



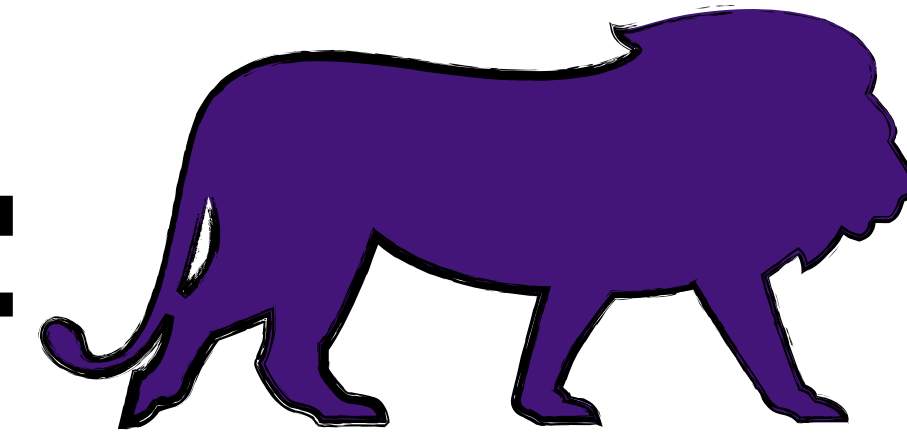
THE BOOK
OF KINGS

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Lesson 2:

David to Solomon

King of Judah



REIGN: 1010–970 BC **DYNASTY:** Davidic

FATHER: Jesse

VERSES: 1Kings 2:10–12



David was the second king of the United Kingdom of Israel. David was the youngest of Jesse's sons. He was anointed king by Samuel after Saul, the first king, disobeyed God and was rejected as king over Israel by God. God selected David to be king and made a promise to David declaring that his family, although disjointed, will never lack a king to sit on the throne. David did what was right in the eyes of God. Although he sinned, God considered him to be dedicated whole-heartedly.



David

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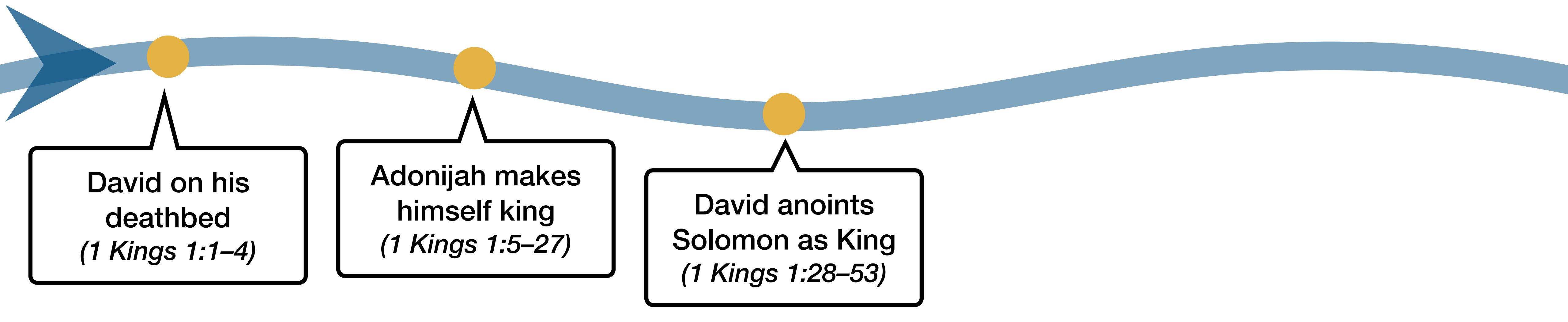
David on his deathbed
(1 Kings 1:1–4)

- The book of Kings begins by showing us David on his deathbed.
- David is the figurehead for what Israel's kings are supposed to be (1 King 15:3–5).
- We learn a few things about David's reputation from this passage:
 1. David's heart was wholly devoted to the Lord (Acts 13:22)
 2. God made a promise to David (1 Kings 11:31–39)
 3. David did what was right in the sight of the Lord, except in the case of Uriah the Hittite (2 Samuel 11–12; Matthew 1:6)

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Discussion Question:

