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Adonijah lifts himself up	Jehoiachin is lifted up
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Question: who will reign after David? (strongly alludes to cov't)	Question: who will reign after David? (subtly alludes to cov't)

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For the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and on them he has set the world.
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