

## THE BEGINNING OF SOLOMON'S REIGN

### 1 Kings 1 - 3

After David had served forty years as king over Israel, the end of his life drew near. Read the following to see the events which took place shortly before his death, and shortly afterwards:

#### A. Solomon Made King: Read 1 Kings 1:1-40

1. When David was old, what son of his decided that he would be king?  
1 Kings 1:1, 5  
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2. Which son had David promised would become king? 1 Kings 1:17  
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3. Who had to settle this dispute? 1 Kings 1:20  
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4. How was the dispute settled? 1 Kings 1:30-35  
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5. How did the people feel when they learned that Solomon was their new king?  
1 Kings 1:39b, 40  
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#### B. David's Last Charge to Solomon: Read 1 Kings 2:1-4

1. What was David's chief concern for his son Solomon? 1 Kings 2:3a  
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2. What did David say would happen to Solomon if he would do this?
  - a. 1 Kings 2:3b \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. 1 Kings 2:4 \_\_\_\_\_

#### C. Solomon at Gibeon: Read 1 Kings 3:1-15

1. How is Solomon described at the beginning of his reign? 1 Kings 3:3a  
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2. What did the people do in those days because there was no house built for the Lord? 1 Kings 3:2  
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3. What did Solomon do at Gibeon? 1 Kings 3:4  
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4. What happened while he was there? 1 Kings 3:5a  
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5. What was Solomon told to do? 1 Kings 3:5b  
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6. For what one thing did Solomon ask? 1 Kings 3:9  
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7. For what reason did he ask for this particular thing? 1 Kings 3:6-8  
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8. How did God feel about what Solomon had asked? 1 Kings 3:10

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9. What did God actually give to Solomon?

a. 1 Kings 3:12 \_\_\_\_\_

b. 1 Kings 3:13 \_\_\_\_\_

10. What else did God promise to give Solomon if he would walk in His ways?  
1 Kings 3:14

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11. What did Solomon do after this? 1 Kings 3:15

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**D. Solomon's Early Life as King:** Read 1 Kings 3:16-28

1. What difficult decision did Solomon have to make at the beginning of his reign? 1 Kings 3:16-23

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2. How did he solve this problem? 1 Kings 3:24-27

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3. What happened as a result of this incident? 1 Kings 3:28

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. How was Solomon able to judge his people so wisely? (See 1 Kings 3:9, 12)

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2. For what would I have asked if I had been in Solomon's place? Would God have been able to grant my request? (See James 4:3)

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