B.: Not naive, cf. 52, If — Sounds like it's going to be a good reign.** (N.B.: 2:13-25, Adonijah proves wicked.)

- Dealing with an unfaithful king/"priest"/father trying to coerce: "No!" (41-43, Jonathan).
  - N.B. Jonathan didn't even go in.
  - You could say he was just terrified for his life, cf. 49. Right! And we should be terrified of God (Mt. 10:28).
- A threat to the kingdom, yet *Save your life and the life of your son Solomon* (12): God's plans are worked out in the lives of people:
  - Cf. Mt. 6:10, *Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth....*
  - "What plan does God have for you?" is not really the question.
  - The question is, "What are you doing for God's plan?"
  - Pt. Perspective: self or HIM!

N.B.: Co-regencies.