

# SURVEY OF THE BIBLE

## FAITH AND OBEDIENCE IN THE NEW KINGDOM

### DAVID'S END AND SOLOMON'S BEGINNING

Quarter Seven, Lesson Five

**Focus Text:** 2 Samuel 21 – 24; 1 Kings 1 – 4

**Other Texts:** Joshua 3. 1 – 18; 1 Chronicles 21. 1 – 3; 3 John 9; Mark 10. 37 – 45

### CONTENT

1. According to the account in Joshua 9, what agreement had the Israelites made with the Gibeonites soon after entering the land of Canaan?

What had Saul done to the Gibeonites, and what justice did they demand (according to 2 Samuel 21)?

What did David do with the bones of Saul and Jonathan?

2. What connection is there between Goliath and the giants described in 2 Samuel 21?

3. What is the major theme of David's song recorded in chapter 22?

What attributes of God does David emphasize?

What ideas are expressed in verses 26 – 28?

4. What does David say about how he regards God's word and about how a ruler of God's people should act?

5. The second portion of 2 Samuel 23 describes the mighty men of David. How many of them are identified by name?

Who are the greatest three, and how did they demonstrate their valor in response to a request from David?

How did David react when they brought him what he had requested?

6. According to 2 Samuel 24. 1, what had Israel and Judah done that angered the Lord? What sin of David is mentioned in verse 10?

How did God punish David and the people?

Why did David go to Araunah's threshing floor, and why did he refuse what Araunah offered him?

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7. As David neared the end of his life, what was the apparent state of his health? What provision was made for his care and comfort?

8. Explain the circumstances surrounding the anointing of Solomon to be king. What specific things were done to make it clear that Solomon, not Adonijah, would be king?

What did Solomon say when Adonijah pled for his life (1 Kings 1. 52)?

Why then did Solomon later have Adonijah executed (according to 1 Kings 2. 13 – 52)?

What circumstances led to Shimei's being punished?

9. What request of Solomon pleased God (1 Kings 3. 9)? What else did God grant him because of this request?

How did the famous incident in 1 Kings 3 demonstrate Solomon's wisdom?

10. How extensive was Solomon's kingdom? Read 1 Kings 4. 20 – 25 and identify the borders of his kingdom.

## CONNECTIONS

1. In Ishbosheth and Adonijah we see examples of men who try to make themselves leaders of God's people by usurping. Can something similar be seen in Jesus' experience with his disciples?

Where else in the New Testament do we find men trying to usurp the authority God has vested in those he has chosen?

2. According to Genesis 15. 1 – 17, what were the borders of the land God promised Abraham? How do those borders compare with the borders of Solomon's kingdom as given in 1 Kings 4. 20 – 25?

Some claim that the promises to Abraham and his descendants—especially the land promise—have not been fulfilled. What does the statement in 1 Kings indicate about this claim?

3. When David and Solomon died, there were contenders vying for the throne or for leadership of the kingdom. Did Jesus anticipate any such claims in his kingdom after his departure? (See Matthew 24. 23 and Luke 17. 23.)