

Firmly Established in His Hands

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1 Kings 2:5-6 “Now you also know what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, what he did to the two commanders of the armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner, and to Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed; he also shed the blood of war in peace. And he put the blood of war on his belt about his waist, and on his sandals on his feet. **6** “So act **according to your wisdom**, and do not let his gray hair go down to Sheol in peace.

1 Kings 2:7 “But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table; for they assisted me when I fled from Absalom your brother.

1 Kings 2:8-9 “Behold, there is with you Shimei the son of Gera the Benjamite, of Bahurim; now it was he who cursed me with a violent curse on the day I went to Mahanaim. But when he came down to me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD, saying, ‘I will not put you to death with the sword.’ **9** “Now therefore, do not let him go unpunished, for **you are a wise man; and you will know what you ought to do to him**, and you will bring his gray hair down to Sheol with blood.”

1 Kings 2:10-11 Then David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David. **11** The days that David reigned over Israel *were* forty years: seven years he reigned in Hebron and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem.

1 Kings 2:12 And Solomon sat on the throne of David his father, s.

1 Kings 2:13-18 Now Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, “Do you come peacefully?” And he said, “Peacefully.” **14** Then he said, “I have something *to say* to you.” And she said, “Speak.” **15** So he said, “You know that the kingdom was mine *////////* and that all Israel expected me to be king; however, the kingdom has turned about and become my brother’s, for it was his from the LORD. **16** “Now I am making one request of you; do not refuse me.” And she said to him, “Speak.” **17** Then he said, “Please speak to Solomon the king, for he will not refuse you, that he may give me Abishag the Shunammite as a wife.” **18** Bathsheba said, “Very well; I will speak to the king for you.”

1 Kings 2:22 King Solomon answered and said to his mother, “And why are you asking Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask for him also the kingdom — for he is my older brother — even for him, for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah!”

1 Kings 2:23-25 Then King Solomon swore by the LORD, saying, “May God do so to me and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life. **24** “Now therefore, as the LORD lives, who has established me and set me on the throne of David my father and who has made me a house as He promised, surely Adonijah shall be put to death today.” **25** So King Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him so that he died.

1 Kings 2:26 Then to Abiathar the priest the king said, “Go to Anathoth to your own field, for you deserve to die; but I will not put you to death at this time, because you carried the ark of the Lord GOD before my father David, and because you were afflicted in everything with which my father was afflicted.”

1 Kings 2:28 Now the news came to Joab, for Joab had followed Adonijah, although he had not followed Absalom. And Joab fled to the tent of the LORD and took hold of the horns of the altar.

1 Kings 2:31-32 The king said to him, “Do as he has spoken and fall upon him and bury him, that you may remove from me and from my father’s house the blood which Joab shed without cause. **32** “The LORD will return his blood on his own head, because he fell upon two men more righteous and better than he and killed

them with the sword, while my father David did not know *it*: Abner the son of Ner, commander of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, commander of the army of Judah.

1 Kings 2:36-37 Now the king sent and called for Shimei and said to him, “Build for yourself a house in Jerusalem and live there, and do not go out from there to any place. **37** “For on the day you go out and cross over the brook Kidron, you will know for certain that you shall surely die; your blood shall be on your own head.”

1 Kings 2:41-42 It was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and had returned. **42** So the king sent and called for Shimei and said to him, “Did I not make you swear by the LORD and solemnly warn you, saying, ‘You will know for certain that on the day you depart and go anywhere, you shall surely die’? And you said to me, ‘The word which I have heard is good.’

1 Kings 2:44-46 The king also said to Shimei, “You know all the evil which you acknowledge in your heart, which you did to my father David; therefore the LORD shall return your evil on your own head. **45** “But King Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD forever.” **46** So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he went out and fell upon him so that he died. **Thus the kingdom was established in the hands of Solomon.**

Proverbs 21:1 The king’s heart is *like* channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.

Exodus 10:20 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not let the sons of Israel go.

Romans 12:19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,” says the Lord.

Genesis 50:20 “As for you, you meant evil against me, *but* God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.