1 Kings - Commentaries by Norman W. Berry

Chapter-A-Day: Volume 2, 1 Kings 1, Verses 28-53, Day 141 -

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V.28-40 King, priest, and prophet (verses 28, 32) are all together. In the millennium (see your chart) this will be Christ's place. He is all three (See Rev. 19:16; Heb. 7:21-28). Solomon is proclaimed king of Israel. About the year 1015 B.C. He reigned for 40 years. God had chosen him to be a king who would be wise, make righteous decisions and rule over Israel at the time of its highest glory, prosperity, unity and peace.

V.41-53 The news of God's choice brings fear to those who wanted Adonijah to be king. He was Solomon's elder brother. He is another picture of the days which are yet to come in the tribulation ("D" on your chart) when the head of the revived Roman Empire — it is taking shape in Europe now — called the "Beast" (Rev. 13:1). Then there will be another man, the "man of sin," the "antichrist" who will try to rule the world. The Lord Jesus will suddenly appear in the sky, we believers with Him; "E" on your chart, and will destroy both these men (Rev. 19:19-21) and cast alive them alive into hell. Then the Lord Jesus will be the Ruler of the world for 1,000 years ("E" to "F" on chart). So in our chapter we see a picture of all this. Doesn't it thrill your heart to realize that the Lord Jesus will yet have His right place in this world?

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Today we go back to the Old Testament to look at more pictures! 1st and 2nd Kings are a continuation of 1st and 2nd Samuel, King David is a picture of Christ winning the wonderful victory over Satan and the power of evil; Solomon is a picture of Christ in peace, prosperity and wisdom, reigning over the earth in the millennium (see your chart).

V.1-4 Different efforts were made to keep King David alive; all human methods.

V.5-10 Even after David dies, another of his sons, Adonijah, rebels and announces himself the new king. You may remember God said that the sword would never depart from David's family because he had sinned (2 Sam. 12:10), so here it falls again. David was a good king but a poor father. He had never corrected this son. Adonijah did not want to have with him those who were devoted to God's king, David.

V.11-27 Bathsheba and Nathan seem concerned about their own welfare as well as whether Solomon should be king.

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V.11-19 The man of God cannot rest on his past faithfulness. He had the Word of God, and God Himself could not have given the angel opposite directions. The man of God disobeys through a deceiving prophet (religious teacher).

V.20-22 If we know the will of God but do not put it into practice (obey) we will lose out in our soul.

V.23-32 The prophet mourned his death. But he made no move to get out of that false center at Bethel. Do you say, yes, I know that denominations and divisions among God's people are wrong and that all Christians should be gathered only to the name of the Lord Jesus? If yes — are you carrying this out? This is the real way to bringing glory to the Lord.

V.33-34 Even after all this, Jeroboam goes on with his own planning.

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V.1-3 The Lord sends His messenger with a serious warning to those who were gathering in a false center at Bethel. When you have read these 3 verses, turn to 2 Kings 23:16-18, to see that what is said here was carried out there about 350 years later!

V.4 The king was out of his place in being at an altar. Those who are in a wrong place of worship today also lose their discernment of what God requires. The king is angry, and immediately God causes his arm to be withered.

V.6 Godly kindness to one who did not deserve this mercy.

V.7-10 A real test for the man of God after he had performed this miracle on the disobedient and rebellious king.