

The Working Out of the Will of God Isn't Easy

Adonijah Attempts to Seize the Throne Just Before David's Death in View of the King's Declining Physical Health/Detached State of Mind v1-10

Abishag and King David-NOT Ideal at Many Levels

1: It is described but not prescribed here (similar to 1:6)

2: Remember her name, as she becomes extremely important in Chapter 2

Adonijah's Hubris

He appoints himself ("I will be King!") to the throne without consulting God/the Prophet Nathan or the King/His Father (Proverbs 25:7; Luke 14:7-11; James 4:10)

He organizes a small army, and starts with a network of select VIP advisors

Which specifically included: 1: Joab-General of King David's army 2: Abiathar-the Priest

And specifically excluded: 1: Zadok-the Priest 2: Benaiah-the leader of the King's Body Guard
(This feast was designed as a (pseudo) inaugural banquet: all of Adonijah's brothers (except Solomon) were invited along with "the men of Judah")

At the Urging of Nathan the Prophet and His Wife Bathsheba, David Has Solomon Formally Anointed as King of Israel v11-40

No Secrets (Among the Ruling Class) in the "Little Town of Jerusalem"

Nathan warns Bathsheba of Adonijah's scheme and they immediately inform King David

David Acts Decisively To See Solomon Takes the Throne as His Co-Regent/Successor

In a public ceremony, Solomon rides the King's royal mule to the Spring of Gihon, there Zadok and Nathan (among others) anoint him as the new King of the United Tribes of Israel.

The Pretender to the Throne, Pretends to Reconcile with Solomon v41-53

Adonijah is Changed from the Hunter to the Hunted

Q: What's all the noise about? A: King David has made Solomon King and Jerusalem rejoices!

Solomon Shows (Amazing) Grace to Adonijah

Unfortunately, Adonijah's "commitment" is a sham...come back next week for the ROTS

Take This To Heart

It was GOD's Will for Solomon to Be David's Successor and a Link in the Royal Genetic Chain leading to the humanity of our Lord Jesus! But the process of it happening was NOT EASY, and involved lots/lots of decisions/actions. So punt the idea: "If I'm in God's will, everything in my life will be simple and easy....because (in the words of theologian Mike Gundy) "It ain't true!"