

Hello and welcome

Let's pray.

Jesus anoint every word spoken and every scripture. Holy Spirit cause a Holy boldness to arise in the hearts of God's people. I pray that God's Word will accomplish every purpose for which it has been sent. In Jesus, name amen.

This is a time of transition in America. We have had a change in leadership. It is in times of transition that satan will try to exploit and take advantage of any weakness, differences, or change. I am going to teach on a time of transition and change of leadership that is recorded in the Bible. I will be using I Kings 1 as my scripture reference today. I will be summarizing, but you can go back and read these chapters in depth for yourself.

I King 1

King David was very old. King David was very close to dying.

5 Now Adonijah, he was the fourth son of David, but probably the oldest of those who survived, so he took it upon himself to take over the throne and said "I will be king."

There was just one little problem. He was not the legitimate successor to the throne. He was attempting an illegal take over. He had not been chosen by God, he had not been declared by his father, David, to be the next King, and he had not been anointed by Nathan the prophet to become the next King of Israel. This question of succession threatens to throw the nation of Israel into civil war upon David's death. Satan knows that the descendants of David have a promise from God. Satan wants to destroy the descendants of David and thereby destroy God's plan to bring forth Jesus as Savior of the world. This attempt by Adonijah to become the illegitimate ruler of Israel is being organized by satan and is a spiritual attack on the house of David and God's plan. Ways to recognize that something is motivated by evil is to see if it stirs up strife, rebellion, chaos, violence, division, censorship, intimidates, persecutes, or directly conflicts with the Word of God. When you see these behaviors, then you will know it is a satanic spirit trying to disrupt your family, your church, your business, or even your nation.

7 Next we see Adonijah starts a conspiracy. He conspired with Joab. Why Joab? Well Joab's mom was David's sister. He was also David's nephew and he was a cousin to Adonijah. David had made Joab the commander of his army. Joab had a reputation as a fierce and ruthless warrior. So we see the illegitimate leader

getting the support of not only a great warrior and leader of the King's army, but also a close family relative.

Next we see Adonijah conspiring with Abiathar a priest. Adonijah is seeking the approval and support from a respected man of God and a church leader. He needs this support to try and legitimize his claim to the throne. But is Abiathar is a false prophet and the spirit of God no longer rest upon him. Is Abiathar seeking power and is he willing to sell his soul for it? Does this sound familiar? Do we see a comparison between what was surrounding the transition time of leadership from David to the next king of Israel and current events in America?

So who is Abiathar. He was the only priest to escape from [Saul's](#) massacre in [Nob](#). He fled to [David](#) and took with him the [ephod](#). He remained with David, and became priest of David's army of men. When David ascended to the throne of [Judah](#), Abiathar was appointed High Priest and the "king's counselor. Abiathar, was the fourth descendent from Eli and the last of Eli's House to be a High Priest. Abiathar retained the office until he was deserted by the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit the high priest could not successfully consult the [Urim and Thummim](#). In other words, without the Holy Spirit we cannot rightly discern the revelation, truth, doctrine, will, commands, or judgement of God. Abiathar's removal from the Priesthood fulfilled the curse on the House of Eli—that the Priesthood would pass from the House of Eli. When David had realized that the Holy Spirit had left Abiathar he felt compelled to remove Abiathar as High Priest and replaced him with Zadok.

It goes on to say that Joab and Abiathar gave their support to Adonijah's attempt to take over the throne illegitimately. So these two men join forces with one of David's sons and agree to help him succeed to the throne even if it is not legal and not blessed by God.

8 Now let's look at the men NOT included in this rebellion. In verse eight we see that Zadok the priest, Benaiah commander of David's body guard, Nathan the prophet, and David's special guard did not join Adonijah.

Now let's look at who these men are and why they were important.

Zadok was a descendant of Aaron the High Priest. At one time, both Zadok and Abiathar acted as co-priests, but Zadok took precedence over Abiathar and became the High Priest of Israel during the reign of David after the Holy Spirit had left Abiathar. Zadok also aided King David during the revolt of his son Absalom. The prophet [Ezekiel](#) says Zadok was a staunch opponent of [paganism](#) and held birthright to unique duties and privileges in the future temple of Solomon. Zadok was also chief officer over the Aaronites. A central role for Zadok the Priest within

the community was to be the "[Teacher of Righteousness](#)" To be as one in following the Law and a keeper of the covenant. In I Samuel 2:35 God says And I will raise up myself a reliable priest who acts with my heart, and with my soul he will do, and I will build him a reliable household, and he will go before my Anointed for all of days.

