

**Solomon: 1 Kings 1 -11**

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Answer the questions based on your reading.

**A. The Last Days of David**

1. Who were the two contenders to succeed David? Who aligned with each contender?
2. Aside from the stated reason, why might David want Solomon to kill Joab?

**B. The structure and purpose of the Solomon stories**

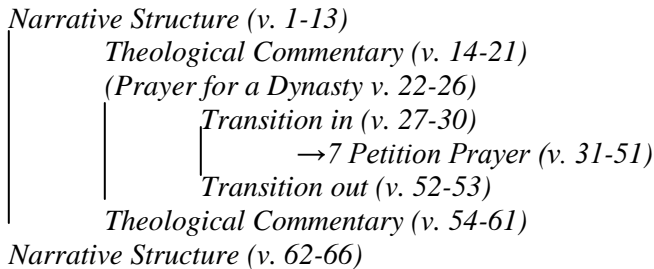
A rigid literary structure is likely to indicate a historically dubious sequence of events and an underlying literary or theological purpose. What does the Deuteronomist place at the center of his version of the reign of Solomon? Consider the following schema and fill in the third column.

First Set of Pair	Second Set	Similar Features in Each Pair
A. 3: 1-3	A1. 9: 24-25	
B. 3: 4-15	B1. 9: 1-9	
C. 4:29-34	C1. 10: 1-13	
D. 5: 1-12	D1. 9:10-14	
E. 5: 13-18	E1. 9: 15-23	

3. What occurs in the story between the first and the second *set* of the pairs? In other words, what is highlighted by this structure?

**C. Temple Dedication – 1 Kings 8**

Consider the following chiasmic structure:



4. What elements about the 7 Petition Prayer would support the argument that this was written during the Babylonian Exile (587-536 BCE)?

5. Why would Solomon’s statement about God’s dwelling place (v. 27) be important for those living in Exile?