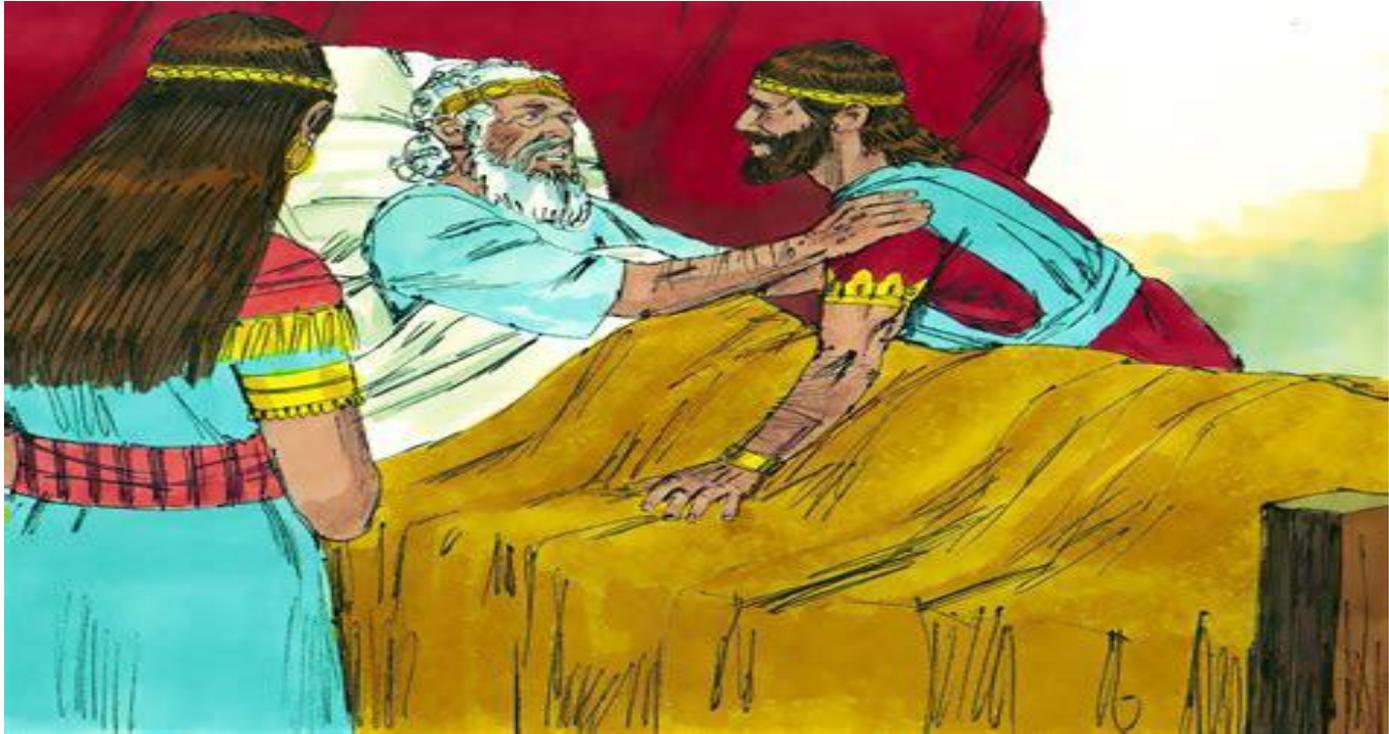


King David's Farewell



Sunday January 11, 2026

Past Lesson

- **1 Chronicles 22:1-7 (NKJV) Preparation for the House of the Lord**

¹ Then David said, "This *is* the house of the LORD God, and this *is* the altar of burnt offering for Israel."

² So David commanded to gather the aliens who *were* in the land of Israel; and he appointed masons to cut hewn stones to build the house of God.

³ And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails of the doors of the gates and for the joints, and bronze in abundance beyond measure,

⁴ and cedar trees in abundance; for the Sidonians and those from Tyre brought much cedar wood to David.

⁵ Now David said, "Solomon my son *is* young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for the LORD *must be* exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all countries. I will now make preparation for it."

So David made abundant preparations before his death.

⁶ Then he called for his son Solomon, and charged him to build a house for the LORD God of Israel.

- **1 Chronicles 23:1 (NKJV) Solomon becomes King**

¹ So when David was old and full of days, he made his son Solomon king over Israel.

- **1 Chronicles 23:2 (NKJV) Meeting of leaders**

² And he gathered together all the leaders of Israel, with the priests and the Levites.

- David gives instruction as to the building of the house of the Lord

- **1 Chronicles 28:9-12 (NKJV) Solomon, the chosen one**

⁹ "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.

¹⁰ Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it."

¹¹ Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat;

¹² and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, of all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries for the dedicated things;

- **1 Chronicles 29:22-23 (NKJV)**

²² And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed *him* before the LORD *to be* the leader, and Zadok *to be* priest.

²³ Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.