Now look at Benaiah, son of the chief priest Jehoiada, was one of David's "[mighty men](#)"—his toughest military troop. The Bible describes Benaiah as a fearless warrior who famously "went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion. When David fled from [King Saul](#), he placed Benaiah in command and when [Joab](#) was made commander-in-chief, Benaiah was appointed to a high place in David's armed forces as commander of an elite mercenary company in David's bodyguard. Benaiah remained devoted to David during [Absalom's](#) rebellion

So now what is the significance of Nathan the prophet in this story. Nathan was the court [prophet](#) and an advisor to David. Nathan announced to David the [covenant](#) God was making with him contrasting David's proposal to build a house or, for example, a building for the Ark but that God's plan was to build a house or a [dynasty](#) for David. So Nathan is not only the logical one to anoint any new kings to follow David, but also to safeguard God's original plan for David's dynasty which would eventually result in Jesus being born a descendant of David. Consequently, Nathan is accountable to God to make sure that the person who takes the throne after David's death is the legitimate and rightful heir to the throne. You see the next king after David will be entrusted to build the temple that will house the Ark of the Covenant. The building of the Great Temple is an assignment that must be accomplished by the person God has anointed to fulfill that assignment. Not just any king will do. It can only be completed by the legitimate king chosen of God, anointed by God, and inspired by God.

So now we have some idea of the position, character, and standards of the people who would not support the illegitimate king.

9 Then in verse nine we see that Adonijah and his supporters start celebrating as though he has successfully taken over as King. He threw a party and sacrificed sheep, cattle and fattened calves and he invited all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the royal officials of Judah, but look who he did not invite. The illegitimate king did not invite Zadok the High Priest or Nathan the prophet or Benaiah or the king's special guard or his brother Solomon. In other words, they are being censored, persecuted, marginalized, discredited, or maybe you could say their influence is being cancelled by the illegitimate government ignoring the plan of God for the descendants of David and for the Kingdom of Israel and even God's plan of salvation for the world.

I believe there is a word in due season for the Christians in America, the Church leaders and Church boards of America, the Christian politicians, the Christian corporations and corporate boards, Christian TV and radio networks, Christian publishers, Christian owners of stocks and bonds and other investments, Christians on social media platforms, Christian bankers, Christian schools and universities, or any Christian enterprise in America or the world, to be found in these scriptures. Today's scripture warns us to not support ANY institution or organization or business or entity that supports an illegitimate or counterfeit or corrupt or evil establishment that is in direct conflict with the Word of God or with God's divine plan.

You may think that the voting is over, but there are many ways to vote. You vote every time you spend a dollar with a business that supports evil doers. You vote every time you use a social media platform that does not honor our Christian values. You vote every time you invest in a stock that supports corruption. You vote every time you watch a TV channel or listen to a radio program that opposes our Christian values. You vote every time you send your child to a school full of uncircumcised Philistines and let them be brainwashed by unbelieving teachers and professors.

If you are a Christian, why are you still on some of the social media platforms that censor our right to free speech. Why do our Christian leaders still have accounts with social media sites that have nothing but contempt for our Christian values and abuse our civil liberties. Why do Christians bank or own stock or buy products from companies that threaten our elected leaders by withholding their political donations because they stood up and voiced their legal objections in Congress? Learn who these corporations are and cancel your business with them. Then find out which politicians stood up and send their campaign a check.

Why doesn't some of our mega churches or Christian TV networks or Christian companies with experience in the digital or technology field start social media sites that Christians can support and not be censored. I believe there may be a few out there. If you will email a list of trusted social media sites, I will get them up on my web site for others to explore and use.

We have power and strength in unity. Will someone in Christian leadership stand up and give us more Godly options so we do not feel like we are in bondage to these ungodly corporations.

Will more Christians run for political office and give us more options on the ballot?

Will someone start petitions and flood our government with mail that describes our disapproval of how they are voting on the issues?

Are we just too busy with our own personal lives to really care that our nation and our civil liberties and our economy and our national security is in jeopardy?

Of course, I stress that you pray and fast and seek God's Word for your personal contribution to these dilemmas. Pray and fast and ask God to help those in authority over our government and nation and churches. But we can do more. Even four lepers, with no power or influence, complete outcasts of society took action and was used of God to deliver the entire city from an overwhelming enemy army.

Now if you want to be saved and receive the power of the Holy Spirit in your life, then repeat this prayer with me.

Jesus, I confess I am a sinner, I repent of my sins, please forgive me. By faith I receive you as my Lord and Savior. Now Lord Jesus I ask you to fill me with the Holy Spirit and give me your power and authority over all the power of satan and his evil spirits. In Jesus name.

