

DAVID & SOLOMON'S EARLY WISE & UNWISE DECISIONS AS KINGS

Choose those which were unwise or unbiblical.

DAVID, II Samuel 1

1.11 David kills the Amalekite

David commits **a war crime [murder]** according the Geneva Convention by taking the life of a POW without a trial after a conflict has ended.

*Implication: David would rather see Saul tortured by the Philistines than receive “mercy killing” at the hands of an enemy.

2.4,5 David's first official act as king is **to thank** those who honored Saul with a proper burial.

2.31 David **kills 360 Benjamites** and Abner's men. Civil war was almost forbidden between Jews. Strong rabbinic tradition.

3.1 David **violates pact made with Jonathan** and Saul [I Sam 20.15 cf 24.21] by fighting house of Saul “let your yea be yea.”

3.2-5 6 kids, 6 wives plus Michal, earlier & Bathsheba, later, Deut 17.17.

[all wives: Michal, Ahinoam, Abigail, Maacah, Haggith, Abigail, Eglah, Bathsheba]
David also **takes 10 concubines**. [II Sam 15.16]

3.13 David's **hasty hiring** practices.

3.21 David **hastily appoints** Abner [over Joab] to head loyalty campaign “to gather all Israel unto my Lord, the king.”

5.6 David enters Jebus, makes it his capital—later called Jerusalem.

5.8 Purges blind & crippled from Tabernacle area.

6.7-9 Uzzah dies for his error of irreverence.

David's **2-part response** to God: anger & fear.

6.23 **Spite of celibacy** toward wife Michal. This action is only allowable in Church era for intense periods of prayer. [I Cor 7.5]

SOLOMON, I Kings

1.52,53 Solomon's first official act as king. He **promises pardon** to his big brother, Adonijah, assuring him he would not be put to death for assuming the throne before Dad dies. He **violates that pardon** 25 verses later when Adonijah asks for dad's former body warmer, Abishag, to be his wife.

2.20-22 Solomon's second official act as king to **make a promise to his own Mom**.

“Ask anything Mom, the answer is “Yes.”

Bathsheba asks “Let Abishag. . .be given to Adonijah.”

Solomon swears yes, of course.

Solomon **breaks his promise** to mom four verses later [2.24]

- 2.24,27,28 Third official acts as king.
Adonijah shall be put to death this day.
had forgiven brother, Adonijah [1.51-53] - then **has him killed** [2.24]
 * Yet David had waited 20 years for the death of Saul.
- 2.34 Solomon's fourth official act as king: **obeyed his deceased father**, and ordered the death of Joab.
- 2.31 Shimei's **house arrest**, fifth.
- 2.35 Solomon's sixth official act as king **appointed Benaiah** as his henchman, and general of the army
- Solomon's seventh official act as king. Sol **put Zadok. . .in the room of Abiathar**, the priest
- 2.36 Solomon's eighth official act as king. **commanded Shimei to "Build** yourself a house. . .do not go out."
 Spitefully, **sentenced Shimei to house arrest** with death penalty for violating travel restrictions outside Jerusalem.
- 2.46 Solomon's ninth official act as king. Solomon **said to Benaiah "Go fall upon him"** [Shimei] [so Benaiah] slew him.
- 3.1 Solomon's first political undertaking as king. **Married multiple foreign wives.**
Multipied wives, loved many women. Deut 7.3-5 11.2
 * The Shulamite girl in Song of Solomon was wife # 141 [see Canticles 6.9,13]
- 3.3 Th Great "**ONLY HE SACRIFICED**. . .in high places."
- 3.26 *Saved the life* of a harlot (**did not kill** the harlot).
- 4.26 **40,000 stalls** cf. II Chron 9.25 = 4,000 stalls, Deut 17.16
 II Chron 9.25 "4,000 horse stalls for horses and chariots"
 I Kgs 10.26 "he had a thousand and four hundred chariots"
 I Kgs 4.26 "40,000 stalls of horses for his chariots"
- Ch 5-8 **Builds Temple.**
 * 5.7 **Importing cedars**, Sinful peace treaties (almost forbidden)? Exodus 23.32,33.
- Ch 7 Solomon **builds palace.**
- 11.5,7 Solomon **worshipped idols**, Ashtoreth, Molech, Chemosh, Milcom.