



**“GREAT EVENTS OF THE BIBLE --
THE ANOINTING OF SOLOMON.”**

Introduction:

- A. David, After An Abundant Life Of Service To God And Of Leading The Nation Of Israel, Neared Death.
- B. As He Did, His Sons Positioned Themselves To Be The Next King.

I. (Slide #2) Solomon Appointed As David’s Successor.

- A. As David Neared Death, His Sons Spurred On By Mothers And Advisors, Began To Position Themselves To Be The Next King.
 - 1. Absalom should have been the successor to the throne.
 - a. He had revolted against his dad, stolen the hearts of the people, usurped the throne, and humiliated David.
 - b. However, as Absalom was chasing David, he got his neck caught in the forked branches of a tree; Joab killed him there.
 - c. We remember David’s agonizing lament: “O my son Absalom--my son, my son Absalom--if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!” II Sa. 18:33
 - d. Thus the supposed successor to the throne was no longer alive!
 - 2. Adonijah proclaimed himself king! I Ki. 1:5-10
 - a. As the oldest living son, he would have been the anticipated successor to the throne. By custom he would have received the throne and a double portion of David’s property.
 - b. Joab the military man and Abiathar the priest supported him.
 - 3. Nathan the prophet urged Bathsheba to immediately talk to David I Ki. 1:11-14
 - 4. She did; as she talked to him, Nathan the prophet came in and told David what Adonijah was doing. I Ki. 1:15-27
 - 5. David declared that Solomon would be his successor! I Ki. 1:28-31. He was announcing the decision that God had made! I Chr. 28:5-7

6. He then told Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah to anoint Solomon and proclaim him to be the king. I Ki. 1:32-40
 7. This was a fulfillment of God's promise to David: II Sa. 7:12 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever."
- B. **(Slide #3)** Solomon Was Anointed As The Next King! 1 Kings 1:39,40 "Then Zadok the priest took a horn of oil from the tabernacle and anointed Solomon. And they blew the horn, and all the people said, '*Long live King Solomon!*' ⁴⁰And all the people went up after him; and the people played the flutes and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth *seemed to split* with their sound."
- C. **(Slide #4)** Adonijah's Fearful Plea.
1. I Ki. 1:41-53 "Now Adonijah and all the guests who *were* with him heard *it* as they finished eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the horn, he said, '*Why is the city in such a noisy uproar?*' ⁴²While he was still speaking, there came Jonathan, the son of Abiathar the priest. And Adonijah said to him, '*Come in, for you are a prominent man, and bring good news.*' ⁴³Then Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, '*No! Our lord King David has made Solomon king. ⁴⁴The king has sent with him Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites; and they have made him ride on the king's mule. ⁴⁵So Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king at Gihon; and they have gone up from there rejoicing, so that the city is in an uproar. This is the noise that you have heard. ⁴⁶Also Solomon sits on the throne of the kingdom. ⁴⁷And moreover the king's servants have gone to bless our lord King David, saying, 'May God make the name of Solomon better than your name, and may He make his throne greater than your throne.' Then the king bowed himself on the bed. ⁴⁸Also the king said thus, 'Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, who has given *one* to sit on my throne this day, while my eyes see *it!*'" ⁴⁹So all the guests who were with Adonijah were afraid, and arose, and each one went his way. ⁵⁰Now Adonijah was afraid of Solomon; so he arose, and went and took hold of the horns of the altar. ⁵¹And it was told Solomon, saying, '*Indeed Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon; for look, he has taken hold of the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let King Solomon swear to me today that he will not put his servant to death with the sword.'*' ⁵²Then Solomon said, '*If he proves himself a worthy man, not one hair of him shall fall to the earth; but if wickedness is found in him, he shall die.*' ⁵³So King Solomon sent them to bring him down from the altar. And he came and fell down before King Solomon; and Solomon said to him, '*Go to your house.*'"*