Thanks for listening and God bless.

11 So Nathan the prophet hears about the celebration and the sacrificing and goes to Solomon's mother Bathsheba and asks, "Have you not heard that Adonijah has made himself king, and our lord David knows nothing about it?"

12 Then Nathan advises that her and Solomon's lives are in danger and that she must go in to King David and say to him, 'My lord the king, did you not swear to me your servant: "Surely Solomon your son shall be king, and Solomon will sit on the throne"'? She also asks why then has Adonijah proclaimed that he is the new king?'

14 Nathan also said that while Bathsheba was still talking to David, he would come in and confirm that Adonijah was proclaiming himself to be king.

16 So Bathsheba went and bowed down, prostrating herself or bowing with her face to the floor before the king. So David asked "What is it you want?"

17 She said to him, "My lord, you yourself swore to me your servant by the Lord your God: 'Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on your throne.'

18 But now Adonijah is proclaiming himself to be king and you, my lord the king, do not know about it.

19 He has sacrificed great numbers of cattle, fattened calves, and sheep, and has invited all the king's sons, Abiathar the priest and Joab the commander of the army, but he has not invited Solomon your servant.

20 My lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, to learn from you who will sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 Otherwise, as soon as my lord the king is laid to rest with his ancestors, I and my son Solomon will be treated as criminals."

22 While she was still speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet arrived.

23 And the king was told, "Nathan the prophet is here." So he went before the king and bowed with his face to the ground.

24 Nathan said, "Have you, my lord the king, declared that Adonijah shall be king after you, and that he will sit on your throne?"

25 Nathan told David that Adonijah was already celebrating and sacrificing and telling everyone that he was the new king. He has invited all the king's sons, Joab and the commanders of the army and Abiathar the priest. Right now they are eating and drinking with him and saying, 'Long live King Adonijah!'

26 But me your prophet, Nathan, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon he did not invite.

27 Is this something my lord the king has done without letting his servants know who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?"

28 Then King David, before Bathsheba Solomon's mother and Nathan the prophet

29 Took an oath: "As surely as the Lord lives, who has delivered me out of every trouble,

30 I will surely carry out this very day what I swore to you by the Lord, the God of Israel: Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne in my place."

32 King David said, "Call in Zadok the priest and Benaiah son of Jehoiada. When they came before the king,

33 David said to them: "Take your lord's servants with you and have Solomon my son mount my own mule and take him down to Gihon.

34 There have Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet will anoint him king over Israel. Blow the trumpet and shout, 'Long live King Solomon!'

35 Then you are to go up with him, and he is to come and sit on my throne and reign in my place. I have appointed him ruler over Israel and Judah."

36 Benaiah son of Jehoiada answered the king, "Amen! May the Lord, the God of my lord the king, so declare it.

37 As the Lord was with my lord the king, so may he be with Solomon to make his throne even greater than the throne of my lord King David!"

38 So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah went down and had Solomon mount King David's mule, and they escorted him to Gihon.

39 Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the sacred tent and anointed Solomon. Then they sounded the trumpet and all the people shouted, "Long live King Solomon!"

40 And all the people went up after him, playing pipes and rejoicing greatly, so that the ground shook with the sound.

41 Adonijah and all the guests who were with him heard it as they were finishing their feast. On hearing the sound of the trumpet, Joab asked, "What's the meaning of all the noise in the city?"

42 Even as he was speaking, Jonathan son of Abiathar the priest arrived. Adonijah said, "Come in. A worthy man like you must be bringing good news."

43 "Not at all!" Jonathan answered. "Our lord King David has made Solomon king.

44 The king has sent with him Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and they have put him on the king's mule,

45 and Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king at Gihon. From there they have gone up cheering, and the city resounds with it. That's the noise you hear.

46 Moreover, Solomon has taken his seat on the royal throne.

47 Also, the royal officials have come to congratulate our lord King David, saying, 'May your God make Solomon's name more famous than yours and his throne greater than yours!' And the king bowed in worship on his bed

48 and said, 'Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, who has allowed my eyes to see a successor on my throne today.'

49 At this, all Adonijah's guests rose in alarm and dispersed.

50 But Adonijah, in fear of Solomon, went and took hold of the horns of the altar.

51 Then Solomon was told, "Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon and is clinging to the horns of the altar. He says, 'Let King Solomon swear to me today that he will not put his servant to death with the sword.'"

52 Solomon replied, "If he shows himself to be worthy, not a hair of his head will fall to the ground; but if evil is found in him, he will die."

53 Then King Solomon sent men, and they brought him down from the altar. And Adonijah came and bowed down to King Solomon, and Solomon said, "Go to your home."

