

1 Kings Chapter 1 Questions

1. Vs. 1-4 What do these verses tell us about the health of King David? King David is estimated to be about 70 years old at this time. What else do we know of Abishag?
2. Vs. 5-8 What do we know of Adonijah? Why is he compared to Absalom? Again, we see division, who supports whom?
3. Vs. 9-10 What is Adonijah doing here in these scriptures and why?
4. Vs. 11-14 Nathan goes to Bath-sheba with a plan. Explain what they are doing. What are your thoughts about their plan?
5. Vs. 15-21 Was there a promise made that Solomon would succeed David to the throne? Would Bath-sheba and Solomon be in danger if Solomon does not succeed David to the throne? Why or why not?
6. Vs. 22-27 Why did Nathan send Bath-sheba first? How do you feel Nathan and Bath-sheba are handling this situation?
7. Vs. 28-35 David gives 5 specific instructions to those he knows he can trust to proclaim Solomon is his successor to the throne. What is the significance of these actions?
 1. Ride on my own mule
 2. Let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him
 3. Blow the horn
 4. Say, "Long live King Solomon!"
 5. He shall come and sit on my throne
8. Vs. 36-48 David's choice brings rejoicing for the people. Why and when do God's people rejoice? Give examples.
9. Vs. 49-53 Solomon shows mercy, with a condition, to Adonijah instead of judgment against his rebellion. Why did Adonijah 'take hold of the horns of the altar'? What other scriptures reference when a promise is made such as in V. 52 for mercy or judgment which depends on an individual's actions?