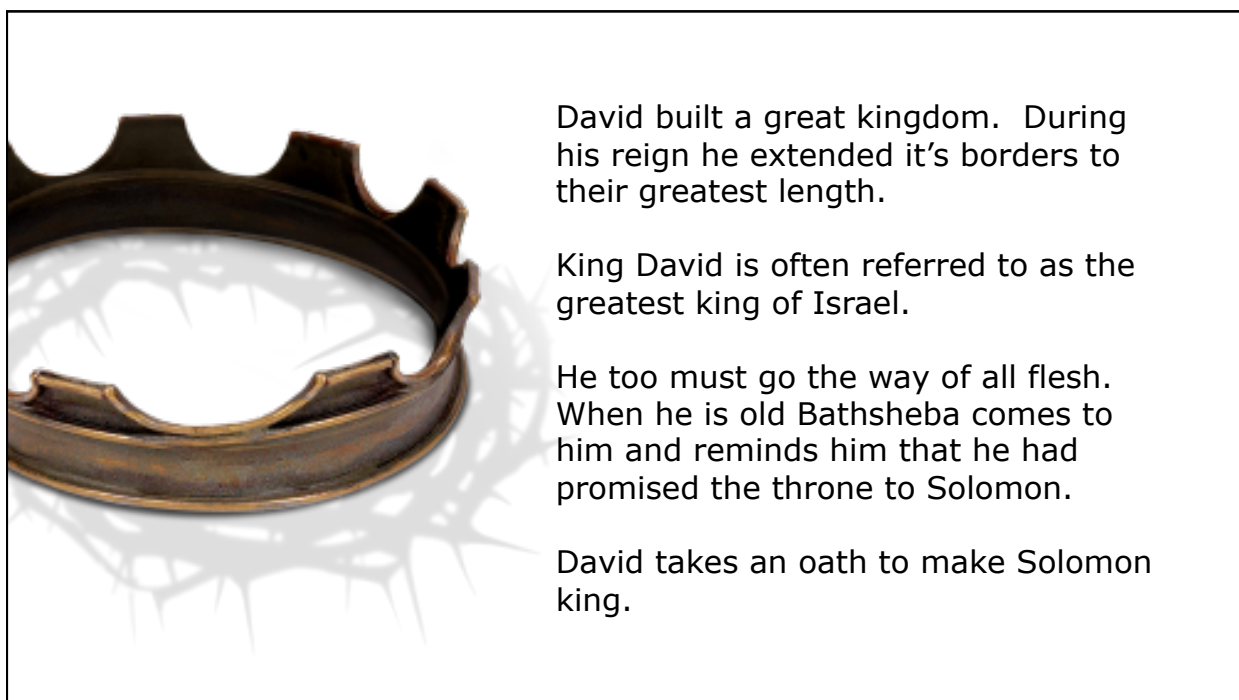


Chapter 13
"The King Who Had It All"




David built a great kingdom. During his reign he extended it's borders to their greatest length.

King David is often referred to as the greatest king of Israel.

He too must go the way of all flesh. When he is old Bathsheba comes to him and reminds him that he had promised the throne to Solomon.

David takes an oath to make Solomon king.




David gave a charge to Solomon. Page 176

You will notice that this charge is consistent with those who are gone before Solomon. It is a consistent theme throughout the Old Testament.

This is how leadership for God would be measured.

God approaches Solomon in a dream to tell him that he should ask for whatever he would want and God would grant it. Solomon asked for wisdom.




God was pleased with Solomon's request.

God was pleased that he had not asked for long life, wealth, or the death of his enemies.

God gave to Solomon a wise and discerning heart.

His wisdom is displayed in how he handled the two mothers with the one son.

Because of his wisdom his fame spread throughout the nations.




Solomon was a prolific writer. One of the greatest testaments to his wisdom is the book of Proverbs.

In the Book of Proverbs he touches on many of life's issues in a very insightful way.

He speaks to finances, work, and life itself.

Some hold that Solomon's greatest achievement is the building of the temple.



Once the temple is built Solomon holds a great inauguration, including all of the things King David had dedicated.

The temple was filled with the Lord's presence.

The dedication must have been quite a spectacle. Solomon sacrificed 22,000 cattle and 120,000 sheep and goats.

Upon building the temple God reminded Solomon of the need to remain faithful.



The fame of King Solomon was so great that even the Queen of Sheba came to see for herself. Pages 189-190

During the reign of Solomon, the kingdom became quite wealthy, may have been the most prosperous time in Israel.

While the success of his wisdom grew, Solomon in all of glory, let down his guard. Wealth and power carry with them a price.



Solomon basked in his wisdom God had given him, but his eye for beautiful women became his downfall.

The Bible tells us Solomon loved many foreign women. Solomon is reported to have had 700 wives of royal birth and 300 concubines.

As Solomon ages, his wives persuaded him to worship other gods and he did not remain faithful as the heart of his father had been.

Solomon did evil in the eyes of the Lord, he was unfaithful.