

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

1) 05 Dec.....1Kings 1-4.....What Money Can't Buy  
 2) 12 Dec.....1Kings 5-9a.....Why Prayer Deserves Priority  
 3) 19 Dec.....Mat 1-2.....Worship the King of Kings  
 4) 26 Dec.....1Kings 9b-11.....Where Compromise Takes You  
 5) 02 Jan.....1Kings 12-16a.....Anatomy of a Grave Decision  
 6) 09 Jan.....1Kings 16b-22.....A Hill on Which to Stand  
 7) 16 Jan.....2Kings 21-23.....Building a Culture for Life  
 8) 23 Jan.....2Kings 1-5.....Sick of Greed?  
 9) 30 Jan.....2Kings 6-8.....Right Not to Remain Silent  
 10) 06 Feb.....2Kings 9-10.....Danger! Unbridled Passion  
 11) 13 Feb.....2Kings 11-17.....U-Turn Here--and Now!  
 12) 20 Feb.....2Kings 18-20.....Got to Have Hope  
 13) 27 Feb.....2Kings 23-25.....Keep Hope Alive

**INTRODUCTION**

- Sometimes it is hard to keep 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings and 1&2 Chronicles straight. Here's a short synopsis of each:
  - ♦ 1Samuel – King Saul's reign
  - ♦ 2Samual – King David's reign
  - ♦ 1Kings – Judean Kings Solomon to Jehoshaphat & Elijah
  - ♦ 2Kings – Judean & Israelite Kings with Prophet Elisha
  - ♦ 1Chronicles – Recap of King David's reign (author Ezra)
  - ♦ 2Chronicles – Recap of Judean Kings Solomon-Zedekiah

Passage	Comments
1Kings 1:1-4	<p><b>King David's Final Years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What a retirement plan. He gets to sleep with the prettiest lady in town – but he's too old to enjoy</li> <li>• Abishag was a Shunammite from Shunem, a city of Issachar (#Jos 19:18). It is now called Sulam.</li> <li>• Polygamy was allowed according to Jewish law, &amp; by God's accommodation to sin (also divorce)</li> <li>• Polygamy stopped after the Babylonian captivity</li> <li>• Jesus would clarify marriage from the beginning of creation as 1 man to 1 woman for life -everything else adulterates God's original plan</li> <li>• The importance of Abishag is revealed in Chap 2</li> </ul>
1:5-10	<p><b>Special Characters to Remember</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adonijah</b> – Son #4, mother was Haggith, was in line to the throne since 3 older brothers were dead (Amnon, Chileab [assumed dead], &amp; Absalom)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ His dad, King David, never rebuked him (v6)                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do you think this will cause issues later?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Joab</b> – King David's nephew and commander in chief, who saved David's bacon numerous times, was a thorn in David's flesh</li> <li>• <b>Abiathar</b> – A faithful priest to King David up to this point. He didn't think things through nor consider the consequences of his actions</li> </ul>
1:11-27	<p><b>Prophet Nathan and Queen Bathsheba Conspire</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Similar story how Isaac's wife Rebekah and son Jacob conspired to steal Esau's birthright from an old man</li> <li>• Couldn't God put Solomon on David's throne as promised without the Bathsheba/Nathan drama?</li> <li>• How many times do we bypass God and take matters into our own hands? Are we better off?</li> </ul>
2:1-46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adonijah</b> – Solomon has him killed for asking to marry his dad's mistress, Abishag – which could play out later for another run on the throne</li> <li>• <b>Joab</b> – Solomon had him killed for treason</li> <li>• <b>Abiathar</b> – Solomon retires him from high priest</li> </ul>

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3:1-28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solomon forms a marriage alliance with Egypt - Solomon begins doing his own thing</li> <li>• v5. Yet God was still willing to bless Him because "Solomon loved the Lord" - What would we ask for if God gave us a wish?</li> <li>• v16. Why weren't the harlots stoned instead of receiving a court hearing from the King? Houses of ill-repute were illegal at this time</li> <li>• The word for "harlot" also conveys "food seller" or inn-keeper (eg., Rahab lodged 2 spies – Josh 2)</li> <li>• It is odd no husbands were mentioned and these 2 women lodged together in the same house, so some hanky-panky was probably happening</li> <li>• What was at stake was not their assumed immorality, but the life of a baby</li> </ul>
4:1-34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv1-19. Great leaders often have great managers</li> <li>• v20. Judah &amp; Israel were able to multiply</li> <li>• v21. Israel reached its greatest boundaries</li> <li>• v24. Israel had "peace on all sides"</li> <li>• vv29-34. God gave Solomon his wisdom - Can we have such wisdom? .....James 1:5</li> <li>• Solomon wrote 3000 proverbs and 1005 songs - Of which we only have 1000 proverbs &amp; 1 poem</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS:**

- How can we get some of God's wisdom to get through life?
- Before making life-changing decisions we should ask God for His wisdom and consider any consequences
- Besides just asking for wisdom, do we need to be obedient?

**SUPPORTING PASSAGES:**

**Jas 1:5** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

**NEXT WEEK:** 1Kings 5-8. Highlights of Solomon's reign

