

FINAL STUDY NOTES – *1 Kings Chapter 2:13-3:28* 12/29-30/2025

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OPENING PRAYER

1 KINGS – Chapter 2 – Solomon Executes Adonijah – (vs. 13-25); Abiathar Exiled, Joab Executed – (vs. 26-35); Shimei Executed – (vs. 36-46)!

- **Solomon has become firmly established in the kingdom.** Adonijah his brother, who when David was dying, tried to with a conspiracy, establish himself on the throne. Joab and the others, he gathered together, Abiathar the priest to set up Adonijah on the throne. But when Nathan the prophet heard of it, he came to David, saying did you know that Adonijah has established himself as the king?" David said, "Take Solomon down, anoint him with oil, down there at the spring of Gihon, and then let him ride on my mule and proclaim Solomon as king." So when Solomon was established the people all began to rejoice. In fear Adonijah ran to the altar and grabbed hold of its. Solomon said, "Hey just tell him to go home, and if he will behave himself, there will be no problems.
- **Adonijah evidently did not behave himself. We get the story now, of a continued conspiracy.** Joab and Abiathar, probably still joining with him in the conspiracy. The idea now is that he should take Abishag, the latest entry into David's harem, as wife.

- Now, according to the customs of that day, when a king succeeded to the throne, he usually took the harem of the previous king. So in the asking that Abishag be given to him as a wife, it was probably an endeavor to bring a division in Israel. Bathsheba in innocence did not see it. Solomon takes the throne. God has a great plan for him as He has for each of us.
- Early on, Solomon was a remarkable king, taking this throne as a very young man.

Solomon's Reign Established

1Ki 2:13 Now Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. So she said, "Do you come peaceably?" And he said, "Peaceably." (he is lying)

- Bathsheba had a very important part in turning the kingdom from Adonijah, unto her own son, Solomon. Now Adonijah was planning to put Solomon and Bathsheba to death once he was put on the throne. Now that Solomon's on the throne, he is coming through the back door to Bathsheba, and he is saying, "You know how the kingdom was really mine, and it is turned about."

1Ki 2:14-15 Moreover he said, "I have something to say to you." And she said, "Say it." [15] Then he said, "You know that the kingdom was mine (not true), and all Israel had set their expectations on me (from selfish ambition), that I should reign. However, the kingdom has been turned over, and has become my brother's; for it was his from the LORD.

- Bathsheba maybe you could help me accomplish a certain things in order to help me get over this a little bit. I have a little favor that I am going to ask of you.

1Ki 2:16-17 Now I ask one petition of you; do not deny me." And she said to him, "Say it." [17] Then he said, "Please speak to King Solomon, for he will not refuse you, that he may give me Abishag the Shunammite as wife."

- For Adonijah to ask to wear Abishag on his arm as some kind of trophy would be saying to the rest of the nation again, I am the king. This is part of the king's harem, which was typical for the next king to take that to himself. He, no doubt, is being very deceitful here.

1Ki 2:18-19 So Bathsheba said, "Very well, I will speak for you to the king." [19] Bathsheba therefore went to King Solomon, to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her and bowed down to her, and sat down on his throne and had a throne set for the king's mother; so she sat at his right hand.

- Bathsheba came to Solomon. He was there on his throne in all of his glory. He rose up to greet her. He had a throne brought for her next to him, on his right side.

1Ki 2:20-22 Then she said, "I desire one small petition of you; do not refuse me." And the king said to her, "Ask it, my mother, for I will not refuse you." [21] So she said, "Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as wife." [22] And King Solomon answered and said to his mother, "Now why do you ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask for him the kingdom also—for he is my older brother—for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah."

- King Solomon saw through it immediately, seeing that Adonijah has proven himself unworthy and still a threat to the throne.

1Ki 2:23 Then King Solomon swore by the LORD, saying, "May God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life!"

- In other words, "That's just like turning the kingdom over to him!" Solomon saw that Abiathar and Joab were probably behind the conspiracy, still trying to overthrow Solomon from being king.
- I mean, "He's written his own death sentence!"

1Ki 2:24-26 Now therefore, as the LORD lives, who has confirmed me and set me on the throne of David my father, and who has established a house for me, as He promised, Adonijah shall be put to death today!" [25] So King Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he struck him down, and he died. [26] And to Abiathar the priest the king said, "Go to Anathoth, to your own fields, for you are deserving of death; but I will not put you to death at this time, because you carried the ark of the Lord GOD before my father David, and because you were afflicted every time my father was afflicted."

