

2 Samuel

The Kingship of David



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Crying, Coronating, and Competing

2 Samuel 1,2

I. David's Surmounting Strength, Chapters 1-10

A. *Crying over Saul and Jonathan 1:1-27*

- 1) Where was David when he learned of Saul and Jonathan's death?
- 2) Who said he killed King Saul? Was this true?
- 3) What did he bring David?
- 4) Why did David order the man to be killed?
- 5) Research online or in a Bible Dictionary "the Book of Jasher."
- 6) Why should the news of King Saul's death not be carried to the Philistines?

B. *Coronation of David, 2:1-7*

- 7) To which city did God send David? What happened there?
- 8) Why did David send blessings to the city of Jabesh Gilead?

C. *Conflict with Abner, 2:8-32*

- 9) Who became King over the rest of Israel?
- 10) How long was David King over Judah?
- 11) What happened at the pool of Gibeon?
- 12) Who did Abner kill?
- 13) What were the casualties of the battle?

Application and Discussion:

- 1) How did David react to the death of his “enemy” Saul? How should Christians learn treat their enemies even when they come to a just end?
- 2) Joab and Abishai sought revenge for their brother’s death. Show how the pursuit of vengeance is too costly?

Betrayal: Abner, Joab, Ishbosheth

2 Samuel 3,4

D. Sons of David, 3:1-6

- 1) List the sons born to David at Hebron. Also list the names of their mothers.

E. Abner Joins David, 3:7-12

- 2) Why did Abner have a falling out with Ish-bosheth?
- 3) What did Abner promise to do for David?
- 4) What did David require of Abner?
- 5) Who was Paltiel?
- 6) What did Abner tell the elders of Israel?
- 7) What did Abner promise David?

F. Joab Murders Abner, 3:22-39

- 8) Of what did Joab accuse Abner when he came to David?

- 9) Why did Joab stab Abner?
- 10) What curse did David pronounce on Joab and his father's house?
- 11) What did David command all the people?
- 12) How did the people know that David was not behind the murder of Abner?

G. Ish-bosheth assassinated, 4:1-12

- 13) Who was Mephibosheth and why was he lame?
- 14) Who killed Ish-bosheh?
- 15) What did David do to them?

Application and Discussion:

- 1) Compare the loyalty of Abner and Joab to their kings. How is the Christian's loyalty to His King of kings like or different from theirs?
- 2) David orders the killing of the Amalekite for striking King Saul and he orders the deaths of Rechab and Baanah for killing Ish-bosheth. How is David's killing of these men different from what they had done?

Coronation of David and Conveying of Ark

2 Samuel 5,6

H. Coronation as King over All Israel, 5:1-5

- 1) How old was David when he became King of all Israel?

- 2) How long was his total reign as king?

I. Capture of Jerusalem, 5:6-10

- 3) What taunt did the Jebusites give David?

- 4) What did David call Jerusalem?

J. David's House Built and Filled with Wives and Children, 5:11-16

- 5) Who helped David build his palace?

- 6) Who was born to David at Jerusalem?

K. Philistines Defeated Twice, 5:17-25

- 7) Where did the Philistines deploy their army against David?

- 8) What did David do before he went to battle against the Philistines?

- 9) Why did they call the place of battle: Baal Perazim?

L. Uzzah Killed When Ark Transported, 6:1-10

- 10) How were they transporting the ark?
- 11) What happened when Uzzah touched the ark?
- 12) Where did the ark rest for three months?

M. Ark Brought to Jerusalem, 6:11-23

- 13) What was David doing and wearing before the ark?
- 14) Why did Michal despise David?
- 15) What consequence did Michal receive?

Application and Discussion:

- 1) Before David attacked the Philistines, he first asked the Lord what he should do. Should Christians do the same when they are about to engage in a task or face a trial? Explain.
- 2) What was David's role in Uzzah's death? How is God just in striking Uzzah dead?

Covenant with God and Conquering of Enemies

2 Samuel 7,8

N. Covenant Between God and David, 7:1-29

- 1) What did David want to do for God?
- 2) What did Nathan tell David to do?
- 3) What had God done for David?
- 4) What kind of Kingdom was God going to sent up one day through a descendant of David?
- 5) Why is Israel so special?
- 6) Why did David pray?

O. Conquering of Israel's Enemies, 8:1-14

- 7) What became of the Moabites who were not put to death?
- 8) Why did David hamstring the horses of Hadadezer?

