

Who Will Be King?

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1 Kings 1:1-10

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Introduction

- 1 Kings 1:1-2:10 finishes out David's life
- Fits with our Series "*Promise of a Messianic King*"

King David gets old

- David got old, could no longer get warm; he's now 70+^{25:4}
- David's feebleness is a reminder of our own frailty
- Seek God early in life^{Ecc12:1-2} before the years take their toll...
- In your old age declare God's gospel^{Ps71:17-18}
- Servants conduct Miss Israel pageant to find 'human warmer'
- David's life shows us we need King Jesus^{1Tim1:17} who conquered death^{Lk24:46}

Adonijah Exalts Himself

- Adonijah exalted self - *I will be king*⁵
- Solomon was David's rightful heir^{25:12:24-26; 1Chr22:7,10-11} according to God
- David must not have made that truth clear to family & advisors - why?
- Succession: ^{1st}Amnon=dead^{25:13:28}, ^{2nd}Absalom=dead^{25:18:14}, ^{3rd}Chileab=dead?
- Adonijah^{4th} was next in line by normal line of succession
- Not ordinary kingdom - it was God's ordained kingdom to provide salvation
- Israel under God's law^{Dt17:15} and God would provide^{25:7:16-17}

A Warning to Parents

- David seems to have done a poor job raising his sons & teaching control: Amnon^{25:13}raped sister Tamar, Absalom rebelled^{25:15}, Adonijah⁶father never displeased him
- Children must be trained in God's ways - it doesn't happen naturally
- All are sons of Adam, tantrums, anger, ignore God's laws
- We are too often like Diotrephes^{3Jn9} *wanting to put ourselves first!*
- Never forget James 4:1-4 - be careful of who you place on the throne of life!

A Parade for His Own Glory

- he wanted others to think him important - chariots & entourage⁵
- didn't seek out God-ordained authorities^{7,10} or God's Word
- made public display of wealth & religious fervor⁹, much like Saul
- didn't allow accountability¹⁰ - did not invite Nathan, Benaiah, mighty men...
- Beware: we're all tempted to "king" ourselves... impress others... let others know how hard you work... show off stuff... all self-exaltation: Romans 12:3

Another Warning for Parents

- David had never challenged his sons⁶ - result: Amnon, Absalom, Adonijah...
- David was over-indulgent & didn't teach God's ways
- We are to train up^{Prv22:6; Eph6:4} children using God's ways - Use the Gospel!
- We aren't trying to raise moral pagans but Gospel struck believers

The True and Rightful King

- What should Adonijah have done? WSC ^{Q#1}Chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever
- Adonijah's name means *my Lord is Yahweh*, how sad...
- God to King Jesus who is not burdensome^{Mt11:28-30}
- Jesus is the True Prophet^{Jn17:17} declaring God's Good News
- Jesus is the True Priest^{Jn1:29} and redeemed us!
- Jesus is the True King who came to humbly redeem His own^{Phil2:3-11}
- Never forget: God's economy is different^{Mt16:25}