2. As Adonijah and his cohorts were celebrating in a great feast, news came of a vibrant celebration in the city (the celebration announcing Solomon's rule was perhaps a mile away from where Adonijah's feast was occurring!). 41
3. The celebrants were told that David had appointed Solomon as the next king. 42-48. See. I Ki. 1:11-48; 2:12; I Chr. 23:1; and I Chr. 28
4. All of Adonijah's supporters were terrified; they disbanded. 49
5. **(Slide #5)** Adonijah ran to the altar and grabbed hold of the horns of the altar -- this was an appeal for mercy! He thought Solomon would kill him. 50,52 (The horns of the altar was a place where one who committed an unpremeditated murder would go to appeal for mercy and asylum. Ex. 21:13,14).
6. Solomon was told about Adonijah's fear and plea for mercy. 51
7. Solomon declared that nothing would happen to Adonijah if he proved himself to be a worthy man. 42
8. Solomon called Adonijah to come from the altar; when he came to Solomon's house, Solomon told Adonijah to go home. 53
9. The rest of this story is seen in I Ki. 2:13-25 -- Adonijah asked Bathsheba, Solomon's mother, to ask Solomon to give him Abishag, David's nurse to be his wife. I Ki. 1:1-4. Solomon was enraged that Adonijah would use his mother, Bathsheba, to seek his selfish desires. Solomon declared that Adonijah has sealed his death warrant!

II. (Slide #6) David's Final Charge To Solomon. 2:1-9

- A. Text: "Now the days of David drew near that he should die, and he charged Solomon his son, saying: ²'I go the way of all the earth; be strong, therefore, and prove yourself a man. ³And keep the charge of the LORD your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn; ⁴that the LORD may fulfill His word which He spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul,' He said, 'you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.' ⁵Moreover you know also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, *and* what he did to the two commanders of the armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner and Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed. And he shed the blood of war in peacetime, and put the blood of war on his belt that *was* around his waist, and on his sandals that *were* on his feet. ⁶Therefore do according to your wisdom, and do not let his gray hair go down to the grave in peace. ⁷But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be

among those who eat at your table, for so they came to me when I fled from Absalom your brother. ⁸And see, *you have* with you Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite from Bahurim, who cursed me with a malicious curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim. But he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by the LORD, saying, ‘I will not put you to death with the sword.’ ⁹Now therefore, do not hold him guiltless, for you *are* a wise man and know what you ought to do to him; but bring his gray hair down to the grave with blood.”

B. David’s Charges To Solomon:

1. **(Slide #7)** “Be strong; prove yourself a man!” 2
2. (►) Obey the Law of Moses; walk in God’s ways -- keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies! 3
3. Obey the Lord that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn! 3
4. God promised to bless our family on the Throne of Israel if we are obedient! 4 (David refers to God’s promise is II Sa. 7:12-16; David appealed to God to bless his descendants as He has just promised!)
5. (►) Watch out for Joab; he is dangerous; he killed Abner and Amasa; he had also killed Absalom; do not let him go to his grave in peace! 5,6 [Solomon dealt with two allies of Adonijah; he removed Abiathar from the priesthood; I Ki. 2:26,27 and he had Benaiah to kill Joab the military man even though he had run to the horns of the altar! I Ki. 2:28-34]
6. (►) Show kindness to the sons of Barzillai to recompense their kindness to me when I had to flee Absalom. 7
7. (►) Slay Shemei who cursed me as I fled Israel! 8,9 [Solomon told Shemei that he would live if he remained in Jerusalem; however, if he left Jerusalem, he would be killed! When two slaves fled across the Jordan, Shemei went to get them; Solomon had him killed! I Ki. 2:36-46]

C. After This Charge, David Died And Was Buried In The City Of David. 10

III. (Slide #8) Solomon -- A Blessed Man Who Became The Third King Of Israel.

A. **(Slide #9)** He Was The Son Of King David.

1. What a privilege -- the king’s son; he stepped into privilege at his birth.
2. He was the son of Bathsheba. II Sa. 12:24; I Ki. 1:13, 17, 21