- 9) What did David do to the Syrians?
- 10) What did the king of Hamath do when he heard of Haddadezer's defeat by David?
- 11) What did David do in Edom?

P. David's Cabinet, 8:15-18

- 12) List those whom David appoint to His cabinet and what they were over.

Application and Discussion:

- 1) David lived in a palace and he felt guilty because God only had a tent. His attitude for wanting God to be glorified is good. How might we apply David's attitude toward God today?
- 2) David subdued the enemies of God's people. God's people today have enemies. Who or what are these and how can they be "subdued"?

Compassion and Conquests

2 Samuel 9,10

Q. *Compassion Shown to Mephibosheth, 9:1-13*

- 1) Why did David want to find someone from the house of Saul to show kindness?
- 2) What kindnesses did David promise to show to Mephibosheth?
- 3) What duties did David give to Ziba and his family?

R. *Conquests Continued, 10:1-19*

- 4) Why did David send servants to Hanun of Ammon?
- 5) What did the princes of Ammon say was the motives for David sending these servants?
- 6) What did Hanun do to David's servants?
- 7) What did the Ammonites do when they recognized that David was offended by them?
- 8) What did Joab do with his brother Abishai?

- 9) What happened at the battle?
- 10) What did Hadadezer do?
- 11) What did David do to Hadadezer's army?
- 12) What did the Syrians do at this point?

Application and Discussion:

- 1) David showed kindness to his friend's crippled son. What should Christians do for those who have special problems and needs?
- 2) Joab and Abishai were commanders in battle. They agreed to help each other out if they were in trouble. What can fellow-Christians do to support one another when battling with temptations?

Crimes and Confessions

2 Samuel 11,12

II. David's Sins, chapters 11,12

A. *Coveting Bathsheba, 11:1-5*

- 1) What time of year was it when this story takes place? What light would this shed on the temptation of David?

- 2) What did David see from the roof of his house?

- 3) How did she respond to the messengers sent from David?

- 4) What does it mean "for she was cleansed from her impurity"?

- 5) What message did she send to David?

B. *Covering Up Adultery, 11:6-13*

- 6) Where did David send Uriah when he came back from the battle with the Ammonites? Where did he go? Why?

- 7) What happened when David got Uriah drunk?

C. Committing Murder, 11:14-27

- 8) What did David tell Joab to do with Uriah?
- 9) Who was Abimelech? Why did Joab tell his servant to mention this story to David?
- 10) What message was sent back to Joab?
- 11) What became of Bathsheba?

D. Confession to the Lord, 12:1-14

- 12) In Nathan's story to David who represented the rich man?
- 13) Who represented the lamb?
- 14) What did David say should be done?
- 15) What consequences were to come upon David for his sins?

E. Consequences Begin, 12:15-23

- 16) How did David react to the sickness of his infant son?
- 17) How did David react to the death of His son? Why?

F. Comfort Comes, 12:24,25

- 18) Who was born to David and Bathsheba?
- 19) What other name was he given? What does it mean?

G. Conquering of Ammon, 12:26-31

- 20) Why did Joab call David to come capture Rabbah?
- 21) What spoils did David take from the city?
- 22) What did David do with the people of Ammon?

Application and Discussion:

- 1) What role did Bathsheba play in David's sin? What should she have done differently?
- 2) David accepted the death of his son as a punishment for his sins. How should Christians respond to the suffering of consequences for their sins?

Rape, Revenge, Running, Request, Return

2 Samuel 13,14

III. David's Struggles, chapters 13-20

A. Rape of Tamar by Amnon, 13:1-19

- 1) Why was Amnon sick?
- 2) Why plan did Jonadab give Amnon?
- 3) Why would Tamar not "lay" with Amnon?
- 4) What consequences did Tamar point out to Amnon, if he were to force her to "lay" with him?
- 5) How did Amnon view Tamar after he raped her?

B. Revenge on Amnon by Absalom, 13:20-33

- 6) How did Tamar respond to Amnon's treatment of her?
- 7) Where did Absalom want the King and his sons to go?
- 8) What did Absalom tell his servants to do?
- 9) Why did King David tear his clothes?

10) What did Jonadab tell David?

C. Running Away, 13:34-39

11) To where did Absalom flee? How long? How did David react to this?

D. Request to the King, 14:1-20

12) Who sent the woman of Tekoa to David?

13) What was her story?

14) What did David promise her?

15) Of what did she accuse David?

D. Return of Absalom, 14:21-33

16) What did David tell Joab to do?

17) Why did Absalom set Joab's field on fire?

