

Lesson 1

Solomon Reigns Over Israel – Part 1
(1 Kings 2:13 – 4:34; 2 Chronicles 1:1-13)

Questions

1. What request did Adonijah have for Bathsheba (1 K. 2:13-18)?
2. How did Solomon respond to Bathsheba's request on behalf of Adonijah (1 K. 2:19-25)?
3. What did Solomon have done to Abiathar (1 K. 2:26-27)?
4. What did Solomon have done to Joab and why (1 K. 2:28-35)?
5. What did Solomon tell Shimei to do (1 K. 2:36-38)?
6. What did Solomon have done to Shimei and why (1 K. 2:39-46)?
7. Who did Solomon marry, what did he build, and what was the spiritual condition of the people and Solomon at this time (1 K. 3:1-3)?
8. What did Solomon and the assembly of people do at Gibeon and what did he ask the Lord for there (1 K. 3:4-9; 2 Chron. 1:1-10)?
9. What did the Lord give Solomon in addition to what Solomon asked for (1 K. 3:10-15; 2 Chron. 1:11-13)?

10. What dilemma did two harlots present to Solomon and what wise judgment did he give them to resolve it (1 K. 3:16-28)?
11. What kind of leaders and officers served Solomon (1 K. 4:1-19)?
12. How was Solomon's rule and kingdom described at this time (1 K. 4:20-28; see also 2 Chron. 9:22-28)?
13. How was Solomon's wisdom described and what did he do with it (1 K. 4:29-34)?

Digging Deeper

1. What are the approximate dates for Solomon's reign over Israel (1 K. 1-11)?
2. How was Adonijah related to Solomon and what did he attempt to do in 1 Kings 1 (1 K. 2:15)?
3. Who was Abishag (1 K. 2:17)?
4. What did Abiathar do in 1 Kings 1 that caused Solomon to want to put him to death (1 K. 2:26)? Where in 1 Samuel are we told about Abiathar's relationship with David (1 K. 2:26)? Where in 1 Samuel are we told about the Lord's judgment upon the house of Eli (1 K. 2:27)?
5. What is the "Tent of Jehovah" (1 K. 2:28)? What are the "horns of the altar" (1 K. 2:28)?

6. Where in 2 Samuel are we told of the killing of Abner and Amasa by Joab (1 K. 2:32)?

7. Who was Shimei and what did he do in 2 Samuel that would cause Solomon to act the way he did toward Shimei (1 K. 2:36-38, 44)?

8. Where in 2 Samuel are we told that the throne of David would be established for ever (1 K. 2:45)?

9. Who might the Pharaoh of Egypt be at this time (1 K. 3:1)?

10. Why was the ark of the covenant located in Jerusalem while the tabernacle was located in Gibeon (1 K. 3:4, 15; 2 Chron. 1:3-6)? Where in the book of Exodus are we told about the work of Bezalel for the tabernacle (2 Chron. 1:5)?

11. What are we told about “Solomon’s servants” in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah (1 K. 3:15)?

12. Why was Abiathar named a “priest” after he had been rejected as priest by Solomon (1 K. 4:4; see 1 K. 2:27)?

13. What did Jesus say about Solomon’s glory (1 K. 4:20-28; see Mt. 6:29; Lk. 12:27) and Solomon’s wisdom (1 K. 4:29-34; see Mt. 12:42; Lk. 11:31)?

14. What does “under his vine and under his fig tree” mean (1 K. 4:25)?

15. What two psalms are attributed to Solomon? What proverbs in the book of Proverbs are attributed to Solomon? What other OT books are attributed to Solomon (1 K. 4:32)?
16. Locate the following on a map: Anathoth (2:26), Gath (2:39-40), the city of David (3:1), Gibeon (3:4), and "the River" (4:21, 24).

Applications for Today

1. The Lord will repay you for what you have done to others (1 K. 2:32, 44; Gal. 6:7).
2. When you make an oath, keep it even though you think you have good reason to break it (1 K. 2:38, 43; Rom. 1:31).
3. Jesus is now sitting on the throne of David and ruling in his kingdom forever (1 K. 2:45; Lk. 1:31-33).
4. The Lord shows his people great lovingkindness (1 K. 3:6; 2 Chron. 1:8; Psa. 57:10).
5. The best way to walk before the Lord is like David who did so in truth, righteousness, and uprightness of heart (1 K. 3:6; 9:4; Psa. 15:2; Prov. 14:2; 2 Cor. 4:2; 2 Jn. 4; 3 Jn. 3-4).
6. Ask the Lord for an understanding heart, wisdom, and knowledge to be able to judge and discern between good and evil (1 K. 3:9, 11-12, 28; 2 Chron. 1:10-11; Heb. 5:14; Jas. 1:5).
7. Success in life is not just the result of God's blessings, but also the result of our own obedience to God's word (1 K. 3:14; Mt. 19:17; Rev. 14:12).
8. Wisdom from God should be used to bring justice to other people (1 K. 3:28; Psa. 82:3).
9. Being a close friend to someone can be just as important a role to them as any leadership position can be (1 K. 4:5; Prov. 27:10).
10. Be dependable and trustworthy to do your job even if you are the only one assigned to do it (1 K. 4:19; Heb. 3:5).
11. The way to properly influence those around us is to speak and act with the wisdom that is from above (1 K. 4:29-34; Jas. 4:13-18).