



L3L34: Solomon Becomes King

1 Kings 1-2

Solomon was the son of King David and Bathsheba. Though David had other sons, he promised Bathsheba that her son Solomon would be the next king of Israel. But as David lay on his death-bed, a different son, Adonijah, proclaimed himself king! Imagine the uproar this caused, as the followers of Adonijah celebrated his coronation. When David was told of Adonijah's take-over attempt, he acted quickly, announcing his choice of Solomon as king in his place. He commanded that Solomon should rule over Israel, not Adonijah. He gave instructions for his immediate coronation. David's decisive action set the stage for a dramatic showdown between Adonijah and Solomon.

Discuss:

- Bathsheba was the daughter of Eliam (one of David's mighty men) and the granddaughter of Ahithophel (one of David's advisors).
- Adonijah was presumptuous to make himself king. What does it mean to be **presumptuous**, and how does God view this (Psalms 19:13, 1 Peter 2:10)?
- The people who supported Adonijah were directly rebelling against the instructions of King David, who had been guided by God to select Solomon as king. What can we learn from this example regarding who we support?
- Solomon's name means rest or peace.

Where do we read about the peace that the land of Israel enjoyed during his reign? (note that this introduces the child to the parallel account of the kings of Israel and Judah in 1 and 2 Chronicles)



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Memory Challenge:

1 Kings 1:37

As the Lord has been with my lord the king, even so may He be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David.