18) How long was Absalom in Jerusalem before he was able to see his father?

Application and Discussion:

1) Amnon's friend gave him bad advice. List other Bible example of those who received bad advice.

2) The wise woman enlisted by Joab told several lies to David. Was this justified? Explain.

Absalom's Rebellion

2 Samuel 15,16

E. Absalom's Revolution, 15:1-12

- 1) What did Absalom prepare to go before him?
- 2) How was he able to steal the hearts of the people?
- 3) Why did Absalom request of the King to go to Hebron?

F. David Flees Jerusalem, 15:13-37

- 4) Why did King David decide to flee?
- 5) Who did David leave behind?
- 6) Who came with David out of Jerusalem?
- 7) Why did David have the priests return the ark to Jerusalem?
- 8) What did David say about his counselor, Ahithophel?
- 9) Where did David stop to worship God?

- 10) Why did David send Hushai to Absalom? Through whom was he to pass information back to David?

G. Ziba Brings Aid to David, 16:1-5

- 11) What did Ziba bring David?

H. Shimei Curses David, 16:6-14

- 12) According to Shimei why did Absalom's rebellion come upon David?

- 13) Why did David command that Shimei be left alone?

I. Absalom Comes to Jerusalem, 16:15-23

- 14) Was Hushai honest about his loyalty to Absalom?

- 15) What advice did Ahithophel give to Absalom?

Application and Discussion:

- 1) Sometimes even great heroes like David need to flee from their enemies. List some things Christians should flee.
- 2) David was reviled by Shimei. How did others want him to respond? How should we respond to those who verbally assault our character?

Absalom's Defeat and Death

2 Samuel 17,18

J. Ahithophel's Advice Versus Hushai's Advice to Absalom, 17:1-14

- 1) What did Ahithopel want to do?
- 2) How did Hushai describe David?
- 3) What was the Lord's role in all this advice giving?

K. David Is Warned, 17:15-23

- 4) How did David get the information from Hushai?
- 5) How did Ahimaaz and Jonathan escape Absalom's servants?
- 6) What did Ahithophel do when his advice was not followed?

L. Absalom's Army in Pursuit, 17:24-26

- 7) Who did Absalom make captain of his army? How was he related to Joab?

M. David Receives Supplies, 17:27-29

- 8) Who fed David and his people in the wilderness?

N. Battle with Absalom, 18:1-8

- 9) Who were David's three captains?
- 10) What special order did David give these captains?

O. Death of Absalom, 18:9-18

- 11) What happen to Absalom's hair?
- 12) Who killed Absalom?
- 13) Why had Absalom build "Absalom's Monument"?

P. David Mourns for Absalom, 18:19-33

- 14) Who told David that Absalom was dead?
- 15) How did David react to the news of Absalom's death?

Application and Discussion:

- 1) Ahithophel committed suicide when his advice was rejected. List other Bible examples of suicides or attempted suicides. What were their reasons?
- 2) David wept at the new of his rebellious son's death. How should Christians responded to news of the deaths of those who are rebellious against God?

David Returns to Jerusalem and Sheba's Rebellion

2 Samuel 19,20

Q. *David is Encouraged by Joab, 19:1-8*

- 1) What did Joab accuse David of doing with regard to the people and his son?
- 2) How did David respond to Joab's advice?

R. *David Returns to Jerusalem, 19:9-43*

- 3) What did David promise Amasa?
- 4) What did David promise Shimei?
- 5) Why did Mephibosheth fail to follow David when he fled from Absalom?
- 6) How old was Barzillai? What role does his age play in his refuse to accept David's invitation and reward?
- 7) Over what did the men of Israel and men of Judah get into an argument?

S. *Sheba's Rebellion, 20:1-22*

- 8) What reason did Sheba give for his rebellion against David?

- 9) What duty did David give Amasa? Who killed Amasa?
- 10) Where did Joab and the army besiege Sheba?
- 11) How did a wise woman save here city?
- 12) List those who made up the cabinet of David and the positions they held (see vv. 23-26).

Application and Discussion:

- 1) Twice in this chapter individuals rejected the kind rewards and gifts of King David. Is it proper for Christians to reject gifts and rewards from others? Explain.
- 2) Joab killed Abner, Absalom, and Amasa. Why did he do it? Was any of these justified?

The Famine and the Thanksgiving Psalm

2 Samuel 21,22

IV. David's Appendix, Chapters 21-24

A. The Famine and Its Termination, 21:1-14

- 1) