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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1518 ~ The Death of David.

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King David had longed to build God a wonderful temple that could house the Ark of God in a more fitting manner than it had been for the past 30 years – in a tent. God had not let David carry out this work because he had been a man of war. Instead, God said David's son Solomon would build such a temple.

This building certainly would be no ordinary place. David received all the plans directly from God and counselled Solomon to follow them exactly. David then prepared great quantities of valuable things needed to beautify the stone building, its furnishings and the utensils for worship ceremonies. The Israelite people also offered generous gifts of money towards the project and their help with the massive amount of work to be done. At this point, Solomon decided to prepare all the building materials in a different place and assemble them together at the Temple site without the use of noisy building tools.

In the Bible, the two books of Kings, Chronicles and Samuel were written as only one book each in the original Hebrew language. When they were translated into Greek, however, a third more space was needed. The translators divided the scrolls into two when they saw the scrolls were not long enough to contain a book each. As a result, we can see that the books of Chronicles tell us extra information about the kings of Israel and Judah than the books of Samuel and Kings.

Today's *Bible Adventure* starts in the first book of Kings when David was 70 years old and soon to die. The books of Kings start with the building of the Temple and end sadly with the burning of the same Temple; a period of 400 years. There is nothing written about this age apart from Bible writings, so historians are greatly interested in finding anything they can dig up from this period.

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King David called all the officials of Israel to Jerusalem. He addressed them about the plans to build the temple and that God had chosen Solomon to be the next king of Israel. David counselled Solomon in 1 Chronicles, Chapter 28: "My son, I charge you to acknowledge your father's God and to serve him with an undivided heart and a willing mind. He knows all our thoughts and desires. If you go to him, he will accept you; but if you turn away from him, he will abandon you forever."

In front of the whole gathering, David praised the Lord God of Israel. And Solomon was anointed and crowned king of Israel a second time. Solomon was the youngest of Bathsheba's four sons. All the officials and soldiers, and even David's other sons promised to be loyal to Solomon as their new king.

King David then died, at age 70. He had ruled Judah for 7 years at Hebron and then all the tribes of Israel for 33 years at Jerusalem. Many people die and their good deeds are only remembered until that generation has passed on too. But people like David have had a world-wide recognition of greatness throughout all the generations since his own time. His writings in the Bible book of Psalms have been a source of encouragement to all those who love his God.

Once new king Solomon had established good internal security for his reign, he turned his mind to other matters. Firstly, he wanted a wife for himself. Solomon sent for a princess bride from Egypt. But why did he do this? Would not an Egyptian princess bring her Egyptian idols with her and share them with Solomon?

Throughout the Bible, those who believed in our Creator God were careful about who they chose as a marriage partner for their children. Sarah spoke to Abraham about their promised son Isaac not getting a pagan wife from the local women. A servant thus brought Isaac's bride, Rebekah, a long way by camel.

In the Bible book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 7, Moses warned the Children of Israel that when they entered the Promised Land, they were not to intermarry with the pagan nations around about them. Why did he do this? "Because then [the pagans] ... would lead your children away from the Lord to worship other gods."

The Apostle Paul in his second letter to the Corinthian church, in Chapter 6, gave the same warning: "Do not try to work together as equals with unbelievers, for it cannot be done. What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? How can God's temple come to terms with pagan idols? For we are the temple of the living God!" Not only are believers in the Lord Jesus not to marry nonbelievers, they are advised not to have business partnerships with them as well.

If Solomon had been taught such principles, why didn't he choose a wife from among the Israelite women? He didn't ask the Lord who he should marry. Sometimes we don't ask God for His directions because we prefer to make our own decisions. But only God knows what is best for us. His best can help us miss many of the pitfalls of life.

The Lord Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 7, “Ask, and you will receive, seek and you will find.” He said that our Father in heaven will give good things to those who ask Him! But we need to ask in faith. If we don’t have the faith or need for something, we shouldn’t expect that God will answer our prayers.

Have you asked the Lord Jesus for the most important gift of all? Nothing is more valuable than to know with certainty that heaven is where we will spend our never-ending future after our short time on earth is over. Such a decision needs to be made here. It will be too late when we’re standing at God’s Judgment Seat. The Lord Jesus offers us mercy and forgiveness for our sins now on earth. When we understand just how much He loves us, we come to Him grieving over our sins, humbly asking Him to be our Saviour and Lord of our lives. If you already have this assurance of heaven, share this great treasure with others while there’s still time!

Solomon’s practice of making treaties with the surrounding nations by using intermarriage turned into a huge mistake. The treaties were really Solomon’s political way to keep peace with other nations. But the price of Israel’s peace was too high – it slowly turned the king’s heart away from serving the Lord. From time to time, we need to check on ourselves to see if we are growing spiritually or instead, have grown slack in our worship and service for the Lord.

During times of peace, there is a tendency to relax, take things easy and not strive towards our goals. Did you know that a little stress is good for our bodies? Too much stress destroys us but we shine when it’s tough. Our greatest impact on others is when we are going through trials. God’s strength abounds when we are weak. Let’s show our dependence on the Lord in everything we do.

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