



Lesson
Chayei Sarah / "Sarah's life"
Genesis 23:1 – 25:18
1 Kings 1:1-40
Matthew 2:1-23

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KING GEORGE

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All scripture references are Hebraic Roots Bible (HRB) unless otherwise indicated.

My Notes:

Your Notes:

Background:

Key players

- King David
 - o 70 years old
 - o Sword would never leave his house
 - o Evil would rise up against him within his own house
 - o Amnon raped Tamar
 - o Absalom murdered Amnon
 - o Absalom rebelled against David
 - o Adonijah attempted to take the throne
- Adonijah
 - o 4th son of David (Haggith)
 - o Was next in line after death of older three sons (Amnon, Chileab, Absalom)
 - o Assumed he was next in line
 - o Tried to take throne without David's consent
- Abiathar
 - o Sole survivor of Saul's massacre of priests at Nob
 - o Brought the ephod to David
 - o Remained loyal to David
 - o Helped bring the Ark to Jerusalem
 - o Served as High Priest
 - o Felt threatened in his position by Zadok
- Benaiah
 - o One of 30 mighty men
 - o When Joab murdered Amasa, was next in line to be commander in chief
 - o David instead made him head of the body guards
- Cherethites and Pelethites
 - o Gentiles living among the Philistines
 - o Cretans and Philistines
 - o Fighting men who swore allegiance to David
 - o David made them elite body guards
 - o No family of clan loyalties within Israel

- Provided safety from his own court and Joab
- Joab
 - David's nephew
 - Commander in chief
 - Ruthless
 - Saul's Gen. Abner wanted to join David
 - Joab murdered Abner to avenge brother's death
 - Defied David by killing Absalom (running thru with spears)
 - David replaced Joab with Amasa
 - Joab murdered Amasa
 - No longer had David's favor
- Zadok
 - Priest in the line of Eleazar and Phineas
 - Served in David's court with Abithar
 - Possible rivalry between Zadok and Abithar for the High Priesthood
- Nathan
 - David's personal prophet
 - Announced God's covenant of an everlasting dynasty to David
 - Gave Solomon his true name ("beloved of the LORD")
- Solomon
 - "Shelomo" (peace)
 - 2nd son of Bathsheba and David
 - David promised Bathsheba he would be heir to the throne
 - Would have been in his early 20's at David's death
- Bathsheba
 - Wife of Uriah
 - After Uriah's murder, married to David

Summary: Haftarah Chayei Sarah

- Story of Solomon's succession as King
- Story opens with David in his last days: infirm and bedridden
- Had to have a virgin provide warmth
- Adonijah conspires to take the throne
- Nathan, with Bathsheba, intervene and convince David to name Solomon as heir
- This haftarah portion corresponds with Gen 24
- Haftarah portion endings:
 - Ashkenazi and Sephardic – ends at verse 31
 - Yeminite – ends at verse 34

- Messianic – ends at verse 40
- Story of Solomon's rise to the throne is also covered in Haftarah Vayechi (12th Torah Portion)

Old, Advanced in Age:

1 Kings 1:1 – And King David was old, going into days. And they covered him with garments, for he had no heat.

- 70 years old
- Reigned as king for 40 years
- Connections to Torah Portion:
 - Gen 24:1 – And Abraham was old, going on in days, and YAHWEH had blessed Abraham in all things.
 - “*zaken ba bayamim*” (old and advanced in days)
 - Gen 21:12 – And Elohim said to Abraham, Let it not be evil in your eyes because of the boy, and on account of your slave-girl. All that Sarah says to you, listen to her voice, for in Isaac your Seed shall be called.
 - Abraham gives everything to Isaac: David gives everything to Solomon
 - Isaac and Solomon are heirs to the covenant promises made to their fathers
 - Both provide prophetic depictions of Yeshua:
 - Isaac's binding: Suffering Messiah
 - Solomon's reign: peace and prosperity of Messianic Age
- Abishag, the Shunammite

1 Kings 1:3 – And they sought out a beautiful young woman in all the border of Israel. And they found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her in to the king.

 - No sexual relations
 - Tended to David
 - Kept him warm
- Why was David cold?
 - Sages say due to fear
 - 1 Chronicles 21:16, 30 – And David lifted up his eyes and saw the Messenger of YAHWEH standing between the earth and the heavens, and his sword drawn in his hand, stretched out over Jerusalem; and David and the elders fell on their faces, covered with sackcloth. and David was not able to go before it to seek Elohim, for he was terrified from the face of the sword of The Messenger of YAHWEH.
 - Old age!

