

"My conscience is captive to the Word of God. Thus I cannot and will not recant, for to act against one's conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand; I can do no other. God help me. Amen."

(Martin Luther, Diet of Worms; April 18, 1521)

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The Kingdom Established

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

The kingdom of Israel is a temporary, earthly, partial expression of God's kingdom

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1 Kings 2:1-46

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- A. David's Charge to Solomon (2:1-12)
 - 1. Follow the Lord wholeheartedly
 - · obey what is written in the law of Moses
 - this is essential for a prosperous and secure kingdom

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- A. David's Charge to Solomon (2:1-12)
 - 1. Follow the Lord wholeheartedly
 - 2. Eliminate the king's enemies
 - · how are we to judge David's words?
 - · what kind of "wisdom" is this?

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- B. Solomon's Acts of Vengeance (2:13-46)
 - 1. Adonijah is killed (v. 13-25)
 - 2. Abithar the priest is dismissed (v. 26-27)
 - 3. Joab is killed (v.28-35)
 - 4. Shemei is eventually killed (v. 36-46)

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- > How should we view these events?
 - somewhat ambiguous foreshadows what is to come with Solomon
 - mostly positive from a kingdom perspective: an assault on God's anointed king was an attack on God's kingdom

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> Kingdom Principle

God's kingdom will be established by the just judgment of all His enemies by His anointed king...Jesus

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