1 Kings 2

David's Charge to Solomon

1When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son. 2"I am about to go the way of all the earth," he said. "So be strong, act like a man, 3and observe what the Lord your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go

4and that the Lord may keep his promise to me: 'If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.'

5"Now you yourself know what Joab son of Zeruah did to me—what he did to the two commanders of Israel's armies, Abner son of Ner and Amasa son of Jether. He killed them, shedding their blood in peacetime as if in battle, and with that blood he stained the belt around his waist and the sandals on his feet. 6Deal with him according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to the grave in peace.

7"But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai of Gilead and let them be among those who eat at your table. They stood by me when I fled from your brother Absalom.

8"And remember, you have with you Shimei son of Gera, the Benjamite from Bahurim, who called down bitter curses on me the day I went to Mahanaim. When he came down to meet me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the Lord: 'I will not put you to death by the sword.' 9But now, do not consider him innocent. You are a man of wisdom; you will know what to do to him. Bring his gray head down to the grave in blood."

10Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. 11He had reigned forty years over Israel—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. 12So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.

Solomon's Throne Established

13Now Adonijah, the son of Haggith, went to Bathsheba, Solomon's mother. Bathsheba asked him, "Do you come peacefully?"

He answered, "Yes, peacefully." 14Then he added, "I have something to say to you."

"You may say it," she replied.

15"As you know," he said, "the kingdom was mine. All Israel looked to me as their king. But things changed, and the kingdom has gone to my brother; for it has come to him from the Lord. 16Now I have one request to make of you. Do not refuse me."

"You may make it," she said.

17So he continued, "Please ask King Solomon—he will not refuse you—to give me Abishag the Shunammite as my wife."

18"Very well," Bathsheba replied, "I will speak to the king for you."

19When Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah, the king stood up to meet her, bowed down to her and sat down on his throne. He had a throne brought for the king's mother, and she sat down at his right hand.

20"I have one small request to make of you," she said. "Do not refuse me." The king replied, "Make it, my mother; I will not refuse you."

21So she said, "Let Abishag the Shunammite be given in marriage to your brother Adonijah."

22King Solomon answered his mother, "Why do you request Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? You might as well request the kingdom for him—after all, he is my older brother—yes, for him and for Abiathar the priest and Joab son of Zeruah!"

23Then King Solomon swore by the Lord: "May God deal with me, be it ever so severely, if Adonijah does not pay with his life for this request! 24And now, as surely as the Lord lives—he who has established me securely on the throne of my father David and has founded a dynasty for me as he promised—Adonijah shall be put to death today!" 25So King Solomon gave orders to Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and he struck down Adonijah and he died.

26To Abiathar the priest the king said, "Go back to your fields in Anathoth. You deserve to die, but I will not put you to death now, because you carried the ark of the Sovereign Lord before my father David and shared all my father's hardships."

27So Solomon removed Abiathar from the priesthood of the Lord, fulfilling the word the Lord had spoken at Shiloh about the house of Eli.

28When the news reached Joab, who had conspired with Adonijah though not with Absalom, he fled to the tent of the Lord and took hold of the horns of the altar. 29King Solomon was told that Joab had fled to the tent of the Lord and was beside the altar. Then Solomon ordered Benaiah son of Jehoiada, "Go, strike him down!"

30So Benaiah entered the tent of the Lord and said to Joab, "The king says, 'Come out!'"

But he answered, "No, I will die here."

Benaiah reported to the king, "This is how Joab answered me."

31Then the king commanded Benaiah, "Do as he says. Strike him down and bury him, and so clear me and my whole family of the guilt of the innocent blood that Joab shed. 32The Lord will repay him for the blood he shed, because without my father David knowing it he attacked two men and killed them with the sword.

Both of them—Abner son of Ner, commander of Israel's army, and Amasa son of Jether, commander of Judah's army—were better men and more upright than he.

33May the guilt of their blood rest on the head of Joab and his descendants forever. But on David and his descendants, his house and his throne, may there be the Lord's peace forever."

34So Benaiah son of Jehoiada went up and struck down Joab and killed him, and he was buried at his home out in the country. 35The king put Benaiah son of Jehoiada over the army in Joab's position and replaced Abiathar with Zadok the priest.

36Then the king sent for Shimei and said to him, "Build yourself a house in Jerusalem and live there, but do not go anywhere else. 37The day you leave and cross the Kidron Valley, you can be sure you will die; your blood will be on your own head."

38Shimei answered the king, "What you say is good. Your servant will do as my lord the king has said." And Shimei stayed in Jerusalem for a long time.

