

DAVID AND SOLOMON (based on 1 Kings 1:33,34,39)

When King David was an old man he made his son Solomon king of Israel. Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed Solomon as king. They blew the trumpet and all the people rejoiced and cried out, “Long live King Solomon.”

DAVID’S ADVICE (based on 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12)

Just before he died king David said to his son Solomon, “My life is coming to an end. Be strong and always do what God wants you to do. Obey the commandments God gave to Moses. If you do this God will be with you always.”

David died and was buried in the City of David. He had been king for forty years.

Solomon then sat on the throne of David and ruled with power and wisdom.

SOLOMON’S PRAYER FOR WISDOM (based on 1 Kings 3:7-12)

“O Lord you have made me king; but I am only a young man, and I do not know how to rule. Here I am among the people you have chosen to be your own, a people so great it cannot be counted. Make me truly wise. Give me, your servant, a heart which understands the difference between good and evil, for without this I cannot govern your people.”

God was pleased with Solomon’s prayer. God said to Solomon, “Since you have asked for the wisdom to rule well and not for a long life for yourself, or for riches, or for the death of your enemies, I will give it to you right here and now. I will give you a wiser and more understanding heart than anyone has ever had.”

SOLOMON’S REIGN (based on 1Kings 4:29-34)

Solomon was the wisest of kings. His fame spread to all the neighbouring countries. He composed three hundred proverbs, and more than a thousand songs. His knowledge could not be measured. He knew all about the plants and trees, the animals and birds, the reptiles and fish. People from all the neighbouring countries came to listen to Solomon’s wisdom.