

INTRODUCTION

- * After a short break considering the Impact of the Incarnation through a study of 1 John, we return to our study of the biblical history of Israel. Prior to Advent, we had concluded looking at the life of David. Today, we transition fully into the reign of Solomon.
- * As David is considered the man after God's own heart, so Solomon is referred to as the wisest man who ever lived. But as the Word of God is clear regarding David's failures, so it is clear regarding those of Solomon.
- * At the close of David's reign he gave some specific instructions, or requests, to Solomon.
- * Today, we see Solomon's first acts as the King of Israel.

INSTRUCTION**I. SECURING THE I _____ (2:13-46)****A. Adonijah (2:13-25; cf. 1:5-10,19,25)**

1. THE RE _____ (v. 13-21)
2. THE RE _____ (v. 22-25)

B. Abiathar (2:26-27)

1. THE M _____ NATURE OF SOLOMON'S DECISION
2. THE P _____ NATURE OF SOLOMON'S DECISION

C. Joab (2:28-35; cf. 2:5-6)

1. J _____'S REACTION
2. S _____'S REACTION

D. Shimei (2:36-46; cf. 2:8-9)

1. THE D _____
2. THE D _____

II. SECURING THE B _____ (3:1-3; cf. Deuteronomy 17:16; Psalm 20:7; 33:1-17; 1 Kings 10:28-29)**INTROSPECTION**

- * ARE YOU FAITHFUL TO COMPLETE THE TASKS THAT ARE LAID BEFORE YOU?
- * ARE YOU JUST IN YOUR DEALINGS? DO YOU HAVE A WILLINGNESS TO BE MERCIFUL?
- * DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD IS ABLE TO PROTECT WITHOUT YOU MAKING "TREATIES" WITH YOUR ENEMIES?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?