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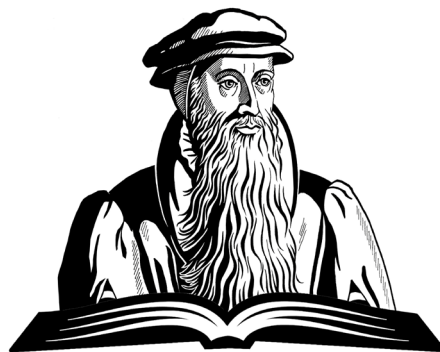
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Lesson 68

Solomon Becomes King

The First Book of the Kings, chapters 1 thru 5,
and the Second Book of Chronicles, chapters 1 and 2

Memory Verse

“Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart.”

1 Kings 3:9

Historical Summary

The first and second books of the Kings tell the stories of the kings of Israel and Judah, starting with the reign of Solomon, David’s son. Before King David died, he gave counsel to Solomon his son about ruling Israel, reminding him to keep the law of the Lord and to walk in all His ways. He told him to punish Joab for his cruelty, and to punish Shemei for his treachery.

David had become old, and soon a successor would be needed. Solomon was the heir appointed by God to be the next king of Israel, but Adonijah, his half-brother, wanted to be king, and he conspired with some others to try to make that happen. So Solomon’s mother Bathsheba,



and Nathan the prophet encouraged David to do something. So before he died, David publically proclaimed Solomon to be the heir to his throne, and Solomon was crowned King of all Israel. When Adonijah heard about it, he became afraid, but Solomon spared his life.

Adonijah then conspired against King Solomon in an attempt to take his crown. He asked for Abishaag, his father’s concubine, to be his wife, which would subtly place him in the position of king. But Solomon recognized the plot, and had Adonijah executed, and his fellow conspirators removed. Solomon also executed Shemei who violated a promise he had made to Solomon. So the kingdom of Solomon was established and defended from its enemies.

When Solomon’s kingdom grew strong, he went to Gibeon to sacrifice to the Lord. There the Lord appeared to him in a dream and asked him what he desired most in his new responsibilities as King of Israel. He could have asked for riches, or long life, or success in war. But instead he asked the Lord to give him an understanding heart to rule this great people. The Lord was pleased with this request, and God made Solomon to be the wisest man that ever lived. He also received other gifts for which he did not ask. The wisdom of Solomon is displayed in the case of two

women who each had a baby son, but one of the babies died during the night. Now both of the women claimed the living child was hers, and brought their case to Solomon for judgment. King Solomon asked for a sword, and said he was going to cut the living child in half, and give half to each. One woman agreed, but the real mother of the living baby begged him not to do so. Then Solomon knew that she was the real mother. All who witnessed this scene could tell that God had blessed Solomon with great wisdom.

God gave Solomon wisdom also to organize the kingdom of Israel. Appointments and schedules were made so that everything was done orderly. So the kingdom grew and prospered, and those who lived in neighboring countries came to see the wisdom of Solomon that they had heard of. The nation of Israel was highly respected while Solomon was king. Solomon himself was intelligent and studious. He understood agriculture and commerce, and he knew how to prepare and to manage extensive projects. And he knew how to judge difficult personal cases. These were all gifts given to him by God.

God himself had given King Solomon the job of building the house of God in Jerusalem. It was a massive undertaking which required a lot of building materials. King David his father had saved up many treasures of gold and silver from the wars to be used in building that great house. King Solomon contracted with King Hiram of Tyre, to provide the needed lumber and stone. He employed many men to cut timbers and to transport cedar trees and fir trees to Israel on the sea. Solomon sent workers to King Hiram, and Hiram sent workers to Solomon. By Solomon's command, they brought great stones, costly stones, all cut and ready to lay the foundation of the building. These materials were of the best quality and prepared by the most skilled workmen. It was also remarkable how Solomon's men and Hiram's men worked so well together in gathering and preparing the materials, getting ready to build the house of God.

The Gospel in the Old Testament

Preparing for the building of the temple reminds us of another temple, a spiritual temple. This temple is not made with earthly building materials, but it is made up of people—sinners saved by grace, who are built up together as a spiritual temple, the household of God. The Lord Jesus Christ is gathering stones to build his spiritual temple. But those stones are his people purchased with his own blood. And they will never be forsaken or overthrown. How necessary it is for each of us to be part of that living everlasting temple!

Questions

1. What did Adonijah do to try to become king after David?
 - a. He tried to kill Solomon so he could have the throne himself.
 - b. He asked one of his servants to speak a favorable word to David.
 - c. He had himself crowned king without David and Bathsheba knowing about it.
 - d. He arranged for a large gift to be given to Solomon in an effort to buy the kingship.

2. Why did Adonijah ask for Abishag to be his wife?
 - a. He wanted to receive a large dowry from his father.
 - b. She had helped him when he fought against David.
 - c. It would result in the people thinking he should be the next king.
 - d. Because she was the daughter of Bathsheba.

3. Which of the following did Solomon ask of God at the beginning of his reign as king?
 - a. A long life.
 - b. To be successful in battle.
 - c. Many wives and great riches.
 - d. An understanding heart.

4. Which of these is not an example of Solomon's wisdom and understanding?
 - a. Speaking 3,000 proverbs.
 - b. Appointing princes and captains.
 - c. Arranging officers to provide victuals.
 - d. Marrying 1,000 wives.

5. Why did Solomon ask Hiram for help in building the temple?
 - a. Because Hiram was his slave and his help was free.
 - b. Because had good materials and was willing to help.
 - c. Because he owed Solomon a large debt.
 - d. Because Solomon threatened war against him if he refused.

6. In which of the following ways can we see Solomon the most clearly as a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ?
 - a. Building a temple compares to Christ building His church.
 - b. Solomon's riches compare to the riches of God's children.
 - c. Solomon's wisdom shows that God knows all things.
 - d. Solomon choosing good materials for the temple shows that only good people are saved.

Essay Questions

1. When the secret plan of Adonijah was discovered, he fled and caught hold of the horns of the altar. What was he afraid was going to happen? Why?

2. Why do you think Solomon was determined to control or remove all those who did not support him or his father David? (See 1 Kings 2:46b)

3. How did Solomon solve the case of two women when they both claimed to be the mother of the living child?

4. How can you tell from 1 Kings 4 that the Lord was with Solomon and greatly blessed him in his reign?

5. Where did the materials come from that were used to build the temple? Who helped Solomon in building the temple? What did Solomon do for him in return?

6. In what way can Solomon building the temple be compared to the building of Christ's kingdom?
