



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.

