



David Father to Solomon

Reader from
2 Samuel 12:24, 1 Kings 1:11-17,
29-31, 39-40, 2:1-4

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Da-vid com-fort-ed his

wife Bath-she-ba, and

went in to her and lay

with her; and she gave

birth to a son, and he

named him Sol-o-mon.

² Then Na-than spoke to Bath-she-ba the moth-er of Sol-o-mon, say-ing, "Have you not heard that Ad-o-ni-jah has be-come king, and Da-vid our lord does not know *it*? So now come, please let me give you coun-sel and save your life and the life of your son Sol-o-mon.

Go at once to King Da-vid³ and say to him, 'Have you not, my lord, O king, sworn to your maid-ser-vant, say-ing, "Sure-ly Sol-o-mon your son shall be king af-ter me, and he shall sit on my throne"? Why then has Ad-o-ni-jah be-come king?'

⁴ "Be-hold, while you are still there speak-ing with the king, I will come in af-ter you and con-firm your words." Then Bath-she-ba bowed and pros-trat-ed her-self be-fore the king. And the king said, "What do you wish?"

She said to him, "My lord,⁵ you swore to your maid-ser-vant by the Lord your God, *say-ing*, 'Sure-ly your son Sol-o-mon shall be king af-ter me and he shall sit on my throne.' Now, be-hold, Ad-o-ni-jah is king; and now, my lord the king, you do not know *it*.

⁶ The king vowed and said,
"As the Lord lives, who
has re-deemed my life
from all dis-tress, sure-ly
as I vowed to you by the
Lord the God of Is-ra-el,
say-ing, 'Your son
Sol-o-mon shall be king
af-ter me,

and he shall sit on my ⁷
throne in my place'; I will
in-deed do so this day."
Then Bath-she-ba bowed
with her face to the
ground, and pros-trat-ed
her-self be-fore the king
and said, "May my lord
King Da-vid live
for-ev-er."

⁸ Zad-ok the priest then
took the horn of oil from
the tent and a-noint-ed
Sol-o-mon. Then they
blew the trump-et, and all
the peo-ple said, "*Long* live
King Sol-o-mon!"

All the peo-ple went up ⁹
af-ter him, and the
peo-ple were play-ing on
flutes and re-joic-ing with
great joy, so that the
earth shook at their
noise.

¹⁰ As Da-vid's time to die
drew near, he charged
Sol-o-mon his son,
say-ing, "Be strong,
there-fore, and show
your-self a man. Keep the
charge of the Lord your
God, to walk in His ways,
to keep His stat-utes, His
com-mand-ments, His
or-din-anc-es, and His
test-i-mon-ies, that you
may suc-ceed in all that
you do and wher-ev-er
you turn

so that the Lord may ¹¹
car-ry out His pro-mise
which He spoke
con-cern-ing me, say-ing,
'If your sons are care-ful
of their way, to walk
be-fore Me in truth with
all their heart and with all
their soul, you shall not
lack a man on the throne
of Is-ra-el.'