Today's Lesson

- **1 Chronicles 29:25-28 (NKJV) Solomon exalted / David's death**

²⁵ So the LORD exalted Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed on him *such* royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

²⁶ Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

²⁷ And the period that he reigned over Israel *was* forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three *years* he reigned in Jerusalem.

²⁸ So he died in a good old age, full of days and riches and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his place.

- **1 Kings 2:1-2 (NKJV)** Now the days of David drew near that he should die, and he charged Solomon his son, saying:
2 "I go the way of all the earth; be strong, therefore, and prove yourself a man.
- David knows he doesn't have much time left to live. He tells Solomon, "I go the way of all the earth." [Hebrews 9:27](#)—*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:* [Job 14:1,5](#)—*Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;*
- **1 Kings 2:3-4 (NKJV)** And keep the charge of the LORD your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn;
4 that the LORD may fulfill His word which He spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul,' He said, 'you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'

- **1 Kings 2:5-6 (NKJV)** Moreover you know also what Joab the son of Zeruah did to me, *and* what he did to the two commanders of the armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner and Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed. And he shed the blood of war in peacetime, and put the blood of war on his belt that *was* around his waist, and on his sandals that *were* on his feet.
⁶ Therefore do according to your wisdom, and do not let his gray hair go down to the grave in peace.
- **1 Kings 2:7 (NKJV)** But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table, for so they came to me when I fled from Absalom your brother.
- **1 Kings 2:8-9 (NKJV)** And see, *you have* with you Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite from Bahurim, who cursed me with a malicious curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim. But he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by the LORD, saying, 'I will not put you to death with the sword.'
⁹ Now therefore, do not hold him guiltless, for you *are* a wise man and know what you ought to do to him; but bring his gray hair down to the grave with blood."

- **1 Kings 2:10-12 (NKJV)** So David rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David. The period that David reigned over Israel *was* forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years. Then Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.
- David continues to set his house in order. Joab had shed the blood of war in peace, murdering Abner and Amasa. His wrongs have not been dealt with and this was David's final responsibility. He now gives Solomon instructions that Joab's gray head not die a natural death.
- David wants to express his gratitude for Barzillai by blessing his family. “Let them be among those who eat at your table, for so they came to me when I fled from Absalom your brother.”
- Shimei needed to be dealt with for what he did was a capital offense. **Exodus 22:28 (NKJV)** "You shall not revile God, nor curse a ruler of your people." David instructs Solomon to bring judgment upon Shimei. Shimei's sin required payment – death.
- Rom 6:23 “The wages of sin is death.”

King David's Obituary

- **1 Chronicles 2:12-15 (NKJV)**

¹² Boaz begot Obed, and Obed begot Jesse;

¹³ Jesse begot Eliab his firstborn, Abinadab the second, Shimea the third,

¹⁴ Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

¹⁵ Ozem the sixth, *and* David the seventh.

- **Ruth 4:13-17 (NKJV)**

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; ... she bore a son.And they called his name Obed. He *is* the father of Jesse, the father of David.

- **1 Samuel 16:11-13 (NKJV) Shepherd of sheep to Shepherd of God's poeple**

¹¹ And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here."

¹² So he sent and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this *is* the one!"

¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

- King Solomon was his son
- Rahab the prostitute was his great-great-grandmother
- Ruth the Moabitess was his great-grandmother
- Joab, the commander of his army, was his nephew
- Abishai, often second in command of his army, was another nephew
- Asahel, one of his mighty men, was yet another of his nephews
- Absalom, who led an uprising against David, was his son
- Amasa, who commanded Absalom's army when it fought against David, was still another nephew
- All the kings of Judah were descendants of David
- Mary, Joseph and Jesus were all descendants of David
- David had seven brothers and two sisters as well as at least eight wives and ten concubines.
- Bible names nineteen sons and one daughter, Tamar ([1 Chronicles 3:1–9](#)).
- 73 Psalms are titled "of David" in the Hebrew Bible.

- **1 Chronicles 3:1-5 (NKJV)**

¹ Now these were the sons of David who were born to him in Hebron: The firstborn was Amnon, by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, by Abigail the Carmelitess;

² the third, Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith;

³ the fifth, Shephatiah, by Abital; the sixth, Ithream, by his wife Eglah.

⁴ These six were born to him in Hebron. There he reigned seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years.

⁵ And these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon--four by Bathshua the daughter of Ammiel.

- **1 Chronicles 10:13-14 (NKJV) God turns the Kingdom to David**
¹³ So Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had committed against the LORD, because he did not keep the word of the LORD, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance.
¹⁴ But *he* did not inquire of the LORD; therefore He killed him, and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.
- **1 Chronicles 11:1-3 (NKJV)** ¹ Then all Israel came together to David at Hebron, saying, "Indeed we *are* your bone and your flesh.
² Also, in time past, even when Saul was king, you *were* the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the LORD your God said to you, 'You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over My people Israel.' "
³ Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. Then they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD by Samuel.
- **1 Chronicles 11:9 (NKJV)** Then David went on and became great, and the LORD of hosts *was* with him.

