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The Bible is so interesting; even the Old Testament. Remember: when reading the 1st and 2nd Chronicles... we read history and events recorded from the perspective of the 2 tribes of the **Southern Kingdom**, the House of **Judah**;

King David's final advice to Solomon,

¹ Now the days of David approached that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

² I go the way of all the earth: so be strong, and show yourself a man;

³ and keep the charge of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, and His instruction, and His justice, and His testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that you may prosper in all you do, wherever you turn:

⁴ that the LORD may continue His word which He spoke concerning me, saying, If your children take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, He said, you will not lack one on the throne of **Israel.**

⁵ Now you also know what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two commanders of the army of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner, and to Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed, and shed the blood of war in peace time, and he put the blood of war on his belt about his loins, and on his sandals on his feet.

⁶ So do according to your wisdom, and do not let his gray hair go down to the grave in peace;

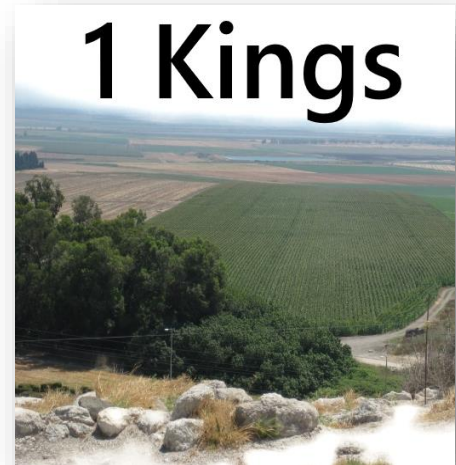
⁷ but show kindness to the sons of Barzillai of Gilead, and let them be among those who eat at your table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom your brother.

⁸ And, behold, you have with you Shimei the son of Gera, of Benjamin at Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse on the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I sware to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put you to death with the sword.

⁹ So now, do not let him go unpunished: for you are a wise man, and know what you ought to do to him; and you will bring his gray hair down to the grave with blood.

¹⁰ So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

¹¹ And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years: seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem.



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¹² And Solomon sat on the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was firmly established.

¹³ Now Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she asked, Do you come peacefully? And he said, Peacefully.

¹⁴ Moreover he said, I have something to ask you. And she said, Say on.

¹⁵ So he said, You know that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel expected that I should reign: however the kingdom has turned about, and has become my brother's: for it was his from the LORD.

¹⁶ And now I make one request of you, do not deny me. And she said to him, Say on.

¹⁷ And he said, Please, speak to Solomon the king, (for he will not refuse you) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite as a wife.

¹⁸ And Bathsheba said, Very well; I will speak to the king for you.

¹⁹ So Bathsheba went to King Solomon, to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king arose to meet her, and bowed before her, and sat down on his throne, and had a seat to be set for the mother of the king; and she sat on his right.

²⁰ Then she said, I desire one small request of you; Please, do not refuse me. And the king said to her, Ask, my mother: for I will not say no.

²¹ And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as a wife.

²² And king Solomon answered and said to his mother, And why do you ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah?

Will you ask for him the kingdom also; for he is my older brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.

²³ Then king Solomon pledged by the LORD, saying, May God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life.

²⁴ So now, as the LORD lives, who has established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who has made me a house as He promised;

surely Adonijah will be put to death this day.

²⁵ And King Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him that he died.

²⁶ And to Abiathar the priest the king said, Go to Anathoth, to your own fields; for you are worthy of death: but I will not put you to death at this time, because you carried the Ark of the Lord God before David my father, and because you have been afflicted in all that afflicted my father.

²⁷ So Solomon dismissed Abiathar from being priest to the LORD; that he might fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

²⁸ Now the news came to Joab: for Joab had followed Adonijah, though he had not followed Absalom. And Joab fled to the tent of the LORD, and took hold of the horns of the altar.

²⁹ And it was told king Solomon that Joab fled to the tent of the LORD; and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall on him.

³⁰ And Benaiah came to the tent of the LORD, and said to him, Thus says the king, Come out. And he said, No; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.

³¹ And the king said to him, Do as he has said, and fall on him, and bury him; that you may take away from me, and from the house of my father the innocent blood which Joab shed.

³² And the LORD will return his blood on his own head, who fell on two men more righteous and better than him, and killed them with the sword, my father David not knowing of it: Abner the son of Ner, commander of the army of **Israel**, and Amasa the son of Jether, commander of the army of **Judah**.

³³ Their blood will therefore return on the head of Joab, and on the head of his descendants forever: but on David, and on his descendants, and on his house, and on his throne, there will be peace forever from the LORD.

³⁴ So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell on him, and killed him: and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

³⁵ And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his position over the army: and the king put Zadok the priest in place of Abiathar.

³⁶ Now the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, Build a house for yourself in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and do not go out from there anywhere.

³⁷ For it will be, that on the day you go out, and cross beyond the brook Kidron, you will know for certain that you will surely die: your blood will be on your own head.

³⁸ And Shimei said to the king, The word is good: as my lord the king has said, so will your servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.

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³⁹ And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away to Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, your servants are in Gath.

⁴⁰ And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants: and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath.

⁴¹ And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and returned.

⁴² So the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, Did I not have you swear by the LORD, and warn you saying, Know for certain, that on the day you go out, and go anywhere, that you will surely die? and you said to me, The word is good.

⁴³ Why then have you not kept your oath to the LORD, and the instruction that I have charged you with?

⁴⁴ Moreover, the king said to Shimei, Do you not know all the secret evil in your heart, that you did to David my father: therefore the LORD will return your evil on your own head;

⁴⁵ but King Solomon will be blessed, and the throne of David will be established before the LORD forever.

⁴⁶ So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; who went out, and fell on him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

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