- **Abiathar had been faithful to David when Absalom rebelled** against him, and in respect to the fact that he had been a priest of God, had carried the ark of God. He said, "Though you are deserving to die, I will not put you to death. But you go back home to Anathoth and work on your farm. But Solomon took him out of the priesthood from the place of influence and authority.

1Ki 2:27 So Solomon removed Abiathar from being priest to the LORD, that he might fulfill the word of the LORD which He spoke concerning the house of Eli at Shiloh.

- **Now Eli's sons were wicked, and Eli did not correct them.** So there was a prophecy that was given to Eli, that his house would cease from the priesthood. This is actually the fulfillment of it 100 years later, as Abiathar was a descendant of Eli, being the last priest from the house of Eli. (**1Sa 2:31**) *Behold, the days are coming that I will cut off your arm and the arm of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your house.*
- **Zadok now becomes the priest under King Solomon**, coming from a different line than Eli.

1Ki 2:28-33 Then news came to Joab, for Joab had defected to Adonijah, though he had not defected to Absalom. So Joab fled to the tabernacle of the LORD, and took hold of the horns (but he is absolutely guilty) of the altar. [29] And King Solomon was told, "Joab has fled to the tabernacle of the LORD; there he is, by the altar." Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, "Go, strike him down." [30] So Benaiah went to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said to him, "Thus says the king, 'Come out!'" And he said, "No, but I will die here." And Benaiah brought back word to the king, saying, "Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me." [31] Then the king said to him, "Do as he has said, and strike him down and bury him, that you may take away from me and from the house of my father the innocent blood which Joab shed. [32] So the LORD will return his blood on his head, because he struck down two men more righteous and better than he, and killed them with the sword—Abner the son of Ner, the commander of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, the commander of the army of Judah—though my father David did not know it. [33] Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab and upon the head of his descendants forever. But upon David and his descendants, upon his house and his throne, there shall be peace forever from the LORD."

- **Joab is the guilty one, so put him to death.** If he wants to be put to death there at the altar, slay him at the altar. For the crime of first degree murder, there was no protection. God had provided cities of refuge. If a person killed someone by accident, they could flee to a city of refuge where they could be protected from the avengers of blood, until their case could be heard in court.
- **If they were guilty of first degree murder**, as was Abner, there was no place of protection. Not even the altar of God. So Solomon ordered him slain there, that his guilt, and the blood that he had shed would come upon his own house and that there might be peace upon the house of David.

1Ki 2:34 So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up and struck and killed him; and he was buried in his own house (honoring him) in the wilderness.

- **Benaiah had come from the area of Tekoa**, which is still a wilderness area, east of Bethlehem

1Ki 2:35 The king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his place over the army, and the king put Zadok the priest in the place of Abiathar.

- **Solomon replaced these two men** who were conspirators with Adonijah.

1Ki 2:36-37 Then the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, "Build yourself a house in Jerusalem and dwell there, and do not go out from there anywhere. [37] For it shall be, on the day you go out and cross the Brook Kidron, know for certain you shall surely die; your blood shall be on your own head."

- **Solomon put Shimei under house arrest.** He brought him to Jerusalem, he said to him to build a house and live here in Jerusalem. The day you leave, crossing the brook Kidron, you are signing your own death warrant. You are not going to go back to Benjamin where you can stir up trouble or stir up a revolt again.

1Ki 2:38-41 And Shimei said to the king, "The saying is good. As my lord the king has said, so your servant will do." So Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days. [39] Now it happened at the end of three years, that two slaves of Shimei ran away to Achish the son of Maachah, king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, "Look, your slaves are in Gath!" [40] So Shimei arose, saddled his donkey, and went

(disobeying Solomon) *to Achish at Gath to seek his slaves. And Shimei went and brought his slaves from Gath. [41] And Solomon was told that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath and had come back.*

- Solomon hears of what little respect he has for this young king.