- Too many wives?
 - Most of his troubles attributed to violating Torah
 - Deuteronomy 17:17 – And he shall not multiply wives to himself, and his heart shall not turn aside. And he shall not greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.
 - Sages interpret this to mean 18 wives
 - Literal reading means one wife!
 - Rivalry between sons of different wives

Adonijah:

1 Kings 1:5 – And Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will reign. And he prepared a chariot for himself, and horsemen, and fifty men running before his face.

- Adonijah took advantage of David's ill health
- Power vacuum
- Attempted to assume throne without David's knowledge or consent, and while David was still alive
- Three reasons:

1 Kings 1:6 – And his father had not troubled him all his days, saying, Why have you done so? And he also was very good of form, and one had borne him after Absalom.

- David never rebuked him
 - David never rebuked his sons
 - Amnon story
 - Absalom story
- He was handsome (charm and charisma?)
- Oldest living son
 - Hebron: took six wives, had six sons
 - 2 Samuel 3:1-5 – And there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. And David was going on and was strong, but the house of Saul was going on and was weak.
And sons were born to David in Hebron. And his first-born was Amnon, of Ahinoam of Jezreel.
And his second was Chileab, of Abigail the former wife of Nabal of Carmel. And the third was Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai the king of Geshur.
And the fourth was Adonijah the son of Haggith. And the fifth was Shephatiah the son of Abital.

And the sixth was Ithream, of Eglah the wife of David. These were born to David in Hebron.

- 1st son, Amnon – dead (Absalom)
- 2nd son, Chileab – never mentioned again
- 3rd son, Absalom – dead (Joab)
- 4th son, Adonijah – heir apparent

- Adonijah did not invite Solomon or those closest to David to coronation

- He did invite two key people

1 Kings 1:7 – And his words were with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest. And they helped, going after Adonijah.

○ Joab – military

- Joab killed Abner, Absalom, and Amasa

- David's curse:

2 Samuel 3:39 – And I am weak today, though anointed king. And these men, the sons of Zeruiah, are too hard for me. May YAHWEH reward the doer of the evil according to his evil!

- Strained relationship

- If Solomon became king, Joab was finished!

○ Abiathar – priest

- Perceived competition with Zadok

- With Adonijah, Abiathar would remain High Priest

Nathan's Plan:

1 Kings 1:11 – And Nathan spoke to Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon, saying, Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith reigns, and our master David does not know?

- Nathan's prophecy

2 Samuel 12:24-25 – And David comforted his wife Bathsheba. And he went in to her, and lay with her. And she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And YAHWEH loved him, and sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and called his name Jedidiah, because of YAHWEH.

- Knew Adonijah was not David's, nor God's choice

- If Adonijah took the throne, Solomon would be killed

- Problems:

- David had not publicly announced successor
- Seen as coercion due to poor health

- Naming Solomon would mean David is abdicating his throne
- Did David approve Adonijah?

Bathsheba

1 Kings 1:20-21 – And you, my master O king, the eyes of Israel are on you, to tell them who shall sit on the throne of my master the king after him.

And it will be, when my master the king lies with his fathers, my son Solomon and I, shall be offenders.

- Verse 21 – implied she and Solomon would be put to death for adultery
- Nathan supports Bathsheba's story

Who Will Be Messiah?:

1 Kings 1:23 – And they told the king, saying, Behold, Nathan the prophet! And he came in before the king and bowed to the king, his nose to the earth.

- Every king had the title, "The LORD's Anointed One"
- Anointed = *mashiach* = messiah
- Nathan saw the Messianic implications of David's successor

- 2 Samuel 7:12-16 – When your days are fulfilled, and you lie with your fathers, then I shall raise up your seed after you, who shall come out from your loins, and I shall establish his kingdom.

He shall build a house for My Name, and I shall establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

I shall be a father to him, and he shall be a son to Me. If He takes iniquity upon Himself, then I will chasten him with a rod of men, and with strokes of the sons of men.

But My mercy shall not be taken from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

And your house shall be sure, and your kingdom before me forever. Your throne shall be established forever.

- Nathan believed Solomon was the immediate, literal fulfillment of the prophecy
- Nathan knew God had chosen Solomon
- Nathan knew the prophecy also had eternal implications
- Nathan was looking toward the Messiah
- Solomon foreshadows the Second Coming and the Messianic Kingdom

False Messiah:

