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*God's glory in the establishment of His kingdom
in and through Jesus Christ*

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Mosaic Covenant
Davidic Covenant

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¹⁴ "When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, and you possess it and live in it, and you say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations who are around me,' ¹⁵ you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses, *one* from among your countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not your countryman.

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¹⁶ Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You shall never again return that way.' ¹⁷ He shall not multiply wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself.

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¹⁸ "Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests. ¹⁹ It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes,

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²⁰ that his heart may not be lifted up above his countrymen and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that he and his sons may continue long in his kingdom in the midst of Israel.

(Deuteronomy 17:14-20)

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1. David's Weakness (v. 1-4)

- David's seeming lack of interest and action about his successor to the throne

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2. Adonijah's Coup (v. 5-10)

- reflects poorly on David as a father and king (another "Absalom-like" episode)

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3. Nathan's Intervention (v. 11-27)

- Solomon, Bathsheba's son, is the promised next king of Israel (cf. 1 Chron. 22:9-10)
- Nathan exemplifies one whose interests are on God's kingdom

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4. Solomon's Coronation (v. 28-48)

- the fulfillment of the Lord's promise to David is highlighted (2 Sam. 7)
- no mention of direct, divine intervention; only faithful, human activity

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5. Adonijah's Submission (v. 49-53)

- Solomon's throne and kingdom are secure; there are no rivals

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➤ Kingdom Truths:

1. Like Adonijah, those who exalt themselves will be humbled
2. David's greater son, Jesus the Anointed, reigns on David's throne forever