

# Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

## David's Death

- On his death bed, David gave some parting charges to Solomon [1 Kgs 2:1-9].
  - Obey God's word and walk in His ways [vv. 3-4].
    - ✦ Solomon would be successful [v. 3b].
    - ✦ God would fulfill His promise to David [v. 4].
  - Recompense Joab for his savagery [vv. 5-6].
  - Show kindness to the sons of Barzillai [v. 7].
  - Recompense Shimei for his belligerence [vv. 8-9].
- David died after reigning for 40 years as king over Judah/Israel [1 Kgs 2:10-11].
  - David was remarkable: warrior, military genius, poet, musician, administrator and man of God.
  - David lived about 70 years [2 Sam 5:4].
- After David's death, Solomon was firmly established as king [1 Kgs 2:12].
- Adonijah asked Solomon to give him Abishag the Shunammite as his wife [1 Kgs 2:13-25].
  - Instead of asking Solomon directly, he petitioned Bathsheba to make his request before Solomon [vv. 13-21].
    - ✦ He believed the throne was supposed to be his [v. 15].
    - ✦ He knew Solomon would listen to Bathsheba [v. 17].
    - ✦ Bathsheba agreed to speak to Solomon [v. 18].
  - Bathsheba relayed Adonijah's request to her son Solomon [vv. 19-21].
  - Solomon immediately recognized this as a play for the throne by Adonijah [v. 22].
  - Solomon immediately took action and had Adonijah executed [vv. 23-25].
- With Adonijah out of the way, Solomon took care of some lingering issues from David's reign [1 Kgs 2:26-46].
  - He respectfully dismissed Abiathar from being priest over Israel [vv. 26-27 cf. 1 Sam 2:27-35].
  - Though Joab pleaded for mercy, Solomon ordered his execution [vv. 28-34].
  - He then replaced both Abiathar and Joab [v. 35].
  - Solomon placed Shimei under mandatory house arrest [vv. 36-38].
  - After three years, Shimei violated the terms of his house arrest [vv. 39-40].
  - Solomon found out & confronted him [vv. 41-43].
  - Solomon made it clear to Shimei why he was ordering his execution [vv. 44-45].
  - As he had done with Adonijah and Joab, Benaiah carried out the execution of Shimei [v. 46a].
  - The kingdom was now Solomon's [v. 46b].