

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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First Kings two begins with David’s final instructions to Solomon who is succeeding him as King of God’s people Israel. David’s words echo the charge to Joshua by God Himself, reminiscent of Moses and his sentiments for Joshua.

***“Now the days of David drew near that he should die, and he charged Solomon his son, saying: ‘I go the way of all the earth; be strong, therefore, and prove yourself a man. And keep the charge of the LORD your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn; that the LORD may fulfill His word which He spoke concerning me, saying, ‘If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul,’ He said, ‘you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.’” (vv. 1-5)***

In the next verses David warns Solomon about those who would seek his harm if allowed to continue in their present state without punishment. First Joab, who had been David’s trusted advisor. David tells Solomon in effect, kill

him. Adonijah shows his foolish and selfish heart to Solomon in seeking to use Solomon’s own mother, Bathsheba, to ask for the virgin who had served King David. Adonijah wanted her and Solomon took this as an act of defiance and had Adonijah killed and rebuked his own mother.

Abiathar, the priest of God, was spared his life because of the graciousness of Solomon and because he had “carried the Ark of the Covenant” into Jerusalem with his father David, when it was brought there from Kiryat-Jearim. He was banished to Anathoth to live and not serve as a priest any longer as before. Something to note, Jeremiah was spared from Babylonian exile more than likely on a human level because he was not part of the elite in Jerusalem and lived on the “outskirts” in Anathoth, just north of Jerusalem. Jeremiah was used even though his family was a reject of the “official priesthood.”

### **Prayer and Action Steps**

*Solomon’s quick and decisive action established his kingdom! Please God, help me to act quickly and decisively on what I know you want me to do today! 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?

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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?

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

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

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

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