1 Kings 1:18 – And now, behold, Adonijah reigns. And now, my master O king, you have not known.

- Adonijah represents the Anti-Christ
- Jewish Legend: Before Messiah takes His throne, a pretender will take His place
 - Conquers the world before the real Messiah's arrival
 - Messiah defeats the false messiah
- Isaiah 11:4 – But He shall judge the poor in righteousness, and shall decide rightly for the meek of the earth. And He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and He shall cause the wicked to die with the breath of His lip.
- Rabbi Sha'ul agrees
- 2 Thessalonians 2:8 – And then "the Lawless One" will be exposed, "whom our Master Yahshua will consume by the spirit of His mouth," and will destroy by the brightness of His presence.
- Yeshua warned about false messiahs
- Matthew 24:24 – For false Messiahs and false prophets will rise up. And they will give great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen.
- Rabbi Sha'ul also warns us
- 2 Thessalonians 2:9 – His coming is due to the working of Satan in all power and miraculous signs and lying wonders,
- Yochanan refers to him as the "antichrist"
- 1 John 2:18 – Little children, it is a last hour, and as you heard that the anti-Messiah is coming, even now many anti-Messiahs have risen up, from which you know that it is a last hour.
- Didache calls him "the world-deceiver" who claims to be the son of God
- With this in mind:
 - Adonijah was falsely anointed king
 - Represents the false messiah
 - Seized power by deceit
 - The legitimate King (Messiah) was revealed
 - Those loyal to David and not invited to the coronation represent those who,
- Revelation 12:17 – And the dragon was enraged over the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, those keeping the commandments of YAHWEH, and having the testimony of Yahshua Messiah.

- They did not give allegiance to false messiah
Revelation 20:4 – And I saw thrones, and they sat on them. And judgment was given to them, and the souls of the ones having been beheaded because of the witness of Yahshua, and because of the Word of YAHWEH, and who had not worshiped the beast nor its image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand. And they lived and reigned with Messiah a thousand years.

Coronation of the King:

1 Kings 1:34 – And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet shall anoint him there as king over Israel. And you shall blow with the ram's horn and shout, Let King Solomon live!

- Three components of a coronation:

- Anointing with oil
- Blast of the shofar
- The acclamation

- Anointing with Oil

1 Kings 1:39 – And Zadok the priest took the horn of oil out of the Tabernacle and anointed Solomon. And they blew with the ram's horn, and all the people shouted, Let King Solomon live!

- Solomon's reign over Israel prefigures the Messianic Age
- Solomon's coronation also shows us the coronation of Yeshua
- Anointing oil symbolizes the Ruach HaChodesh
- The promised Davidic king who restores Israel is called "The Anointed One"
- "From the tent" = the temporary tabernacle
- Horn of oil

Exodus 30:22-25 – And YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying,

And you take spices for yourself, the best, five hundred of pure myrrh, and its half of spicy cinnamon, two hundred and fifty shekels, and two hundred and fifty of aromatic calamus; and five hundred of cassia, by the shekel of the sanctuary; and a hin of olive oil.

And you shall make it an oil of holy anointing, ointment compound, the work of a perfumer, an oil of holy anointing it shall be.

- Oil is called, "*shemen hamischah*"

- Blast of the Shofar

- Jewish tradition associates Yom Teruah with the kingship of God
- Shofar is associated with the coming of Messiah
 - Last Trumpet:
1 Corinthians 15:52 – In a moment, in the blinking of an eye, at the last trumpet⁵; for a trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall all be changed.
 - Trumpet of God:
1 Thessalonians 4:16 – Because the Master Himself shall come down from Heaven with a commanding shout of an archangel's voice, and with the trumpet of YAHWEH. And the dead in Messiah will rise again first.
 - A Great Trumpet:
Matthew 24:31 – And He will send His cherubs with a great sound of a large trumpet, and they will gather His chosen ones from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

- Acclamation of the King

- Those present express their loyalty: “Long live the King!”
 - 1 Kings 1:25 – For he has gone down today and sacrificed oxen, and fatlings, and sheep in abundance, and has called all the king's sons, and the army commanders, and Abiathar the priest. And behold, they are eating and drinking before him, and they are saying, Let King Adonijah live!
 - 1 Kings 1:39 – And Zadok the priest took the horn of oil out of the Tabernacle and anointed Solomon. And they blew with the ram's horn, and all the people shouted, Let King Solomon live!
- Confession of allegiance
Philippians 2:10-11 – that at the name of Yahshua "every knee should bow," of those in heaven, and those on earth, and those under the earth,
- Playing flutes and rejoicing
1 Kings 1:40 – And all the people came up after

him. And the people were piping with pipes, and rejoicing with great joy. And the earth was torn with their sound.

- **Psalm 98:4-5** – Shout joyfully to YAHWEH, all the earth; break out and rejoice and sing praise.
Sing praise to YAHWEH with the lyre; with the lyre and the voice of a song.
- **Psalm 148:9-14** – mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars, beasts and all livestock, creeping things and birds of the wing, kings of the earth and all people, princes and all judges of the earth, young men and virgins too, old men and youths:
Let them praise the name of YAHWEH; for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heavens.
He also lifts up the horn of His people, the praise of all His saints, of the sons of Israel, a people near to Him, HalleluYah.

Resources used:
[First Fruits of Zion, Torah Club Volume 3, Voice of the Prophets](#)