



Lesson 103

Solomon Secures His Throne (Part 1)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text: 1 Kings 1:5-53 • Setting: circa 970 B.C. • Main Characters: God, Solomon, Nathan, Bathsheba, and Adonijah. • Plot: Solomon assumes the throne, 	<p>but not without challenge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key word(s): “ _____ ” • Climax: <i>1 Kings 1:18 And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest it not:</i>
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Solomon Chosen

1. (2 Sa. 12:2-25) Solomon was the second son of David and Bathsheba (their first son died in infancy).
 - (a) Solomon's name means “peaceable;” he was given an alternate name by Nathan the prophet: Jedidiah, which means “ _____ of God.”
 - (b) Solomon was “loved of God” in that he was designated by God as the next king of Israel. Although Solomon was not the next in line to the throne _____ (because of several older half-brothers), he was divinely chosen as the next king.

2. (2 Sa. 7:4-17) Many years earlier, when David wanted to build a temple for the LORD, Nathan the prophet was sent to give David this divine message:

1 Chronicles 22:9 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days. 10 He shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel _____.

Solomon Challenged

3. (1 Ki. 1:5-7) Adonijah, the oldest surviving son of David, assumed that his birth order assured him the throne. He sought to steal the throne of Israel from the LORD's chosen using similar methods of his older half-brother _____.
 - (a) A royal entourage was recruited to proclaim his presence.
 - (b) Additionally, he enlisted the talents of _____ and the influence of Abiathar the priest.

4. (1 Ki. 1:9-10) Adonijah was bold enough to throw a coronation _____ at En-rogel – of course Solomon and his supporters were not invited, including Nathan, Zadok, and the Mighty Men.

(a) (1 Ki. 1:11-27) Both Bathsheba and _____ the prophet informed David of Adonijah's treacherous presumption.

(b) David instructed Zadok and Nathan to have Solomon publicly anointed king in Gihon; Benaiah and the Mighty Men would provide _____ escort.

5. (1 Ki. 1:41-53) Just as Adonijah's feast was coming to an end, Jonathan the son of Abiathar brought news of Solomon's legitimate coronation.

(a) Adonijah's supporters quickly dispersed, and Adonijah fled to the tabernacle where he took hold of the _____ of the altar. Such an action was a way of seeking asylum. (Exo. 21:4)

(b) Solomon had mercy on the rebel and sentenced him to _____.

Application

6. Solomon was a type of Christ – a chosen son of David who would also be called a son of God and whose reign would be characterized by peace for his subjects. The Lord Jesus and King Solomon share many parallels: _____, abundance, and peaceful reigns, but Jesus surpasses Solomon in all - infinitely so.

"Behold a greater than Solomon is here"—Luke 11:31

Notes: _____

Answer Key: Key word(s): Solomon • 1. a) loved; b) chronologically • 1 Chron. 22:9 *forever* • 3. Absalom; b) Joab • 4. party; a) Nathan; b) military • 5. a) horns; b) house arrest • 6. wisdom

How to use this worksheet for personal Bible study: (1) Read the Bible passage given in the **Story Elements** section. (2) Read through the worksheet and try to fill in the blanks without looking at the **Answer Key**. (3) Check your answers with the key and make the necessary corrections. Keep in mind that some answers are a matter of opinion, and often more than one answer is correct. (4) Write down your own thoughts, applications, and questions for further study in the **Notes** section.