

## David and Solomon A “Passing-the-Baton” Relationship

### The First Mentioning of Solomon

- 2 Samuel 5:14-16, Now these are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, <sup>15</sup> Ithar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, <sup>16</sup> Elishama, Eliada and Eliphelet.

### He was the replacement son following the David and Bathsheba incident.

- 2 Samuel 12:24-25, Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her; and she gave birth to a son, and he named him Solomon. Now the LORD loved him <sup>25</sup> and sent *word* through Nathan the prophet, and he named him Jedidiah for the LORD’s sake.
- Jedidiah meant “*Beloved of the LORD*”.

### Adonijah’s attempted power grab.

- 1 Kings 1:1-10

### Intercession had to be made.

- 1 Kings 1:11-14

### Bathsheba’s Plea to David

- 1 Kings 1:15-21

### Nathan’s Confirmation

- 1 Kings 1:22-27

### David’s Decree

- 1 Kings 1:28-31

### David’s Plan

- 1 Kings 1:32-37

### Solomon anointed King.

- 1 Kings 1:38-40, So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites went down and had Solomon ride on King David’s mule, and brought him to Gihon. <sup>39</sup> Zadok the priest then took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon. Then they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, “*Long live King Solomon!*” <sup>40</sup> All the people went up after him, and the people were playing on flutes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth shook at their noise.
- 1 Kings 1:43, But Jonathan replied to Adonijah, “No! Our lord King David has made Solomon king.
- 1 Kings 1:47-48, “Moreover, the king’s servants came to bless our lord King David, saying, ‘May your God make the name of Solomon better than your name and his throne greater than your throne!’ And the king bowed himself on the bed. <sup>48</sup> “The king has also said thus, ‘Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who has granted one to sit on my throne today while my own eyes see *it.*’ ”

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### David’s Charge to Solomon

- 1) Be a MAN!
  - 1 Kings 2:1-2, As David’s time to die drew near, he charged Solomon his son, saying, “I am going the way of all the earth. Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man.”
  
- 2) Keep the Commandments of God
  - 1 Kings 2:3, “Keep the charge of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn”
  
- 3) Hold to God’s Promises.
  - 1 Kings 2:4, so that the LORD may carry out His promise which He spoke concerning me, saying, ‘If your sons are careful of their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.’
  
- 4) Do not let the evil go unpunished.
  - 1 Kings 2:5-6, “Now you also know what Joab the son of Zeruah 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. So act according to your wisdom, and do not let his gray hair go down to Sheol in peace.”
  - 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.’ 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.”
  
- 5) Do not let the righteous go unrewarded.
  - 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.”

### David died, leaving Solomon on the throne.

- 1 Kings 2:10-12, Then David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David.  
<sup>11</sup>The days that David reigned over Israel *were* forty years: seven years he reigned in Hebron and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup> And Solomon sat on the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was firmly established.

### There were always big plans for Solomon in the eyes of his father David.

- 2 Samuel 7:12-16, “When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> “He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the

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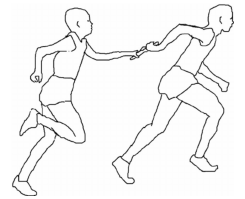
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throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup> “I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, <sup>15</sup> but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took *it* away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. <sup>16</sup> “Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.”

- 1 Kings 7:51, Thus all the work that King Solomon performed *in* the house of the LORD was finished. And Solomon brought in the things dedicated by his father David, the silver and the gold and the utensils, *and* he put them in the treasuries of the house of the LORD.
- Hebrews 1:5, For to which of the angels did He ever say, “YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU”? And again, I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME”?
- Matthew 12:42, “*The Queen of the South* will rise up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

### Summary

There is a saying in track and field relay races, being called “Passing the Baton”. The first three of the four members of a relay team are required to run their portion of the race and pass the metal baton to the next runner. When they reach the fourth runner, he takes the baton and finishes the race. If any of the runners fail to successfully pass the baton to the next runner, they are disqualified.



David was one of the most influential individuals in human history. Simple proof of this is captured in the fact that we are talking about him today more than 3,000 year later. God accomplished much in the life of David, but he was expected to pass the baton to his son Solomon to carry it further. He knew this was the case long before Solomon was even born.

### Application

We need to have a “Passing the Baton” relationship with our younger brothers and sisters in Christ. Time has a way of removing every single one of us in the end. Are we seeking to empower the next generation? Do we have a mentorship approach when it comes to our curriculum? Unless we develop these types of relationships with others, we are only one generation away from apostasy.

- 2 Timothy 2:2, And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
- 2 Timothy 4:1-5, I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and

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will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

- Philippians 2:19-22, But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition. <sup>20</sup> For I have no one *else* of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare. <sup>21</sup> For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus. <sup>22</sup> But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child *serv*ing his father.