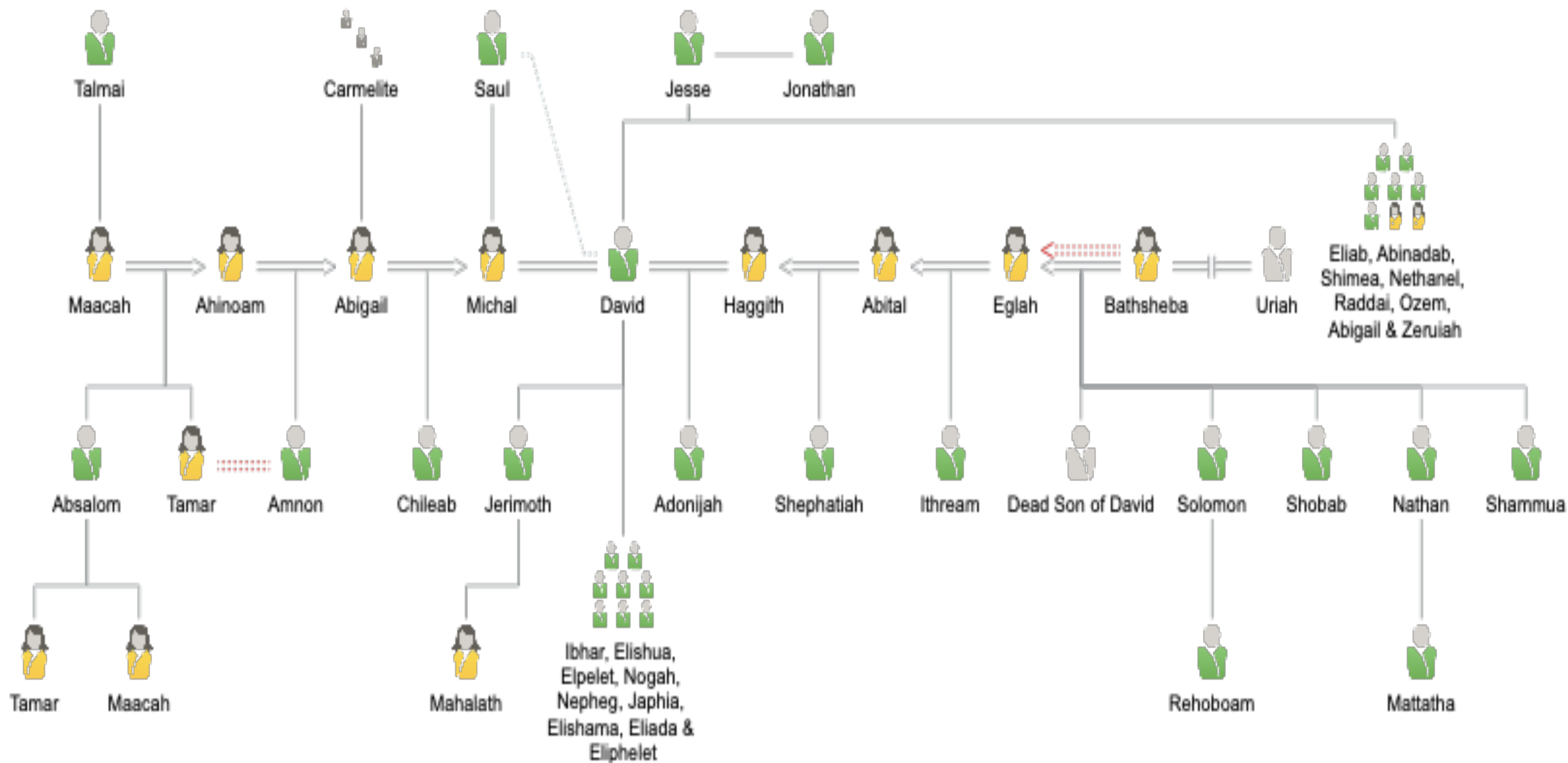
Was David perfect?

