

Lesson 11.

SOLOMON ANOINTED KING

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BETWEEN THE LESSONS—David's grief over Absalom is told in 2 Sam. 18: 24-33. The remaining chapters of 2 Samuel (chs. 19-24) carry on the story of David's reign until near its close.

GOLDEN TEXT—Know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind. — 1 Chronicles 28: 9.

Memorize vs. 39, 40.

THE LESSON PASSAGE—1 Kings 1: 28-40. Study 1 Kings 1: 1 to 2: 12.

28 Then king Da'vid answered and said, Call me Bath'sheba. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king.

29 And the king sware, and said, As the Lord liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress,

30 * Even as I sware unto thee by the Lord * God of Is'rael, saying, Assuredly Sol'omon 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 Bath'sheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did * reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king Da'vid live for ever.

32 And king Da'vid said, Call me Za'dok the priest, and Na'than the prophet, and Bena'i'ah the son of Jeho'i'ada. And they came before the king.

33 * The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Sol'omon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gi'hon:

34 And let Za'dok the priest and Na'than the prophet anoint him there king over Is'rael: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save King Sol'omon.

Revised Version—I who: * adversity; * verily as I: * the; * verily so will I do; * obeisance; * And the king said; * and he shall come; * prince; * Tent.

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 Is'rael and over Ju'dah.

36 And Bena'i'ah the son of Jeho'i'ada 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 Sol'omon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king Da'vid.

38 So Za'dok the priest, and Na'than the prophet, and Bena'i'ah the son of Jeho'i'ada, and the Cher'ethites, and the Pel'ethites, went down, and caused Sol'omon to ride upon king Da'vid's mule, and brought him to Gi'hon.

39 And Za'dok the priest took * an horn of oil out of the * tabernacle, and anointed Sol'omon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Sol'omon.

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.

*HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS

M.—Solomon anointed king, 1 Kgs. 1: 28-40.

T.—Solomon anointed king, 1 Kgs. 1: 41-53.

W.—Solomon anointed king, 1 Kgs. 2: 1-12.

Th.—David's prayer for Solomon, 1 Chron. 29: 14-19.

F.—Solomon's second anointing, 1 Chron. 29: 20-25.

S.—David's last words, 2 Sam. 23: 1-7.

Sunday—A greater king, Ps. 72: 8-20.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

The First Book of Kings open with an account of how Adonijah, one of David's sons, when his father had grown old and feeble, attempted, with the aid of Joab, to make himself king. David was informed of this attempt by Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon, and Nathan the prophet. Bathsheba and Nathan separately, but after previous consultation with each other, put forward Solomon's claim to the throne. Vs. 1-27.

I. SOLOMON APPOINTED KING.—28, 29. Then king David answered; the remonstrance of Nathan against Adonijah's being permitted to claim the throne, when, as David well knew (see 1 Chron. 22: 9, 10), God intended Solomon to be king. Call me Bath'sheba; who had retired, in accordance with Eastern etiquette, during the interview with Nathan. The king sware; solemnly confirmed a previous oath (see vs. 13, 17). As the Lord liveth; that is, "assuredly as the Lord liveth." That hath redeemed, etc. The Lord had been true to him, and he would be true to his promise.

30, 31. Solomon... shall reign after me; in spite of Adonijah's attempt to seize the throne. This day. David realized that there was need of immediate action if Adonijah's plot was to be foiled. Bowed with... face to the earth; an Eastern way of expressing deep reverence. Live for ever; a common Eastern expression. Bathsheba, in using it, would show that she had no desire for David's death, but

wished only that the throne should be secured to Solomon when David was dead.

II. SOLOMON PROCLAIMED KING.—32, 33.

Call... Zadok the priest; perhaps a sort of second

high priest to Abiathar, who had followed Adonijah, v.

7. Nathan the prophet; states-

man as well, ex-

ercising great in-

fluence at David's

court. Bena-

iah; cap-

tain of the royal

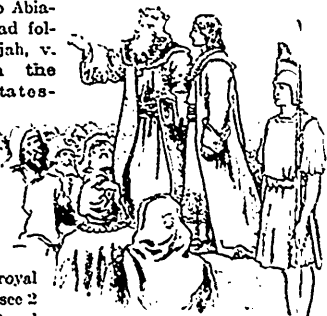
bodyguard (see 2

Sam. 20: 23 and

compare v. 38). Servants of your

lord; David himself. The "servants" (2 Sam. 20: 6, 7)

were probably a considerable body of armed men prepared for fighting. Mine own mule; the riding beast, from David's time on, of the royal family (2 Sam. 13: 29; 18: 9), the common people in those days still using asses. Solomon's being thus mounted would show that the proceedings had David's approval.



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