

Solomon Reigns as King of Israel (c. 969t BC)

1 Kings 2:12	1 Chronicles 29:23–25	2 Chronicles 1:1
<p>12 And Solomon sat on the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was firmly established.</p>	<p>23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father; and he prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.</p> <p>24 All the officials, the mighty men, and also all the sons of King David pledged allegiance to King Solomon.</p> <p>25 The LORD highly exalted Solomon in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed on him royal majesty which had not been on any king before him in Israel.</p>	<p>1 Now Solomon the son of David established himself securely over his kingdom, and the LORD his God <i>was</i> with him and exalted him greatly.</p>

The Perfect King (c. 969t – 932t BC)

Psalm 72

A Psalm of Solomon.

- 1 Give the king Your judgments, O God,
And Your righteousness to the king's son.
- 2 May he judge Your people with righteousness
And Your afflicted with justice.
- 3 Let the mountains bring peace to the people,
And the hills, in righteousness.
- 4 May he vindicate the afflicted of the people,
Save the children of the needy
And crush the oppressor.
- 5 Let them fear You while the sun *endures*,
And as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass,
Like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his days may the righteous flourish,
And abundance of peace till the moon is no more.
- 8 May he also rule from sea to sea
And from the River to the ends of the earth.
- 9 Let the nomads of the desert bow before him,
And his enemies lick the dust.
- 10 Let the kings of Tarshish and of the islands bring presents;
The kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.
- 11 And let all kings bow down before him,
All nations serve him.
- 12 For he will deliver the needy when he cries for help,
The afflicted also, and him who has no helper.
- 13 He will have compassion on the poor and needy,

- And the lives of the needy he will save.
- 14 He will rescue their life from oppression and violence,
And their blood will be precious in his sight;
- 15 So may he live, and may the gold of Sheba be given to him;
And let them pray for him continually;
Let them bless him all day long.
- 16 May there be abundance of grain in the earth on top of the mountains;
Its fruit will wave like *the cedars of Lebanon*;
And may those from the city flourish like vegetation of the earth.
- 17 May his name endure forever;
May his name increase as long as the sun *shines*;
And let *men* bless themselves by him;
Let all nations call him blessed.
- 18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel,
Who alone works wonders.
- 19 And blessed be His glorious name forever;
And may the whole earth be filled with His glory.
Amen, and Amen.
- 20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

Solomon Secures His Throne (c. 969t/968t BC)

1 Kings 2:13–38

Adonijah's Last Attempt to Gain the Throne

- 13 Now Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, "Do you come peacefully?" And he said, "Peacefully."
- 14 Then he said, "I have something *to say* to you." And she said, "Speak."
- 15 So he said, "You know that the kingdom was mine and that all Israel expected me to be king; however, the kingdom has turned about and become my brother's, for it was his from the LORD.
- 16 Now I am making one request of you; do not refuse me." And she said to him, "Speak."
- 17 Then he said, "Please speak to Solomon the king, for he will not refuse you, that he may give me Abishag the Shunammite as a wife."
- 18 Bathsheba said, "Very well; I will speak to the king for you."
- 19 So Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king arose to meet her, bowed before her, and sat on his throne; then he had a throne set for the king's mother, and she sat on his right.
- 20 Then she said, "I am making one small request of you; do not refuse me." And the king said to her, "Ask, my mother, for I will not refuse you."
- 21 So she said, "Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as a wife."
- 22 King Solomon answered and said to his mother, "And why are you asking Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask for him also the kingdom—for he is my older brother—even for him, for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah!" [[2 Sam 16:21–22](#)]
- 23 Then King Solomon swore by the LORD, saying, "May God do so to me and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life.
- 24 Now therefore, as the LORD lives, who has established me and set me on the throne of David my father and who has made me a house as He promised, surely Adonijah shall be put to death today."
- 25 So King Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him so that he died.

Abiathar is Banished

26 Then to Abiathar the priest the king said, “Go to Anathoth to your own field, for you deserve to die; but I will not put you to death at this time, because you carried the ark of the Lord GOD before my father David, and because you were afflicted in everything with which my father was afflicted.”

27 So Solomon dismissed Abiathar from being priest to the LORD, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD, which He had spoken concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh. [[1 Sam 2:27–36](#)]

Joab is Executed

28 Now the news came to Joab, for Joab had followed Adonijah, although he had not followed Absalom. And Joab fled to the tent of the LORD and took hold of the horns of the altar. [[Exod 21:12–14](#)]

29 It was told King Solomon that Joab had fled to the tent of the LORD, and behold, he is beside the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, “Go, fall upon him.”

30 So Benaiah came to the tent of the LORD and said to him, “Thus the king has said, ‘Come out.’” But he said, “No, for I will die here.” And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, “Thus spoke Joab, and thus he answered me.”

31 The king said to him, “Do as he has spoken and fall upon him and bury him, that you may remove from me and from my father’s house the blood which Joab shed without cause.

32 The LORD will return his blood on his own head, because he fell upon two men more righteous and better than he and killed them with the sword, while my father David did not know *it*: Abner the son of Ner, commander of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, commander of the army of Judah. [[2 Sam 3:27; 20:10](#)]

33 So shall their blood return on the head of Joab and on the head of his descendants forever; but to David and his descendants and his house and his throne, may there be peace from the LORD forever.” [[2 Sam 21:1–14](#)]

34 Then Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up and fell upon him and put him to death, and he was buried at his own house in the wilderness.

35 The king appointed Benaiah the son of Jehoiada over the army in his place, and the king appointed Zadok the priest in the place of Abiathar.

Shimei is Confined to Jerusalem

36 Now the king sent and called for Shimei and said to him, “Build for yourself a house in Jerusalem and live there, and do not go out from there to any place.

37 For on the day you go out and cross over the brook Kidron, you will know for certain that you shall surely die; your blood shall be on your own head.”

38 Shimei then said to the king, “The word is good. As my lord the king has said, so your servant will do.” So Shimei lived in Jerusalem many days.

Solomon’s Political Alliance With Egypt (c. 969t/968t BC)

1 Kings 3:1; 9:16

3:1 Then Solomon formed a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh’s daughter and brought her to the city of David until he had finished building his own house and the house of the LORD and the wall around Jerusalem.

9:16 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and captured Gezer and burned it with fire, and killed the Canaanites who lived in the city, and had given it *as* a dowry to his daughter, Solomon’s wife.