

## Two reports of Solomon's anointing

1 KINGS 1.36-40

[FROM THE NARRATOR]

Benaiah son of Jehoiada answered the king, "Amen! May YHWH, the God of my lord the king, so ordain. As YHWH has been with my lord the king, so may he be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David."

So the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule, and led him to Gihon. There the priest Zadok took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon. Then they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!" And all the people went up following him, playing on pipes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth quaked at their noise.

1 KINGS 1.44-48

[FROM JONATHAN, SON OF ABIATHAR]

"the king has sent with him the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and they had him ride on the king's mule; the priest Zadok and the prophet Nathan have anointed him king at Gihon; and they have gone up from there rejoicing, so that the city is in an uproar. This is the noise that you heard. Solomon now sits on the royal throne. Moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord King David, saying, 'May God make the name of Solomon greater than yours, and make his throne greater than your throne.' The king bowed in worship on the bed and went on to pray thus, 'Blessed be YHWH, the God of Israel, who today has given one of my offspring to sit on my throne and permitted my eyes to see it.'"