

1 Kings 1

King James Version (KJV)

In the Hebrew Samuel 1, 2 & Kings 1, 2 are all one scroll. When they translated to Greek for the Septuagint; Greek takes up more space. They divided it into Kings 1,2,3,4. In the Septuagint this book is called 3Kings, Samuel 1 & 2 being Kings 1 & 2. When they translated into KJV English, they renamed the Books to Samuel 1, 2 & Kings 1, 2.

Kings 1 & 2 = 920BC to 477BC per Bollinger, because of the 110 year adjustment. Years of kings often overlapped, so the total was off.

Chronicles cover the same period, from God's point of view. These Books are from man's point of view.

1 Now King David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat. (About 70 years old)

² Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat. (David was old, weak and feeble. He couldn't stay warm)

³ So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king. (An inhabitant of Shunam – a city of the tribe of Issachar) (Abishag = father of error)

⁴ And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not. (A platonic relationship)

⁵ Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. (He was now David's oldest son, as 3 older brothers had died – See Samuel. The 50 would precede him to announce his coming to the people. David had NOT appointed him as his successor)

(2Samuel-15:1 Absalom did the same thing, while trying to steal the throne from his father, David)

⁶ And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his

mother bare him after Absalom. (Absalom's mother was Mayacah, not Haggith. This just means that he was younger than Absalom)

⁷ And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah helped him. (Joab is David's nephew and the general of Israel's army; Zeruiah was David's sister; Abiathar was one of two high priests. He had the army and a chief priest backing him)

⁸ But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which belonged to David, were not with Adonijah. (Zadok was another high priest – this happened when the two kingdoms were united under David, after Saul died. God had not chosen Adoniah to be king) (Zadok = just)

⁹ And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zohemoth, which is by Enrogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants: (He is crowning himself as king- without David's consent) (Zohemoth means serpent – a type for antichrist in the future) (Enrogel is in the Kidron Valley)

¹⁰ But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not. (Solomon was the heir that God had chosen to succeed David) 1Chronicles-22:9 (Adonijah knew this. He was trying to take the throne by subversion)

¹¹ Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not? (This is the prophet Nathan, not David's son Nathan - through whom Jesus would come)

¹² Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon. (Had he been successful, Adoniah would have killed them for "treason" against his new kingdom)

¹³ Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign? (Good question)

¹⁴ Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words.

¹⁵ And Bathsheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king.

¹⁶ And Bathsheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldest thou?

¹⁷ And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. **1Chronicles-28:5**

¹⁸ And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest it not: **(David was pretty much out of touch with what was going on in Israel. He was very near death by then)**

¹⁹ And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called. **(Proof of subversion)**

²⁰ And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. **(It was up to David to publicly name his heir, to avoid a power struggle and possibly civil war)**

²¹ Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders. **(offenders = sinners)**

²² And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in. **(as planned)**

²³ And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. **(Bathsheba excused herself. These were private conversations with the king, unless someone else was invited)**

²⁴ And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? **(He was trying to remind David of his previous commitment to Solomon and to God)**

²⁵ For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat

and drink before him, and say, God save king Adonijah. (David still lived and didn't agree to any of this. This was insurrection by Adonijah, Abiathar and Joab)

²⁶ But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called.

²⁷ Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed it unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

²⁸ Then king David answered and said, Call me Bathsheba. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king.

²⁹ And the king swore, and said, As the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress, (An oath to God) (David had a rough life, and God saw him safely through it all – Goliath, Saul, and all the insurrection within and all the enemies without his kingdom)

³⁰ Even as I swore unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.

³¹ Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

³² And king David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king. (Benaiah was the head of David's body guards)

³³ The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon: (David rode a mule, not a horse. God commanded the kings of Israel not to multiply horses onto themselves, and not to deal with Egypt at all. David obeyed God's command. Solomon did not in his later years) Deuteronomy-17:16

³⁴ And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon. (New kings were anointed if the predecessor was still living)

(This is also an example for when the 7th trump will sound and the true King will be revealed. Those who were fooled at the 6th trump will realize their mistake)

³⁵ Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah. (Solomon was 19 years old at this time)

³⁶ And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so too.

³⁷ As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David. (This is a good wish for Solomon, not a slant towards David)

³⁸ So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. (The Cherethites, and the Pelethites were the royal body guard. They executed the king's judgments)

³⁹ And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon. (This made Solomon's coronation official)

⁴⁰ And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

(Verses 39 & 40 were sung at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in England. She is a descendant of the daughters of Zedekiah of Israel, whom Jeremiah brought out of Israel, through Egypt, to Southern England)

⁴¹ And Adonijah and all the guests that were with him heard it as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore is this noise of the city being in an uproar?

⁴² And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came; and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for thou art a valiant man, and bringest good tidings.

⁴³ And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king. (This made Adiniah a traitor to King David. The support of Joab and Abiathar mean nothing at this point)

⁴⁴ And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule: 1Chronicles-28:5 (God chose Solomon to succeed David)

⁴⁵ And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have heard.

⁴⁶ And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom.

⁴⁷ And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed. (David was very close to death. He may have been bed-ridden at this time)

⁴⁸ And also thus said the king, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it.

⁴⁹ And all the guests that were with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way. (This is also prophetic for when Jesus returns as King of kings, Lord of lords, the followers of antichrist will also be very much afraid)

⁵⁰ And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. (The altar of burnt offering – where people atoned for their sins, and a place of refuge)

⁵¹ And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me today that he will not slay his servant with the sword.

⁵² And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die. (Solomon had mercy on him and gave him a second chance to be loyal)

⁵³ So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar.
And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said
unto him, Go to thine house.