

The Life of Solomon (part 2)

II. Solomon's first days as king

- A. His kingdom is established greatly (**1 Kings 2:12, 2 Chronicles 1:1**)
- B. In order to do this, we find that he must deal with some _____ to his reign.
 - 1. At the counsel of his father David, Solomon does not begin his reign very _____ (**1 Kings 2:1-10**).
 - 2. He makes some very harsh decisions immediately (**1 Kings 2:13-46**):
 - a. He disregarded his _____'s request.
 - b. He had his _____, Adonijah put to death.
 - c. He had Abiathar the _____ removed from office.
 - d. He had Joab, one of David's _____ men, put to death.
 - 3. Sometimes, for a man to establish authority, hard, brave decisions must be made (obviously there are times people go too far, it doesn't appear Solomon is rebuked for this action).

III. Solomon's _____ (**1 Kings 3:3-3:15, 2 Chronicles 1:1-12**)

- A. Solomon loved the Lord, and apparently had a strong desire to walk in the good name of his father David.
- B. Apparently, even though God accepted the sacrifices that came from the tabernacle in _____, it wasn't supposed to be there (see **Deuteronomy 12:1-4**).
 - 1. They were not to do as the heathens did.
 - 2. This seems to be a bit of foreshadowing of God's desire to have Solomon build the _____ in Jerusalem.

- C. Sometime in the very early stages of his reign, the Lord visited Him at Gibeon in a vision.
1. The Lord asks Solomon what He could give him.
 2. Solomon makes a request.
 - a. Solomon shows humility.
 - b. Solomon implies he wants to be able to reign like his father (reminiscent of Elisha's request for a "_____ portion" of Elijah's _____ in **2 Kings 2:9**).
 - b. Solomon asks for wisdom and knowledge.
 3. The Lord is pleased with Solomon's answer.
 - a. As a result, God grants him the things he did _____ ask for as well.
 - 1) _____/wealth
 - 2) Honor
 - 3) Long days/reign (_____)

Next week:

IV. Building of the Temple

V. Solomon's writings (Proverbs and Song of Songs).

VI. Solomon's fall