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Solomon’s Consolidation of Power
First Kings 2: 1-46



This extended chapter marks the transition of power from father **David** to son **Solomon**, reporting **David’s** death and **Solomon’s** ruthless consolidation of power. The chapter divides into **David’s** advice to **his son** (**to see link click Ao – David’s Last Words**) and **Solomon’s** actions that only partly correspond to **his father’s** counsel (see **Ap – Putting the Kingdom First**). In **First Kings 2:12** we read that **Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established** because the books of **Kings** give us the human perspective focusing on the **Davidic** dynasty. And in **First Chronicles 29:23** it is called **the throne of ADONAI** because the books of **the Chronicles** gives us the **Godly** perspective. The end of the verse says: **He prospered and all Isra’el obeyed him.** This helps us to understand **David’s** last words to **Solomon**. **He** was concerned with the sins of **Joab** and **Shim’i** that might bring **bloodguilt** upon **the kingdom** and thus endanger **it** from the **Divine** side; and concerned for **Solomon’s** security because **Joab** had long been a problem as was **Adonijah**, and **Shim’i** was a member of the house of **Sha’ul** the Benjamite and thus **they** might

endanger **the kingdom** from the human side.[48]