

## **SOLOMON'S CORONATION**

**LESSON DATES: JULY 23, 2023 & JULY 26, 2023**

Christian leaders must value and pursue the succession of godly leadership.

**(GOLDEN TEXT)** 1 KINGS 1:30 Even as I sware unto thee by the Lord God of Israel, saying, assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.

### **ADONIJAH VIES FOR THE THRONE 1 KINGS 1: 1-53**

1- 1 KINGS 1:5 Shows us that Adonijah started making preparation for the transition of power from his father to himself as King. (His father was near death). Given the laws of birth rights and his status as David's oldest living son, was he wrong for taking this action?

2- What are some similarities between David's ascension to the throne and Solomon's ascension to the throne?

3- It was common for Kings to kill all their known enemies as soon as they took power (whether family or not). Why do you think they did that and why didn't Solomon immediately kill Adonijah?

4- There is an interesting conversation between Bathseba, King David, and Nathan the Prophet vs. 17-18. Bathsheba tells David "you promised my son was next in line". Was this a true statement she made or was she taking advantage of his elderly, weakened state?

5- Why was it important for Bathseba to address this subject with King David?

6- Even though Adonijah tried to take the throne, there is an indication in the scriptures that he knew he was not going to be the next king. What was that?

### **DAVID RELINQUISHES THE THRONE 1 CHRONICLES 29: 1-25**

1-There are AT LEAST four major public acts that King David does as part of relinquishing the throne to Solomon, what were they? 1 Chr 22

2- What are some examples can we learn from King David's actions?

### **SOLOMON ASSUMES THE THRONE 1 KINGS 2: 13-46**

1- Do you feel Solomon was justified in killing his brother Adonijah?

2- Why do you think Adonijah's request for Abishag the Shunimite nurse to be his wife, caused such anger in Solomon?

### **DEFINITIONS:**

RELINQUISH-

CORONATION-

SANCTUARY-

PROSPER-

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