

- Recap of last week: Sheba starts a rebellion against David and is killed (2 Samuel 20) David appeases God because Saul had broken a peace with the Gibeonites and God had sent a famine onto the land. (2 Samuel 21). David sins by ordering a census of the people so God send a plague upon the land which He stops after 70,000 people are killed (2 Samuel 24).
- David is old and cannot keep warm so the court appoints a beautiful young girl named Abishag to sleep with David and keep him warm. Their relationship is not sexual. (I Kings 1: 1-4)
- A man named Adonijah sets himself up as King. Adonijah was David's second born son after Absalom who had already tried to take David's kingdom and died trying. Certain people, including David's core army and the prophet Nathan are among those who did not support him. (I Kings 1:5- 10)
- Nathan gets Bathsheba and they go before David and ask him to confirm that Bathsheba's son Solomon was who David appointed to be King after him and they ask him that if that's true why Adonijah was carrying on like that? (I Kings 1: 11-27)
- David anoints Solomon King. Adonijah hears about this and makes up with Solomon because he fears him. (I Kings 1:28-52)
- David knows he is about to die so he tells Solomon to always keep the commandments of God. He also tells him who to trust and count on. (I Kings 2: 1-9)
- David dies after reigning as King for 33 years and is buried in Jerusalem. (I Kings 2: 10-11)
- Solomon puts to death some of his chief rivals to the throne including people who had been friendly with him but were getting pretty well known such as Adonijah, Joab, and Shimei.
- Solomon makes a pact with the King of Egypt and seals it by marrying his daughter. (I Kings 3: 1-2)
- Solomon loves the Lord. The Lord appears to him in a dream and asks what he wants. Solomon asks for wisdom, which makes the Lord really happy so God says He will not only provide wisdom but riches too. (I Kings 3: 3-15)
- We are to ask God for wisdom, and not doubt that He will give it to us. (James 1:5-6)
- Two prostitutes bring a child to Solomon. Who owns the child is in dispute since one of them actually had a child who died in the night and there is only one living child. To find out whose child it is Solomon says he will divide the child in two with a sword and award half to each. The real mother found this unacceptable and said "fine just let her have the child." Solomon knew then that she was the real mother and gave her the child. The fame about Solomon's wisdom spread. (I Kings 3: 16-27)
- King Solomon appoints officials, including 12 governors of each region. Each governor is responsible for feeding the royal court for one month. (I Kings 4: 1-19)
- King Solomon's wealth and wisdom grow. His kingdom expands and everyone prospers under his reign. He writes a lot of poetry and songs about it. (I Kings 4: 20-34)

Questions

1. Who was Abishag?
2. What was Abishag's role?
3. Who was Adonijah?

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4. What did Adonijah do?
5. What do Nathan and Solomon do in front of David regarding the kingship?
6. What does David do that finally causes Adonijah to give up?
7. What does David tell Solomon before he dies?
8. How long does David reign?
9. Name three people Solomon kills early on in his kingship.
10. Why did Solomon marry the daughter of the Egyptian king?
11. What does Solomon ask for? What was God's response?
12. What does Solomon do as his first wise act?
13. Why does Solomon appoint 12 governors?

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