David's Faithful during Saul's Unfaithfulness

- **1 Chronicles 12:1-15 (NKJV) The list of those who came to David**
¹ Now these *were* the men who came to David at Ziklag while he was still a fugitive from Saul the son of Kish; and they *were* among the mighty men, helpers in the war,
- **1 Chronicles 12:16-18 (NKJV) David question some who came**
¹⁸ Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, chief of the captains, *and he said:* "*We are yours, O David; We are on your side, O son of Jesse! Peace, peace to you, And peace to your helpers! For your God helps you.*" So David received them, and made them captains of the troop.
- **1 Chronicles 12:22 (NKJV)**
²² For at *that* time they came to David day by day to help him, until *it was* a great army, like the army of God.

Philistine confrontation

- **1 Chronicles 14:8 (NKJV)**

⁸ Now when the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. And David heard *of it* and went out against them.

- **1 Chronicles 14:16-17 (NKJV)**

¹⁶ So David did as God commanded him, and they drove back the army of the Philistines from Gibeon as far as Gezer.

¹⁷ Then the fame of David went out into all lands, and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

Bringing of the Ark of God

- **1 Chronicles 13:3-13 (NKJV) First time man's way** ³ Let us bring the ark of our God back to us, ...⁷ So they carried the ark of God on a new cart from the house of Abinadab,they came to Chidon's threshing floor, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, for the oxen stumbled. ¹⁰ Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzza, and He struck him because he put his hand to the ark; and he died there before God..... ¹³ So David would not move the ark with him into the City of David, but took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.
- **1 Chronicles 15:1 (NKJV) Second time God's way**
¹ *David* built houses for himself in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it.
1 Chronicles 15:14-15 (NKJV)
¹⁴ So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.
¹⁵ And the children of the Levites bore the ark of God on their shoulders, by its poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

Last Words

- **2 Samuel 23:1 (NKJV)**

¹ Now these *are* the last words of David. *Thus* says David the son of Jesse; *Thus* says the man raised up on high, The anointed of the God of Jacob, And the sweet Psalmist of Israel:

- **1 Chronicles 23:27-28 (NKJV)**

²⁷ For by the last words of David the Levites *were* numbered from twenty years old and above;

²⁸ because their duty *was* to help the sons of Aaron in the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts and in the chambers, in the purifying of all holy things and the work of the service of the house of God,

- **1 Chronicles 29:10-11 (NKJV)**

¹⁰ Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and David said: "Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever.

¹¹ Yours, O LORD, *is* the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all *that is* in heaven and in earth *is Yours*; Yours *is* the kingdom, O LORD, And You are exalted as head over all.

- ¹² Both riches and honor *come* from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand *is* power and might; In Your hand *it is* to make great And to give strength to all.
¹³ "Now therefore, our God, We thank You And praise Your glorious name.
¹⁴ But who *am* I, and who *are* my people, That we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things *come* from You, And of Your own we have given You.
¹⁵ For we *are* aliens and pilgrims before You, As *were* all our fathers; Our days on earth *are* as a shadow, And without hope.
¹⁶ "O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and *is* all Your own.

- ¹⁷ I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these *things*; and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You.
¹⁸ O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and fix their heart toward You.
¹⁹ And give my son Solomon a loyal heart to keep Your commandments and Your testimonies and Your statutes, to do all *these things*, and to build the temple for which I have made provision."

The Lord is Near Calendar for December 31 2025

By awesome deeds in righteousness You will answer us, O God of our salvation ... You crown the year with Your goodness, and Your paths drip with abundance.

Psalm 65:5, 11 NKJV

The Wagon Tracks of the Lord

"You crown the year with Your goodness." As we come to the end of another year, this statement of God's grace is a common and very apt expression. As with any frequently-quoted verse, it is nice to look at the context, too. Psalm 65 is a psalm and song of David. He praises the God who hears our prayers and covers our transgressions (Ps. 65:2-3). Even though the temple was not yet built in David's lifetime, he anticipates the blessings that will satisfy all those who see God's goodness there (v. 4).

Then David reviews God's wonderful works of righteousness: establishing the mountains in strength, overruling in the strife among nations, and watering the earth so that crops and pasturelands are abundantly fruitful (vv. 5-13). The psalm's praise originates in Zion but concludes with joy among all the works of the Lord. We can say the psalm looks ahead to kingdom days, when the whole earth will be at peace, yet it is fitting to make an application to ourselves. As verse 11 says, we look back at God's goodness and see the abundance of His pathways.

The reference to His paths is quite vivid. Bible dictionaries say the word refers to a roadway of sorts, a track or trench which a farmer's wagon wheels might follow when taking produce to market. One lexicon says the verse pictures a "richly-laden cart dropping its contents in its track." One translation puts it this way: "Your wagon tracks overflow with abundance" (v. 11 esv).

At the end of another year, can we look back and see the wagon tracks of the Lord? They are well-worn paths because He has persistently been faithful; and they are overflowing because the riches of His grace drop blessings for us all along the way.

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