

#1164 The Curse of Jehoiakim and the Lineage of Jesus Christ – The Two Nathans, part 3, Righteous Nathan, the prophet to David, instigated David’s order for Solomon, the son of David, who came to represent an “unrighteous” branch, to be proclaimed King; Nathan, the son of David, came to represent a “righteous” branch

When David was near death, Nathan the prophet advised Bathsheba to tell David of the plan of David’s son Adonijah (born to Haggith in Hebron) to take the throne. Bathsheba related the news to David, who ordered that Solomon be proclaimed king (1 Kings 1:8-45).

*1 Kings 1:11-18 (NIV) Then **NATHAN** [the prophet] asked Bathsheba, Solomon’s mother, "Have you not heard that Adonijah, the son of Haggith, has become king without our lord David’s knowing it?"*

12 Now then, let me advise you how you can save your own life and the life of your son Solomon.

13 Go in to King David and say to him, ‘My lord the king, did you not swear to me your servant: "Surely Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne"? Why then has Adonijah become king?’

14 While you are still there talking to the king, I will come in and confirm what you have said."

15 So Bathsheba went to see the aged king in his room, where Abishag the Shunammite was attending him.

16 Bathsheba bowed low and knelt before the king. "What is it you want?" the king asked.

*17 She said to him, "My lord, you yourself swore to me your servant by the LORD your God: ‘**SOLOMON YOUR SON***

***SHALL BE KING AFTER ME, AND HE WILL SIT ON MY THRONE.**’*

18 But now Adonijah has become king, and you, my lord the king, do not know about it.

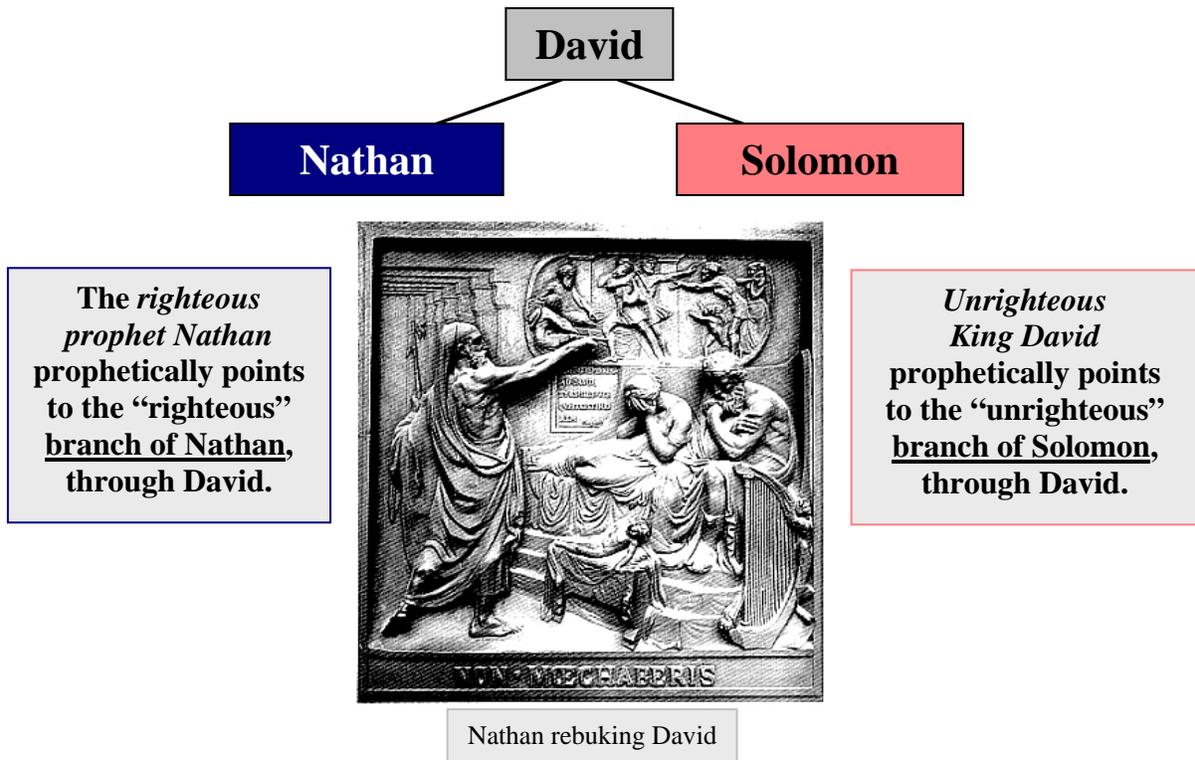


Abishag, Bathsheba, Solomon, and Nathan tend to aging David, c. 1435

Key Understanding: Nathan and Solomon. When Adonijah attempted to take the throne of David, the Lord designed that righteous Nathan, the prophet, would instigate through Bathsheba David’s order for Solomon to be proclaimed king. The irony is in the two Nathans, for the kingly branch of Solomon, the son of David, came to represent an “unrighteous” branch, while Nathan, the son of David, came to represent the “righteous” branch.

Remember, in the comparison of the prophet Nathan with David, David’s sins of adultery and murder are essentially reflected through the “unrighteous” branch of Solomon, culminating in the curses upon Jehoiakim and Jehoiachin of none of their seed sitting on

the throne of David. The righteous prophet Nathan is reflected through the “righteous” branch of Nathan.



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