

# 1<sup>ST</sup> KINGS CHAPTER 2: FROM DAVID TO SOLOMON

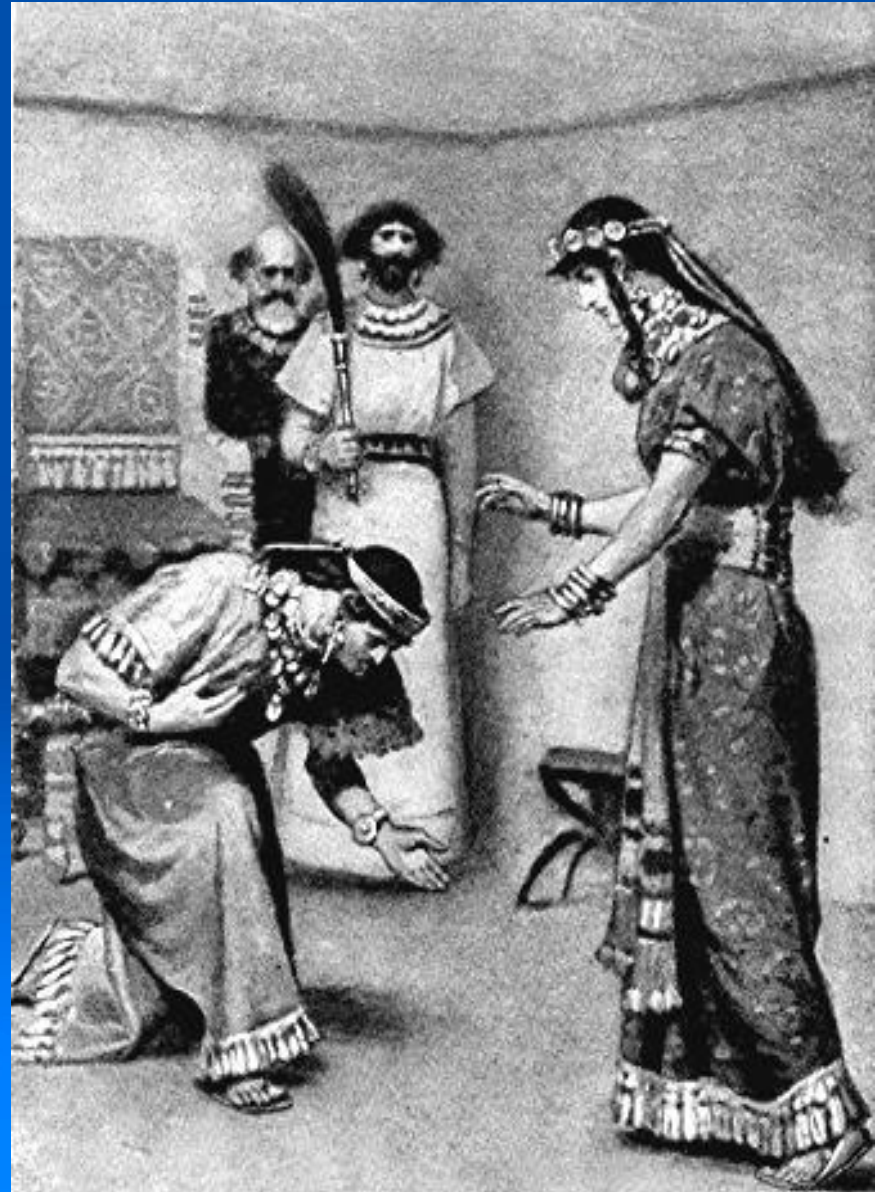
- David is now “sleeping with his ancestors”
- No doubt there were more enemies that David warned about than the ones listed: Joab and *Shimei*
- Adonijah, David’s son by Haggith, comes calling on Bathsheba





# ADONIYAH TAKES A HUGE RISK

- *Adoniyah* tells *Bat-Sheva* that the throne rightfully belongs to him !!
- However he accepts that YHWH has given it to *Shlomo*
- *Adoniyah* asks to marry David's former nursemaid *Avishag*
- Bathsheba assumed that this was a small thing and innocently took the request to Solomon





# SHLOMO SEES THROUGH THE DECEPTION



- Solomon showed his mother great respect
- David's inner court knew that *Avishag* was just a servant, but the people of Israel saw her as part of David's Harem
- Solomon said Adonijah's next move would be to reaffirm *Evyatar* as High Priest, and then Joab as General of the Army



# ADONIJAH IS EXECUTED

- Was Solomon right to kill Adonijah?
- Rabbis say that Adonijah acknowledged that Shlomo was God's *mashiach* (anointed one)
- So for Adonijah to continue to try for the throne was similar to Saul trying to keep God's *mashiach* David from becoming king
- This was righteous justice and not murder





# THE KING DEALS WITH EVYATAR



- 2 High Priests in Israel, *Evyatar and Tzadok*
- There can NOT be 2 legitimate High Priests !
- *Evyatar*, line of *Eli*, descendant of *Ithamar*
- *Tzadok* line of *Eleazar*
- *Evyatar* banished to *Anathoth*
- 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 2:27 – end
- Fulfillment of prophecy of the end of *Eli's* line



# YO'AV FLEES TO GIBEON AND GRABS THE HORNS OF THE ALTAR



- It was Gibeon because the Tent of YHWH was there
- *B'nayah* finds Joab but Joab won't leave the altar
- B'nayah returns to Solomon with the dilemma
- Vss. 31 -33 King *Shlomo* explains the Law on the matter of blood-guilt
- There is NO sanctuary for a murderer, not even the altar



# NO SACRIFICE FOR MURDER

- Lesser crimes may be atoned for with an animal sacrifice
- Num.35:30 – 31 “*..the murderer is to be put to death....*”
- Deut.19:8 – 13 “*..if someone...strikes him with a death blow...do not pity him...*”



# UNPUNISHED MURDER DEFILES THE COMMUNITY



- The community is responsible to God for righteous justice to be carried out
- King Solomon bore the responsibility for justice
- Killing Joab would remove the blood-guilt from David's family
- Not all killing is murder
- God commands that the life of the criminal is forfeit for murder

**GUILT**





# EVAYATAR SENT TO ANATHOTH

- Joab's body taken to his family tomb in the *midbar*, probably Bethlehem
- *Midbar* = wilderness, uncultivated place
- Solomon did NO wrong in executing Joab
- Solomon did RIGHT in removing *Evyatar*
- However *Shimei* is another matter







- **Shimei** told not to cross the Kidron Valley
- Quarantined inside Jerusalem for life
- 1) Put on notice he was being watched
- 2) Taken away from his tribe of Benjamin so he couldn't foment trouble
- 3) Put in a situation where he was bound to make a misstep !



# SOLOMON CONDEMNNS SHIMEI

- *Shimei* foolishly goes after 2 escaped slaves, and upon his return is brought to *Shlomo*
- Solomon says *Shimei* swore an oath to obey him, but there is no hint of that in the Scriptures
- By customs of the day *Shimei*'s death was just
- But by God's standards his death was not just !
- *Shlomo* now had blood on his hands