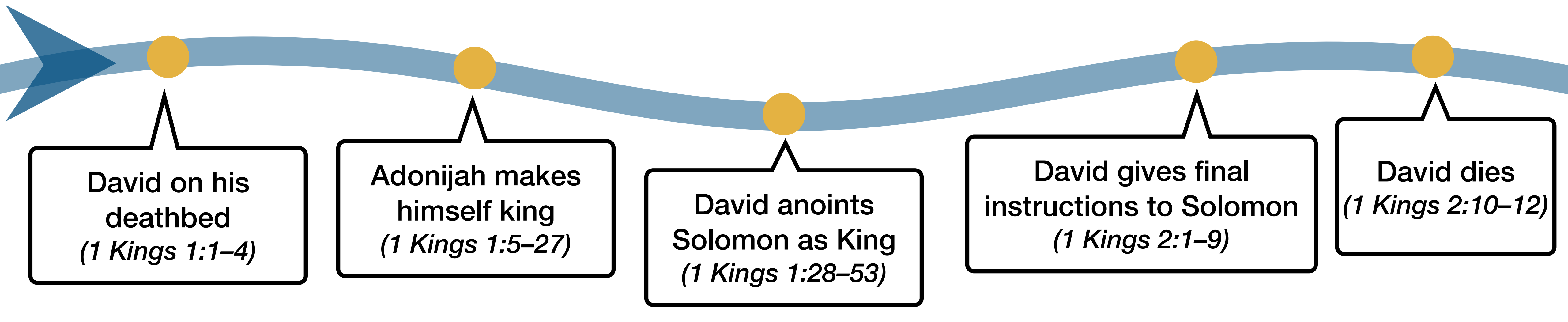


- David’s family was adversely affected by sin.
- David had many wives and many children (1 Chronicles 3:1–9).
 - What do we know about the deeds of David’s children?
- One of his sons, Adonijah, tries to make himself a self-appointed king.
 - How did David allow this to happen?
- Solomon becomes king according to the plan.

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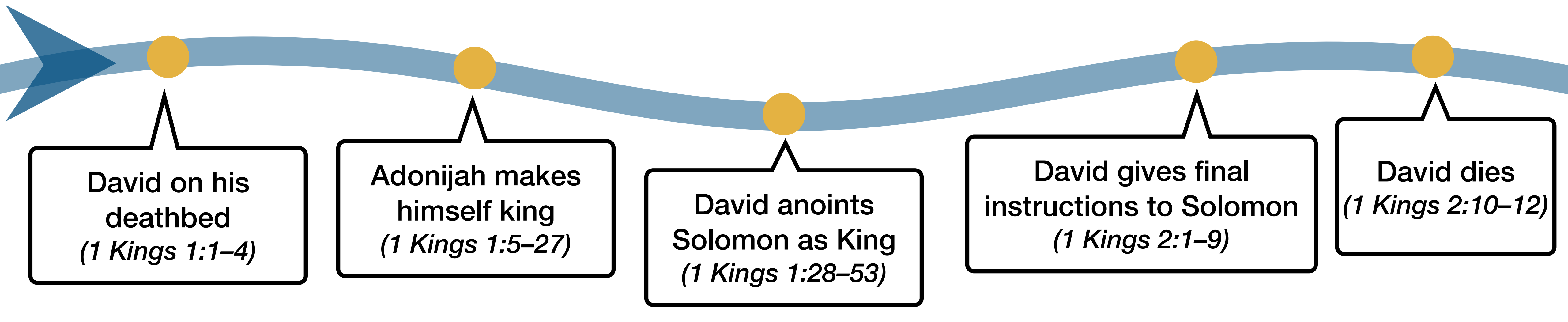
King David's Family Tree





