

SBCC Daily On-Line Bible Study

Take time to read the selected passage and respond to the questions below. Allow God to draw near to you as you go deeper in His Word. Spend some time in prayer as you prepare to apply the Spirit's teaching to your daily life.

January 15, 2022 Adonijah Sets Himself Up as King - [1 Kings 1:1-27](#)

Open It

1. Why is the succession from one ruler to the next a particularly vulnerable time for a nation?
2. What instances do you know of when a parent's will has been bitterly contested between siblings?
3. Who are some of the "elders" in your life-older people in a position of authority over you?

Explore It

4. What was one of the practical provisions made for David in his old age? ([1:1-4](#))
5. With David in a weakened condition, what did Adonijah decide to do? ([1:5](#))
6. What was at least one reason why Adonijah had grown up to be rebellious and ambitious? ([1:6](#))
7. Which of David's officials supported Adonijah? ([1:7](#))
8. Which of David's officials did not join the rebellion? ([1:8](#))
9. What did Adonijah do in order to establish his influence and build support for his succession? ([1:9-10](#))
10. Which officials and relatives were conspicuously missing from Adonijah's guest list? ([1:10](#))
11. What warning did Nathan the prophet carry to Bathsheba, Solomon's mother? ([1:11](#))
12. What advice did Nathan have for Bathsheba? ([1:12-14](#))
13. Of what promise did Bathsheba remind David? ([1:17](#))
14. What action did Bathsheba urge David to take before the decision was out of his hands? ([1:18-20](#))
15. What did Bathsheba fear if David were to die under the present circumstances? ([1:21](#))
16. Who came into the king's chambers to corroborate Bathsheba's story? ([1:22-23](#))

17. Of what activities in the court did Nathan give a thorough account to the king? ([1:24-26](#))

18. What question did Nathan ask of the king in light of what had transpired in the kingdom? ([1:27](#))

Get It

19. Why is it important to the rest of the passage to understand how old and frail David was?

20. To what extent was David responsible for the way his son Adonijah behaved?

21. Why were certain people not asked to Adonijah's sacrifice?

22. Why might Nathan have considered it wise to send Bathsheba to David first?

23. How can it be useful to ask a question about someone's motives, even if you think it might be safe to assume you know what he or she wants?

24. What, if anything, obligates someone's relatives to respect his or her wishes after he or she is dead?

25. What was one characteristic of Adonijah that had drawn Israel to other leaders in the past?

Apply It

26. What steps do you need to take to ensure that promises you have made will be kept, whether or not you are around to enforce them?

27. How can you come to an older person in an attitude of loyalty and assistance, rather than telling him or her what to do?

28. The next time you must discipline a young person, how can you do so with the perspective of his or her long-term development?