

Jerusalem 970 BC: 'Which son will succeed David?'

Boasting: **Adonijah: 'I will make myself king.'** (1;5)

Maneuvering: **Bathsheba and Nathan** (1:17,20, 24, 30)

Blessing: **Solomon: 'Take courage...be a man...Obey the Lord'** (2:2-4)

Settling Old Scores: (2:6) (2:8-10) (2:13-25)

Rewarding Loyalty: (2:7)

Solomon is king because God is in control.

History moves according to God's Word.

A Good Beginning (2:48; 3:10-15; 28; 4:30)

A Kept Promise (Gen 15:18; 22:17; 1 Kings 4:20-21)

A Garden Kingdom (4:25)

BUT

Divided loyalties and loves (3:1)

We live by promises, not by explanations.

We live 'in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.' (2 Tim 1:1)