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The End of the Royal Kingdom (1st Kings 1-12)

- **1st Kings 1-12** provides the historical context for the:
 - End of the life of King David
 - Rise to power of his son Solomon
 - Building of the Temple
 - Death of Solomon
 - Events leading to the divided kingdom
 - Pre-history of the *Prophetic Period*

1st Kings 1-12 (Cont)

- **1st Kings 1**

- The elderly King David (Messiah, *Christos*, anointed one) selects the young and beautiful **Abishag** the **Shunammite** (near the valley of *Jezreel* in *Galilee*) to be his nurse (and keep him warm)
- David's son **Adonijah** attempts to proclaim himself as king near **Enrogel** in Jerusalem with the support of *Joab*, commander of the army, and *Abiathar* a priest

The Sons of David

Six sons born to David in *Hebron*

<i>Son</i>	<i>Wife/Mother</i>
Amnon <i>Rapes Tamar and is later killed by Absalom</i>	Ahinoam the Jezreelitess
Daniel	Abigail the Carmelitess
Absalom <i>Kills Amnon for raping his sister Tamar. He later rebels against David and names himself king</i>	Maacah daughter of king of Ceshur
Adonijah <i>Makes himself king before the death of David, but the plan was reversed by Bathsheba & Solomon</i>	Haggith
Shephatiah	Abital
Ithream	Eglah

1st Kings 1-12 (Cont)

- *Nathan* the prophet solicits *Bathsheba* to encourage *David* to anoint her son *Solomon* as his successor
- This thwarts *Adonijah's* plan and *Solomon* is anointed king of Israel fulfilling God's promise of a descendent of *David* sitting on the throne of Israel forever (**2nd Sam 7**)
- *Solomon* is crowned king at the **pool of Gihon** after which his coronation was announced to all the people
- *Adonijah* flees to the "**horns of the altar**" (a sanctuary within the "Tent of Meeting") in fear until *Solomon* agrees to spare his life if he remains a worthy man

The Tent of Meeting

- The description and dimensions for the establishment of the “Tent of Meeting” were given to Moses in **Ex 24:15-27:19** before the Golden Calf incident
- Again, after this incident Moses constructed the “Tent of Meeting” in accordance with God’s instructions (**Ex 35:10-40:38**)

1st Kings 1-12 (Cont)

- **1st Kings 2**

- Just before his death David charges his son to “walk in the ways of God” by **keeping the ordinances, statutes, the commandments, the testimonies?**
- This means that he will **remain a monotheist** worshipping the one true God like his father David (this is not about the 1st century Pharisee’s concern for the 613 regulations of the Torah)

1st Kings 1-12 (Cont)

- Meanwhile, *Adonijah* develops a devious plan whereby he asks *Bathsheba* to seek Solomon's permission to have *Abishag* as his wife
 - Solomon sees through the plot and has him executed
- Solomon then completes some unfinished business left from his father including the removal of *Anathoth* the priest, and *Joab* the army commander, and *Shimei* who cursed David
- Then he firmly established his kingdom

1st Kings 1-12 (Cont)

- **1st Kings 3**

- Suddenly we hear about a problem as he makes a marriage alliance with the Pharaoh of Egypt
- A **marriage alliance** was how a king in the ancient world made a treaty with another king by offering to marry the other king's daughter
- Solomon agrees to marry *Pharaoh's* daughter
- This is a problem because Pharaoh was a pagan!
- This meant that Solomon was placing trust in the power of the gods of Egypt
- This was a very bad move as it violated **Du 17:14-20**

1st Kings 1-12 (Cont)

- Meanwhile the people were sacrificing at the “**high places**”
- In spite of this Solomon pleased God and by asking Him (in a dream) for **wisdom** in order to properly govern the people of God
- We see the wise Solomon exercise this gift as he resolves the dispute between two harlots who were claiming to be the mother of the same child

1st Kings 1-12 (Cont)

- **1st Kings 4**

- Solomon consolidates his kingdom from the *Euphrates* to *Gaza*
- He basically controlled the entire *Fertile Crescent* in fulfilment of **Gn 15:18**
- There was “peace on all sides round about” which was a sign of a successful king
- His wisdom became renown and he was responsible for many proverbs and songs (Psalms)

1st Kings 1-12 (Cont)

- **1st Kings 5**
- Solomon makes an arrangement to acquire materials for the building of the Temple from *Hiram* the King of *Tyre* who had furnished the materials for the building of David's palace (2nd Sam 5:11)
- *David* had given his son the pattern for building the Temple (1 Corinthes 28:11-21)
- Solomon places a levy on the people of Israel producing a 30,000 man forced labor unit to build the Temple in Jerusalem