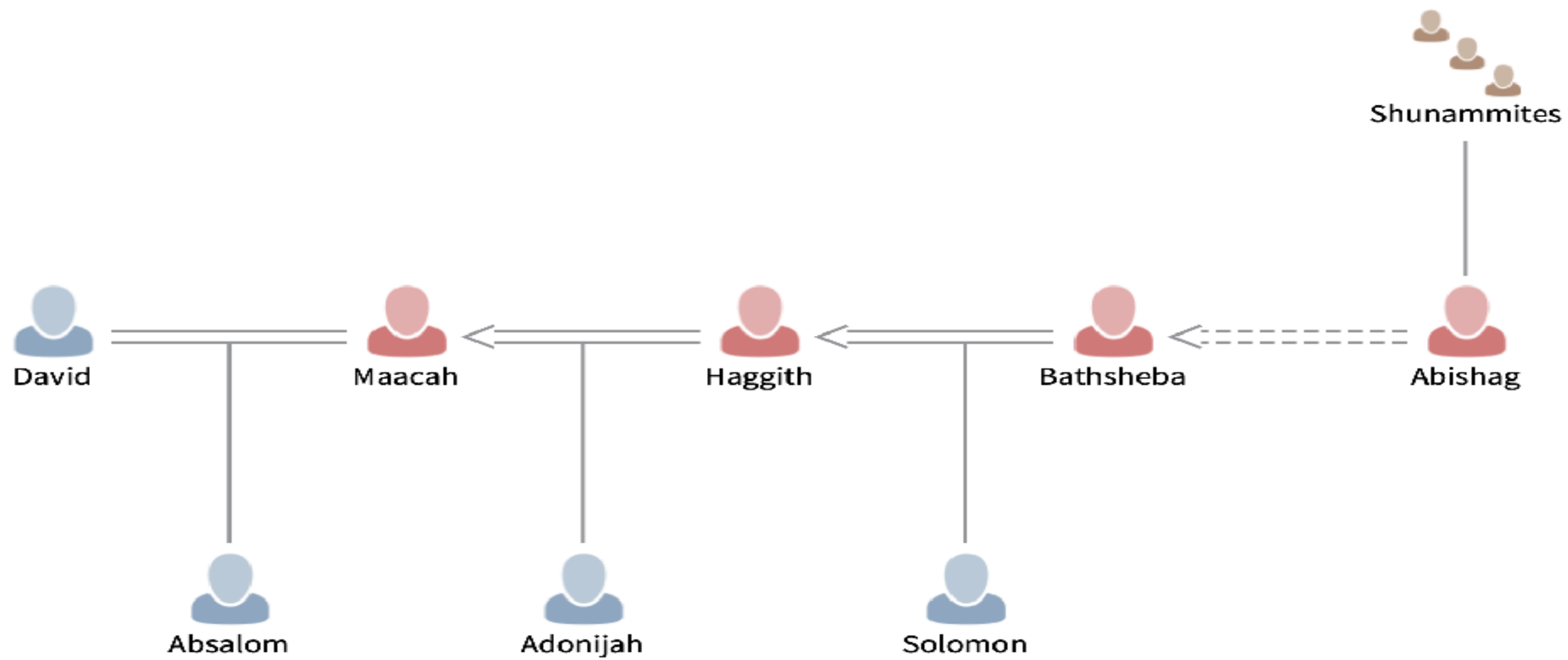
- David’s instruction to Solomon: #1 Joab the son of Zeruah
 - The problem: “Avenging in time of peace for blood that had been shed in war, and putting the blood of war on the belt around his waist on the sandals on his feet” (1 Kings 2:5).
 - Abner the son of Ner– The commander of David’s army. Used to be chief commander of David’s mighty men. Joab went rogue and killed Abner out of revenge. Abner, who helped appoint Saul’s son Ish-bosheth as king, also killed Joab’s brother. Joab sought revenge. David was displeased with Joab’s behavior (2 Samuel 2–4).
 - Amasa the son of Jether–Absalom put Amasa over the army instead of Joab. Amasa was the son of an Ishmaelite, Ithra, who had married Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister of Zeruah, Joab’s mother (i.e., Joab’s cousin, 1 Chronicles 2:16–17). Joab killed Amasa mercilessly (2 Samuel 20).
 - Advice: Act therefore according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to Sheol in peace.

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- David’s instruction to Solomon:
- #2 Sons of Barzillai the Gileadite
 - Advice: “Deal loyally. . . and let them be among those who eat at your table, for with such loyalty they met me when I fled from Absalom your brother” (1 Kings 1:7; 2 Samuel 19:31–38).
- #3 Shimei the son of Gera
 - The Problem: Shimei threw rocks at David and cursed him (2 Samuel 16:5–14).
 - Advice: “Do not hold him guiltless, for you are a wise man. You will know what you ought to do to him, and you shall bring his gray head down with blood to Sheol” (1 Kings 2:9).

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Set self up as king



Zeruiah



Joab



Abiathar

Supported Adonijah



Jehoiada



Zadok



Benaiah



Nathan



Shimei



Rei

Opposed Adonijah