- B. (►) He Had A Godly Father.
- C. (►) His Father Defeated Their Enemies, Thus, He Inherited A Nation At Peace.
- D. (►) As A Young Man, He Was Godly; **(Slide #10)** You See His Heart In His Prayer For Wisdom [Rather Than Wealth, Glory, Or Power!] I Ki. 3:5-14; II Chr. 1:7-12. **(Slide #11)** NO event showed that wisdom more than when the two women came claiming that the living baby was THEIR baby! I Ki. 3:16-28
- E. **(Slide #12)** He Reigned Over Israel For 40 Years -- From About 1015 B.C. - 975 B.C. [Some Date This From 971 - 931 B.C.] II Chr. 9:30
- F. (►) He Wrote Three Amazing Books Of The Bible -- Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, And Song Of Solomon!

IV. (Slide #13) Amazing Blessings During His Reign.

- A. **(Slide #14)** Israel Was At Peace With The Surrounding Enemies.
- B. (►) Wealth Was Rampant In The Land.
 - 1. The daily provisions were amazing. I Ki. 4:22,23
 - 2. His military was mighty. I Ki. 4:26-28
 - 3. The wealth to build the Temple was incredible! I Ki. 5; 6; 7:13-51
 - 4. He had a personal mansion. I Ki. 7:1-12
 - 5. He had a mighty navy that protected the land AND brought wealth from northern African nations! I Ki. 9:26-28
 - 6. Gold was prevalent! Many other valuables thrived! I Ki. 10:14-22
 - 7. **(Slide #15)** No wonder the Queen of Sheba said, “Then she said to the king: ‘It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. ⁷However I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard.’” I Ki. 10:6,7

8. One verse described that wealth: “So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.” I Ki. 10:23
- C. **(Slide #16)** The Land Promise Made To Abraham In Gen. 15:18-21 Was Fulfilled During His Reign! I Ki. 4:21
 1. By the way, that fulfilled promised DOES NOT CONTINUE into the New Covenant and not to 2017!
 2. Many Premillennialists have built a false theology upon that premise since the nation of Israel was re-established in 1948!
 - D. **(►)** The Temple Was Built! I Ki. 6. [We Will Look At That In The Next Lesson In This Series.]

V. (Slide #17) The Sad Fact Is That You And I Know The Rest Of The Story!

- A. **(Slide #18)** This Humble Man Who Asked For Wisdom, Rejected That Wisdom, Became Enamored By Ungodly Idolatrous Women, And Was Led Away From God And His Wisdom!
- B. **(►)** He Married 700 Wives And Had 300 Concubines. I Ki. 11:3
- C. **(►)** His Wives Turned His Heart Away From God! I Ki. 11:1-13
 1. He disobeyed God by marrying these foreign idolatrous women.
 - a. I Ki. 11:2 “from the nations of whom the LORD had said to the children of Israel, ‘**You shall not intermarry with them**, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods.’ Solomon clung to these in love.”
 - b. I Ki. 11:3 “And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and **his wives turned away his heart.**”
 - c. I Ki. 11:4 “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.”
 2. He was enamored by their looks and sensuality; he ignored their wicked hearts and devious desires. Sensual emotions led him into a complete life of fornication!
- D. **(Slide #19)** He Became A Miserable Materialist -- “Vanity Of Vanities!”

- E. (►) He Seemed Hell-Bent On Eternal Separation From God; Yet, It Seems That He Finally Came To His Senses, Repented, And Returned To God. Ecc. 12:13
“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all.”
1. The Message -- A Prodigal CAN REPENT and RETURN to God!
 2. Two examples emphasize that a prodigal Christian can be forgiven -- Jesus’ “Parable Of The Prodigal Son” which emphasizes the love of the Godhead for those who repent and Solomon.
 3. Our message to those who left the Lord years ago is “Please Come Home!” We will welcome you with open arms; but SO MUCH MORE IMPORTANTLY, GOD IS READY TO FORGIVE!