

## Repetition and change in Nathan's and Bathsheba's speeches to King David

NATHAN'S INSTRUCTIONS	BATHSHEBA'S SPEECH	NATHAN'S SPEECH
<p>Go in at once to King David, and say to him, '<b>Did you not, my lord the king, swear to your servant, saying: Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne? Why then is Adonijah king?</b>'</p> <p>Then while you are still there speaking with the king, I will come in after you and confirm your words."</p>	<p><b>She said to him, "My lord, you swore to your servant by YHWH your God, saying: Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne. But now suddenly Adonijah has become king, though you, my lord the king, do not know it. He has sacrificed oxen, fattened cattle, and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the children of the king, the priest Abiathar, and Joab the commander of the army; but your servant Solomon he has not invited. But you, my lord the king--the eyes of all Israel are on you to tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. Otherwise it will come to pass, when my lord the king sleeps with his ancestors, that my son Solomon and I will be counted offenders."</b></p>	<p>Nathan said, "My lord the king, <b>have you said, 'Adonijah shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne'</b>? For today <b>he has gone down and has sacrificed oxen, fattened cattle, and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's children, Joab the commander of the army, and the priest Abiathar, who are now eating and drinking before him, and saying, 'Long live King Adonijah!' But he did not invite me, your servant, and the priest Zadok, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon. Has this thing been brought about by my lord the king and you have not let your slaves know who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?"</b></p>