1Ki 2:42-46 Then the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, "Did I not make you swear by the LORD, and warn you, saying, 'Know for certain that on the day you go out and travel anywhere, you shall surely die'? And you said to me, 'The word I have heard is good.' [43] Why then have you not kept the oath of the LORD and the commandment that I gave you?' [44] The king said moreover to Shimei, "You know, as your heart acknowledges, all the wickedness that you did to my father David; therefore the LORD will return your wickedness on your own head. [45] But King Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD forever." [46] So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he went out and struck him down, and he died. Thus the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

- Shimei exposed himself as being a continued threat to Solomon and his reign, the stability of the kingdom and the government there in Israel, and so he was executed accordingly.
- Now Solomon is firmly established. Solomon continues to strengthen the kingdom.

Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom

1Ki 3:1 Now Solomon made a treaty with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and married Pharaoh's daughter; then he brought her to the City of David until he had finished building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall all around Jerusalem.

- Solomon began the building of his palace, the building of the walls of Jerusalem, expanding the city limits. He took Pharaoh's daughter as the first of many wives. In those days, marriages were often made by kings to establish peaceful relationships with other nations. The taking of Pharaoh's daughter, was to establish peace with Egypt. As long as the Pharaoh's daughter was queen there in Israel, he is not apt to be attacking his own daughter. This happened now with Solomon, wanting to establish peace with Egypt.
- Solomon took many wives from foreign countries, actually disobeying the law of God, (*Deu 17:17*) Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself. Solomon failed in that, and, "Lest they turn the hearts of the kings against the LORD. No wife wants more than one husband. It is just God's order for this kind of thing

1Ki 3:2 Meanwhile the people sacrificed at the high places, because there was no house built for the name of the LORD until those days.

- So they were sacrificing up on the top of the mountains. Now, up to this point, it was not really looked upon with disfavor, by God. They were not yet worshipping Canaanite gods, they were worshipping the LORD. Later on they begin to offer pagan sacrifices on the high places. It was the general custom of the people to go to the top of the mountain, in order to sacrifice unto the Lord.
- Every time the children of Israel are worshiping on the high places, following the building of the temple, it is absolutely forbidden. Thus as we go along in the Old Testament, when it starts talking about the sacrifices in the high places, it is talking about the pagan sacrifices that brought the judgement of God against Israel.
- But because this was the common custom, it would seem that when Abraham offered Isaac, as a sacrifice unto the *LORD*, he went to the top of Mount Moriah, not on the side of Mount Moriah, going all the way to the top of Mount Moriah to build the sacrifice, because they would sacrifice in the highest point of the mountain.
- The Dome of the Rock has been built by the Moslems, over this rock, that they declare was the place where Abraham offered Ishmael as a sacrifice. Where they declare that their prophet Mohammed ascended into heaven on his horse, after an all-night ride from Medina. I do not believe that the rock, under the Dome of the Rock is the place of Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac. I think that Abraham would have gone to the top of Mount Moriah, to the top of the hill, to Calvary, the place of the Skull, called Golgotha.

- I believe that in the very place where Abraham in obedience to God, offered his son, his only son Isaac as a sacrifice, unto the *LORD*! In that place Abraham called to Jehovah-Jireh, the *LORD* will provide. For in the mount of the *LORD* it shall be seen. For he said, “*The LORD will provide Himself a sacrifice.*” That is the place where God did provide Himself as a sacrifice for man’s sins. As you go there today, you will see that the temple mount is on the side of the Mount Moriah. That the mountain continues a gentle slope up to the top, which is Golgotha, or Calvary.

1Ki 3:3 And Solomon loved the *LORD*, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and burned incense at the high places.

- Solomon was loving the *LORD*, offering his sacrifice.
- Except that he sacrificed and burned incense at the high places. Solomon’s failure in completely following the *LORD* was exhibited in his continual worship at the high places.

1Ki 3:4 Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

- A burnt offering was unique in that it was completely consumed on the altar. It came to represent a full commitment, that whenever a man, a woman, or a family sacrificed a burnt offering, it represented that, *LORD I am giving You my whole life, my whole heart!* When Solomon offers a thousand burnt offerings on that altar, it really pleased the *LORD*! It was a very strong communication to the *LORD* at this time in Solomon’s reign that *LORD, my life is completely Yours, it belongs to You! Use it however it is that You want to!*

1Ki 3:5 At Gibeon the *LORD* appeared to Solomon in a dream (a supernatural revelation) by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

- “*What shall I give you?*” What an amazing question! Here is a young man who had just about anything that a person could ever desire. He is king over the powerful nation of Israel. He is wealthy. He has inherited his father’s power. Now God is saying, “*Ask what shall I give you?*”
- **What would my or your response be if God should say to me, “Ask! What shall I give you?” Just what would it be that I would ask the *LORD*? That answer would be a great revelation of my heart and attitude as to what is the most valuable thing in my life. What would your answer be?**

1Ki 3:6 And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

- Solomon is saying the only reason I am here is because You made my father David a promise. It is all of grace. I should not even be here. I understand that much. What tremendous insight for a kid!

