

# Bible Study Guide for I Kings 1-4

## **Day 1 – I Kings 1:32-40**

When the narrative in **I Kings** opens, we find that King David was not expected to live long, being 70 years old and ill. Read the interesting account of David's last days in **I Kings 1:1-4**.

1. Unbeknownst to David, his son Adonijah decided to take advantage of his father's illness to become the next king of Israel. Read **I Kings 1:5-6**.
  - a. What do you learn about the appearance and character of Adonijah?
  - b. What do these verses tell us about David as a father?
  - c. Read **I Kings 1:7-10**. Adonijah was careful to surround himself with men he knew would go along with his scheme. Who was on his guest list? Who was not?
2. Nathan, the faithful prophet of God, must once again work to change a wrong into something that will follow the plan of God. In **vvs. 11-31** he calls on Bathsheba to confront David with the behavior of his son, Adonijah. Read these verses.
3. **I Kings 1** is a marvelous picture of the truth that God's plan cannot be frustrated by man's interference. As you look at the next sections of the chapter, note the contrast of the arrogance of Adonijah and the consistent obedience of Zadok, Benaiah and Nathan. Read **vvs. 32-40**.
  - a. How did the people respond to the coronation of Solomon as king? **vs. 40**
  - b. To learn how the celebration dinner of Adonijah concluded, read **vvs. 41-49**.
4. The arrogance of Adonijah quickly turned to fear and he ran for the protection of the altar. **I Kings 1:50-53**. How did Solomon answer the plea of Adonijah?
5. Is there a practical life lesson that God has taught you in the study today? Share it with your group.

## **Day 2 – I Kings 2 with I Chronicles 28**

Shortly after the anointing of Solomon, David summoned to Jerusalem all of the great men of Israel to present the new king to them. At this occasion David reviewed the history of his own desire to build the temple and then turned over to Solomon all of the plans that he had made for its construction. Read **I Chronicles 28:1-19**.