Bible Alive 365 – Day #148

1 Kings 1-2, Psalm 37, 71, 94

1 Kings 1:1-53 Now king David was old *and* stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat. **2** Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat. **3** So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king. **4** And the damsel *was* very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not. **5** Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. **6** And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also *was a* very goodly *man;* and *his mother* bare him after Absalom. **7** And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah helped *him.* **8** But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which *belonged* to David, were not with Adonijah. **9** And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which *is* by Enrogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants: **10** But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not. **11** Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth *it* not? **12** Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon. **13** Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign? **14** Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words. **15** And Bathsheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king. **16** And Bathsheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldest thou? **17** And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, *saying,* Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. **18** And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest *it* not: **19** And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called. **20** And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel *are* upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. **21** Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders. **22** And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in. **23** And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. **24** And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? **25** For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Adonijah. **26** But me, *even* me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called. **27** Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed *it* unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him? **28** Then king David answered and said, Call me Bathsheba. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. **29** And the king sware, and said, *As* the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress, **30** Even as I sware unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me,

and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day. **31** Then Bathsheba bowed with *her* face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever. **32** And king David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king. **33** The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon: **34** And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon. **35** Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah. **36** And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so *too.* **37** As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David. **38** So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. **39** And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon. **40** And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them. **41** And Adonijah and all the guests that *were* with him heard *it* as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore *is this* noise of the city being in an uproar? **42** And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for thou *art* a valiant man, and bringest good tidings. **43** And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king. **44** And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule: **45** And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This *is* the noise that ye have heard. **46** And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom. **47** And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed. **48** And also thus said the king, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which hath given *one* to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing *it.* **49** And all the guests that *were* with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way. **50** And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. **51** And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to day that he will not slay his servant with the sword. **52** And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die. **53** So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

1 Kings 2:1-46 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, **2** I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man; **3** And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself: **4** That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel. **5** Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, *and* what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon

his girdle that *was* about his loins, and in his shoes that *were* on his feet. **6** Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace. **7** But shew kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother. **8** And, behold, *thou hast* with thee Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I sware to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword. **9** Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou *art* a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with blood. **10** So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. **11** And the days that David reigned over Israel *were* forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem. **12** Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly. **13** And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably. **14** He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on. **15** And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and *that* all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the LORD. **16** And now I ask one petition of thee, deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on. **17** And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife. **18** And Bathsheba said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king. **19** Bathsheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand. **20** Then she said, I desire one small petition of thee; *I pray thee,* say me not nay. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother: for I will not say thee nay. **21** And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife. **22** And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he *is* mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah. **23** Then king Solomon sware by the LORD, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life. **24** Now therefore, *as* the LORD liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me an house, as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day. **25** And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him that he died. **26** And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou *art* worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the Lord GOD before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted. **27** So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD; that he might fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh. **28** Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. **29** And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD; and, behold, *he is* by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him. **30** And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me. **31** And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father. **32** And the LORD shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing *thereof, to wit,* Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah. **33** Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace for ever

from the LORD. **34** So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him: and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness. **35** And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar. **36** And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither. **37** For it shall be, *that* on the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head. **38** And Shimei said unto the king, The saying *is* good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days. **39** And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, thy servants *be* in Gath. **40** And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants: and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath. **41** And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and was come again. **42** And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the LORD, and protested unto thee, saying, Know for a certain, on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, that thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, The word *that* I have heard *is* good. **43** Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the LORD, and the commandment that I have charged thee with? **44** The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore the LORD shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head; **45** And king Solomon *shall be* blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD for ever. **46** So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; which went out, and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

Psalms 37:1-40 *A Psalm* of David. Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. **2** For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. **3** Trust in the LORD, and do good; *so* shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. **4** Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. **5** Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass. **6** And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. **7** Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. **8** Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. **9** For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. **10** For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall* not *be:* yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall* not *be.* **11** But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. **12** The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. **13** The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming. **14** The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, *and* to slay such as be of upright conversation. **15** Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. **16** A little that a righteous man hath *is* better than the riches of many wicked. **17** For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous. **18** The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. **19** They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. **20** But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD *shall be* as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away. **21** The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth. **22** For *such as be* blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and *they that be* cursed of him shall be cut off. **23** The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. **24** Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him with* his hand. **25** I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. **26** *He is* ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed *is* blessed. **27** Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore. **28**

For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. **29** The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever. **30** The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. **31** The law of his God *is* in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. **32** The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him. **33** The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged. **34** Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see *it.* **35** I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. **36** Yet he passed away, and, lo, he *was* not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found. **37** Mark the perfect *man,* and behold the upright: for the end of *that* man *is* peace. **38** But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off. **39** But the salvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD: *he is* their strength in the time of trouble. **40** And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

Psalms 71:1-24 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. **2** Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me. **3** Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou *art* my rock and my fortress. **4** Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. **5** For thou *art* my hope, O Lord GOD: *thou art* my trust from my youth. **6** By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise *shall be* continually of thee. **7** I am as a wonder unto many; but thou *art* my strong refuge. **8** Let my mouth be filled *with* thy praise *and with* thy honour all the day. **9** Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth. **10** For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together, **11** Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for *there is* none to deliver *him.* **12** O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help. **13** Let them be confounded *and* consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered *with* reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt. **14** But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more. **15** My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers *thereof.* **16** I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only. **17** O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. **18** Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that* is to come. **19** Thy righteousness also, O God, *is* very high, who hast done great things: O God, who *is* like unto thee! **20** *Thou,* which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth. **21** Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side. **22** I will also praise thee with the psaltery, *even* thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel. **23** My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed. **24** My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

Psalms 94:1-23 O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself. **2** Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud. **3** LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph? **4** *How long* shall they utter *and* speak hard things? *and* all the workers of iniquity boast themselves? **5** They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage. **6** They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless. **7** Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard *it.* **8** Understand, ye brutish among the people: and *ye* fools, when will ye be wise? **9** He that planted the

ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see? **10** He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, *shall not he know?* **11** The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they *are* vanity. **12** Blessed *is* the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law; **13** That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked. **14** For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance. **15** But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it. **16** Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? *or* who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity? **17** Unless the LORD *had been* my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence. **18** When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up. **19** In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul. **20** Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law? **21** They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. **22** But the LORD is my defence; and my God *is* the rock of my refuge. **23** And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; *yea,* the LORD our God shall cut them off.