1Ki 3:7 Now, O *LORD* my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

- I do not even know how to conduct myself as a king, much less to make decisions on that throne. Solomon is very humble at this point in his life, being very aware of his inadequacy in the natural for fulfilling God’s call!

1Ki 3:8 And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted.

- *LORD, I am overwhelmed with my responsibility. I do not know fully how to handle it.*

1Ki 3:9 Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

- *An understanding heart! If You are going to give me one thing, here is what I ask for! I want to hear Your voice in every decision I make in this role that You have called me to. I want You to tell me what I am supposed to do in every single decision. You give me that wisdom, and then I will do what You tell me to do. I want You to make the decisions. I am your servant, and I will simply uphold those decisions!*
- *This is what he asked for, an understanding heart in order to properly judge for the benefit of God’s people. *LORD*, just help me to do a good job in judging over Your people.” What a request!*

1Ki 3:10-12 *The speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. [11] Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, [12] behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.*

- **A wise and understanding heart.** The wisdom of Solomon is legendary. If you want to challenge the idea of the wisdom of Solomon, write a book of proverbs, and see how wise your proverbs are. Solomon's are proverbial, in their wisdom. He wrote a whole book of proverbs! He wrote books on zoology, and ornithology, and various subjects. He was a brilliant man. The wisdom of God given unto him. So He said, *"I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you."*

1Ki 3:13 *And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.*

- **This is just like God! He gives us more than we ask.** The goodness of God. The *LORD* said that He delights to do good things for His children. He likes to give good things to His children. The *LORD* said, "I know my desires towards you, they are good and not evil." The goodness of God, the grace of God. Seeing the heart of Solomon, and seeing that Solomon was not asking for riches, or power, or the revenge against enemies, or anything else. Just the wisdom to judge rightly over God's people. God said, "Oh, I'll give you what you have not asked as well." Now the LORD gives the conditions.
- **It is a heart change right there.** So that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. Solomon did not learn. He didn't get all this wisdom. He learned this from the *LORD*, who gave him this wisdom. The *LORD* says, I have given it to you. It's yours!
- **Do I, do we, as all believers, realize that we have access to that same wisdom? (Jas 1:5)**
If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. He will not make fun of us or rebuke us for asking for it. He will give us the wisdom that we are asking for. We have access to that same wisdom in Christ! Does my life reflect that?

1Ki 3:14 *So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."*

- These are the things David told him to do and the blessing of the *LORD* that would follow him. But the long life promise was predicated upon his obedience to the statutes and the commandments of the *LORD*. In the law it said, *"Honor your father and your mother; that your days may be long upon the earth."* This is the first commandment with a promise attached. The honoring of the father and mother. Now He is saying, "Honor Me, if you walk in My ways, I'll lengthen your days." Note how Solomon's disobedience in taking many wives turned his heart away from God! **(1Ki 11:3)** *And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart!*

1Ki 3:15 *Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.*

- **Solomon had been up to Gibeon where the tabernacle was**, now he comes back to Jerusalem and offers up burnt offerings and peace offerings, which was the communion with God.

Solomon's Wisdom

1Ki 3:16 *Now two women who were harlots came to the king, and stood before him.*

- **Amazingly, in that culture, if you had a dispute that you couldn't resolve, you could bring it** before the king, get a personal hearing before the king, and then allow him to judge the situation. Just think of two harlots having access to the throne of Solomon!
- **The only thing more amazing is that you and I have access to the throne of God** anytime we want to bring a request to Him! The Bible says that we are able to boldly approach the throne of God and ask

of God whatever it is that is on our heart, and receive, asking Him for grace, and then receiving from Him the grace and the mercy that we have need of! **Just think of that! Wow! What an extraordinary privilege and blessing!**

1Ki 3:17-21 And one woman said, "O my lord, this woman and I dwell in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house. [18] Then it happened, the third day after I had given birth, that this woman also gave birth. And we were together; no one was with us in the house, except the two of us in the house. [19] And this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. [20] So she arose in the middle of the night and took my son from my side, while your maid servant slept, and laid him in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. [21] And when I rose in the morning to nurse my son, there he was, dead. But when I had examined him in the morning, indeed, he was not my son whom I had borne."

