

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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First Kings one records the continuing story of God’s weaving “His-story” into the fabric of His people Israel and how He brought them to the greatest period of conquest, expansion, and prominence in their storied existence. David is at the end of his life and has not made clear his intentions as to who is going to sit on the throne after him. Adonijah, one of David’s son’s, “exalted himself” and decided he was the rightful heir to the throne, then proceeded to make that come about. He recruited the services of King David’s “Minister of Defense” Joab, and Abiathar, the priest, to join him in his usurpation of the kingship. Adonijah had been preparing the soil to sow these seeds for some time. Verse 6 makes note that “His father had not rebuked him at any time...” for his arrogant displays. God didn’t like it and it eventually led to his son taking on responsibilities he had not been given by his father, or more importantly, God.

When Nathan the prophet heard about what was going on he went immediately to Solomon’s mother, the woman David loved more than anyone, and instructed her to go to King David post haste and plead that he put his seal of

approval on their son Solomon as king. Immediately Nathan came in and confirmed what she was telling the king about Adonijah and his enlisted cohort to make himself king regardless of who David wanted to succeed him. David moved quickly to announce Solomon as his successor. David had this done at the site of the Gihon Spring, which is in the Kidron, or eastern valley of Mt. Zion – or David’s City – of Jerusalem. Down the valley just a short distance was Adonijah, Joab and the priest Abiathar preparing to pronounce him king of the nation. These two places are in such proximity to each other that I have often stood on a site on the Western Hill in Jerusalem, above where the valleys merge, to show both sites at one time. Chaos ensued as the sound of Solomon’s coronation reverberated down the valley. Severe consequences came to all who joined Adonijah.

Prayer and Action Steps

“He who exalts himself will be abased and He who humbles himself will be exalted.” Dear God, please help me to walk in humility before you and others. Amen

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