39But three years later, two of Shimei's slaves ran off to Achish son of Maakah, king of Gath, and Shimei was told, "Your slaves are in Gath." 40At this, he saddled his donkey and went to Achish at Gath in search of his slaves. So Shimei went away and brought the slaves back from Gath.

41When Solomon was told that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath and had returned, 42the king summoned Shimei and said to him, "Did I not make you swear by the Lord and warn you, 'On the day you leave to go anywhere else, you can be sure you will die'? At that time you said to me, 'What you say is good. I will obey.'" 43Why then did you not keep your oath to the Lord and obey the command I gave you?"

44The king also said to Shimei, "You know in your heart all the wrong you did to my father David. Now the Lord will repay you for your wrongdoing. 45But King Solomon will be blessed, and David's throne will remain secure before the Lord forever."

46Then the king gave the order to Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and he went out and struck Shimei down and he died.

The kingdom was now established in Solomon's hands.

I know that many of you are disappointed by what is occurring in our nation's capital but NOW is when Christians must keep our eyes upon Jesus. As Christian's our assignment remains the same. To be salt and light to the world.

Today I am going to give you one example from God's Word that should restore your hope, trust, and faith in the power of God. I have told you many times Do Not Limit God. So let's look at how God delivered His children when things in the natural looked very hopeless.

Abiathar was deposed (the sole historical instance of the deposition of a high priest) and banished to his home at [Anathoth](#) by [Solomon](#) ([1 Kings 1:22, 26](#)), because he took part in the attempt to raise [Adonijah](#) to the throne instead of Solomon ([1 Kings 1:7, 19, 25](#)). The priesthood thus passed from the house of Ithamar ([1 Samuel 2:30-36](#); [1 Kings 1:19; 2:26, 27](#)) to the house of Eleazar. Meanwhile, [Zadok](#), of the house of Eleazar, had been made High Priest. Another version says he was Co-Pontiff with Zadok during King David. These appointments continued in force till the end of David's reign. In [1 Kings 4:4](#) Zadok and Abiathar are found acting together as priests under Solomon.

and now was when [Adonijah](#) attempted to take control of David's throne. Later, Benaiah was instrumental in safeguarding the passing of the royal succession to Solomon after David's death and thus gained the honor of assisting in Solomon's coronation at Gihon. As Solomon's supreme army commander and

chief bodyguard, Benaiah was responsible for executing those who opposed the new king, including Adonijah, Joab, and [Shimei](#).

It seems that Shimei was a thoroughly despicable man, however, and that he persisted in his opposition to David. On his deathbed, David charged Solomon with the task of executing Shimei: "Do not consider him innocent. You are a man of wisdom; you will know what to do to him. Bring his gray head down to the grave in blood" ([1 Kings 2:9](#)). The only reason Shimei was still alive was that David was honoring his oath. Solomon showed Shimei mercy, giving him one final chance: as long as Shimei remained in Jerusalem, he would live (verses 36–37). Shimei agreed to the pact, but three years later he left the city. When King Solomon found out, he called for Shimei and told him, "You know in your heart all the wrong you did to my father David. Now the Lord will repay you for your wrongdoing" (verse 44). Shimei was then executed (verse 46).

Next we have Shimei. He was a part of King Saul's clan. When King David was forced to flee from his son [Absalom](#), Shimei met the king along the way and he cursed David and pelted all the king's officials with stones. Shimei blamed David for King Saul's death. David's men wanted to kill Shimei then and there, but David refused to kill Shimei. King David was restored to his throne and Shimei knew that he was on shaky ground. Shimei apologized for his past behavior and begged the king not to hold it against him. King David gave Shimei his oath that he would not kill him. So here we see that Shimei has already been wrong in the past to oppose King David, but David let him live. Shimei probably doesn't want to repeat his mistake, because King David will probably not forgive him twice. We will see later that Shimei is not a true supporter of David and God's plans for the house of David, but is just protecting his interest and trying to survive another rebellion.

Rei was a Judean, and probably a loyal officer in the royal guard of King David.

6 Now in verse six there is an interesting comment about how David the father had never rebuked him by asking, "Why do you behave as you do?" That is because David was not a great parental authority in his children's lives. He was a great military leader and king, but good parenting was one of David's weaknesses. David had always indulged his children and let them get away with very bad behavior.

2 So his attendants said to him, "Let us look for a virgin to take care of the king and may keep him warm."

3 Then they searched throughout Israel for a beautiful young woman and found a Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

4 She took care of the king and waited on him, but the king had no sexual relations with her.

I will explain the significance of this woman that cared for King David when he was close to dying later in the teaching. Her role is important as we reveal the whole story later.