- When I looked carefully, it was not my son!

1Ki 3:22 Then the other woman said, "No! But the living one is my son, and the dead one is your son." And the first woman said, "No! But the dead one is your son, and the living one is my son." Thus they spoke before the king.

- They had this big argument, both claiming the live child was theirs. Here we have her word against her word. There are no other witnesses, and so how in the world are you going to solve a dispute like this? This argument that was going on before the king. What is he going to do?

1Ki 3:23-25 And the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son, who lives, and your son is the dead one'; and the other says, 'No! But your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one.' " [24] Then the king said, "Bring me a sword." So they brought a sword before the king. [25] And the king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to one, and half to the other."

- He has no intention of doing this, but here's this wisdom that God has given to him to understand human nature, realizing that whichever of these two is the real mother is going to speak up very, very quickly in order to spare the life of her child. This is the decree that he gives.

1Ki 3:26-27 Then the woman whose son was living spoke to the king, for she yearned with compassion for her son; and she said, "O my lord, give her the living child, and by no means kill him!" But the other said, "Let him be neither mine nor yours, but divide him." [27] So the king answered and said, "Give the first woman the living child, and by no means kill him; she is his mother."

- A beautiful demonstration of Solomon's wisdom. The effect is that all of Israel will hear about it!

1Ki 3:28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had rendered; and they feared the king, for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to administer justice.

- There he is, he's a new king, following the greatest king that Israel has ever had. He's still a very young man, probably no older than twenty years old. When word got out that this is the kind of wisdom that he had, the nation felt this man really does have the wisdom, supernatural wisdom, to govern a nation properly. Imagine when he takes that kind of wisdom then into the other areas of the kingdom, They realized we're in very good hands!
- They feared the king. Israel was in awe of and willing to submit to the rule of Solomon because of his wisdom from God.
- The glory, the folly, and the shame. Unfortunately, wise men, do very foolish things. Being wise is no guarantee against foolishness, as we will see in the life of Solomon. Any man commits folly, when he turns his back on the word of God, and begins to go in his own way, being ruled by his own flesh, rather than the Spirit of God.
- We will see the tragedy in Solomon's life, because of his disobedience to God, having many wives who turned away his heart! Solomon had such a great beginning, but a tragic end. *(1Ki 11:3-4) And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart! [4] For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David.*
- **What can I learn from Solomon to not allow anything to turn my heart away from God?**
- How tragic indeed. God help us! Keep us from that folly, doing disgraceful and outrageous things!

- **Pray for His help in always keeping me to have a heart after God!**
- **Read the Bible every day!** (*Jos 1:8*) *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.* (*Psa 1:1-2*) *Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;[2] But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.*

SUMMARY

- **What would my or your response be if God should say to me, “What do you want? Ask what you would like.”** Just what it would be that I would ask the *LORD?* What would your answer be?
- **Do I, do we, as all believers, realize that we have access to that same wisdom?** (*Jas 1:5*) *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.* He will not make fun of us or rebuke us for asking for it. He will give us the wisdom that we are asking for. We have access to that same wisdom in Christ! Does my life reflect that?
- **What can I learn from Solomon to not allow anything to turn my heart away from God?**

WHAT CHILD IS THIS? Wm C Dix Josh Groban (2:04/2:08)

*What child is this who laid to rest On Mary's lap is sleeping
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?
 So bring him incense, gold and myrrh Come peasant king to own him
 The king of kings salvation brings Let loving hearts enthrone him
 This, this is Christ the king Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
 Haste, haste to bring him laud The babe, the son of Mary
 Oh raise, raise a song on high His mother sings a lullaby
 Joy, oh joy for Christ is born The babe, the son of Mary
 This, this is Christ the king Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
 Haste, haste to bring him laud The babe, the son of Mary*

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Study *I Kings, Chapters 4-6*