

1 Kings Chapter 2

According to David, what should Solomon do to ensure his success? [2-4]

In verses 5-9 David reminds Solomon of some unfinished business. Was that business purely personal, or was it family business, or was it business of the kingdom (affairs of state)? Was David being vindictive, or merely instructing Solomon to execute judgment that had been delayed?

Verses 12 and 46 provide bookends for subject matter between them. Why did Solomon react so harshly to Adonijah's request? Why were Joab and Shimei executed?

1 Kings Chapter 11

Solomon is now old, and the Lord is angry with him; why, and what did He do about it? What happened to the great wisdom that God had given Solomon?

These stories are filled with intrigue, plotting and scheming, clan rivalries, personal ambitions, and vengeance. In what ways do we see the hand of God at work in them?

1 Kings Chapter 18

Ahab did not kill Elijah, instead, he obediently followed Elijah's instructions. Why?

Is Elijah following God's instructions, or is God responding to Elijah's lead?

Who was summoned to Mount Carmel?

God could have destroyed the prophets of Baal when He sent fire to consume the offering; instead Elijah took them into the valley and killed them there. Why?

Next week: 2 Kings chapters 6, 17, and 24