

SOLOMON'S REIGN BEGINS
(2 KINGS 2:12-46)

I. The Reign of Solomon (Chp 1-11)

C. The Transition to the New King (1:1-2:11)

- Why did Adonijah take hold of the “horns of the altar” (1 Kings 1:50)?

Tabernacle issues:

D. Solomon Establishing His Reign (2:12-4:34)

2. He did this by _____ known enemies:

a. There was **Adonijah's** renewed _____ at gaining the _____! (2:13-25)

(1) Adonijah approached _____ asking her to make a simple _____ to the king.

(2) Bathsheba was _____ of Adonijah, but he convinced her that he had _____ Solomon as _____ choice to be king!

(3) Adonijah was never _____ in the Lord's will, only _____!

(4) Solomon didn't perceive this as a simple request, but as a slick _____ by his brother to attempt to _____ the throne!

(5) Adonijah requested _____, David's nurse, to become _____!

- What is significant about this?

(6) Solomon _____ her request, but swears as the Lord lives, this day, Adonijah would be justly _____ for _____ against the throne!

b. Secondly, Abiathar was _____ from the priesthood _____!

- This was in keeping with God’s prophecy of Eli’s descendants.

c. _____ finally catches up with Joab! (2:28-34)

(1) When the news of Adonijah & Abiathar reached Joab, who was a fellow _____, Joab ran for the “horns of the altar”, as this was a place of _____ for those whose lives were in danger.

- What did the Mosaic law state?
- Why did Joab seek refuge at the “horns of the altar” seeing he was a murderer?
- Why hadn’t David dealt with Joab before this?

(2) Solomon had no such _____ in his background, so he justly ordered Joab _____ for murder & treason!

(3) Then Benaiah replaced _____ as commander of the army, & Zadok replaced _____ as High priest!

d. Lastly, Shimei is finally _____! (2:36-46)

(1) Solomon ordered Shimei to live in _____. This was to keep _____ on him & to keep him from going back to the tribe of Benjamin to _____!

(2) Shimei accepted Solomon’s terms as _____ realizing he could have been executed for _____ of _____ against Solomon’s father, David!

- Did Shimei take Solomon’s word seriously?
- Do we take God & His word seriously?

(3) So Shimei was _____ & King Solomon was _____ & His throne & reign, in Jerusalem, was firmly _____ for years to come!

- What does all this mean to you?