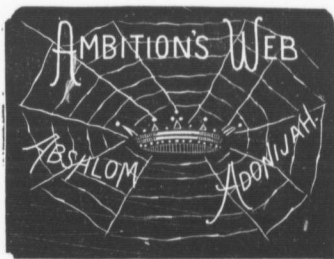


sunshine thin, helpless hands, blue with the cooler blood of many years. He dozes and dreams while Adonijah with all the strength of a vigorous maturity is vaulting up into an old man's throne. Hold! Don't leap, Adonijah! A bright-eyed, sharp-witted mother has gone before the deaf, dim-eyed, shivering, nodding old king. With what a graceful, queenly sweep of her robes she bows before the king! And then she wakes up his sleepy majesty with the story of Adonijah's treason! And see! Another seeks an audience with David. With his prophet's robes, surely he must be a messenger from the Lord! He stands before the throne, and low he bows "with his face to the ground." He, too, tells the story of Adonijah's treason. Where is Bath-sheba? Call her once more. She stands before the king again, a queenly woman in form and face, the mother of Solomon. In tones steadied by excitement, his eyes lighting up with the old fire of youth, his form straightening, he solemnly swears that Solomon shall be king. Down to the ground again, like a palm bending low, bows the imperial woman. The king is looking round. Where is Zadok, the priest? Where is Nathan, the prophet? Where is Benaiah, the mighty man of war? Ho, men of God and men of war! Take Solomon, place him on the king's own shapely mule, ride to Gihon, and anoint Solomon as king. Away they go, Cherethites and Pelethites accompanying. What a goodly sight! How everybody gathering at Gihon must have stared! Up, Zadok, lift the horn of oil above Solomon and anoint him king! Blow, far-echoing trumpet, blow!

Pipe, O players on pipes, and shout all ye people, "God save King Solomon!"

Blackboard.

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DIRECTIONS. Draw a crown with yellow chalk. Make it like the one in the diagram, or simply draw a circle, and write the word Crown in it. With white chalk make irregular lines representing a web. The crown represents power, or the kingdom of Israel. The web represents ambition, which, in this case, is an inordinate desire for power. In this web was Absalom entangled, and met his death. In it now is Adonijah. Neither of them possessed the quality of ambition to be great and good men, but they craved the office with its power and superiority. From this illustration draw the lesson of submission to God, of an ambition to please him, of the duty of serving him with a perfect heart and willing mind. Beware of worldly ambition for worldly gain.

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LESSON II.—DAVID'S CHARGE TO SOLOMON.

1 Chronicles 22. 6-19.

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6 Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the Lord God of Israel.

7 And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, *a* it was in my mind to build an house *b* unto the name of the Lord my God:

a 2 Sam. 7. 2; 1 Kings 6. 17; chap. 17. 1; 28. 2; Acts 7. 40.—*b* Deut. 12. 5.

8 But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, *c* Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.

c 1 Kings 5. 3; chap. 28. 3.

9 Behold, *d* a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him *e* rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be *f* Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days.

d Chap. 28. 5.—*e* 1 Kings 4. 25; 6. 4.—*f* That is, Peaceable and perfect.

10 He *f* shall build an house for my name; and *g* he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.

f 2 Sam. 7. 13; 1 Kings 5. 5; chap. 17. 12; 28. 6.—*g* Psa. 89. 26, 27; Heb. 1. 5.

11 Now, my son, the *h* Lord be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the Lord thy God, as he hath said of thee.

h Rom. 8. 31.

12 Only the Lord *i* give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the Lord thy God.

i Deut. 4. 6; 1 Kings 3. 9; Psa. 72. 1.

13 Then *j* shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the Lord charged Moses with concerning Israel: *k* be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.

j Josh. 1. 7; chap. 28. 7; Isa. 3. 10.—*k* Deut. 31. 7; chap. 28. 20.

14 Now, behold, *b* in my trouble I have pre-