

The Life of David – Lesson 17

David's Final Days

91. David's Failing Strength

I Kings 1:1-4, 1016 B.C., Age 69

- Abishag's role is that of a caregiver and companion.

92. Adonijah's Play for the Throne

I Kings 1:5-31, 1015 B.C., Age 69

- Adonijah – age 35 – David's 4th oldest son, possibly the oldest living since no mention is made of Chileab/Daniel except in lists.
- vs. 7-8 – Joab and Abiathar support Adonijah, but other powerful men do not.
- vs. 9 – Enrogel – just south of Jerusalem in Kidron Valley
- vs. 29-30 – David repeats his (and God's) choice that Solomon be his successor.

93. Solomon Anointed

I Kings 1:32-40, 1015 B.C., Age 70

- vs. 33 – Gihon – just northeast of Jerusalem in Kidron Valley
- Reese says David and Solomon were co-rulers for six months beginning here.

94. Adonijah Submits

I Kings 1:41-53, 1015 B.C., Age 70

- vs. 52-53 – Solomon's first act as king is pardon for his older brother's attempt to take the throne.

95. The Administration of David's Kingdom

I Chronicles 23-27, 1015 B.C., Age 70

- Often overlooked in David's accomplishments was his restructuring of Israel.
- These chapters cover such areas as the administration of the priests, organization of the military, and tribal leadership.

96. The Final Assembly

I Chronicles 28:1-29:22, 1015 B.C., Age 70

- This is David's public farewell to the nation as its leaders assemble before him.

- 28:1-21 - These instructions deal with the construction of the Temple.
- 29:1-9 – David and the people give toward the construction of the Temple
- 29:10-19 – David’s benediction to the nation.
- 29:20-22 – Solomon is anointed again.

♪ **Psalm 145**

- Spurgeon - “It is altogether praise, and praise pitched in a high key. David had blessed God many a time in other psalms, but this he regarded as his peculiar, his crown jewel of praise.”

♪ **Psalm 124**

97. Final Instructions to Solomon

I Kings 2:1-9, 1015 B.C., Age 70

- Both personal (vs. 2-4) and practical (vs. 5-9)

♪ **Psalm 37**

♪ **Psalm 138**

- vs. 2 – anticipates the Temple being built

98. David’s Last Words

II Samuel 23:1-7, 1015 B.C., Age 70

- Since it is presented in poetic form, it may be assumed this is his last psalm.

99. Death of King David

I Kings 2:10, I Chronicles 29:28-30, 1015 B.C., Age 70

100. The Reign of Solomon Begins

I Kings 2:12, I Chronicles 29:23-25, II Chronicles 1:1, 1015 B.C.

- Solomon – age 20.
- *Yes, I sort of cheated by including this event to get an even 100 events...*

“David was a unique blending of soldier and shepherd, musician and military tactician, commander and commoner. In spite of his sins and failures—and we all have them—he was Israel’s greatest king, and always will be until King Jesus reigns on David’s throne as Prince of Peace. The next time we’re tempted to emphasize the negative things in David’s life, let’s remember that Jesus wasn’t ashamed to be called “the son of David”.
– Warren Wiersbe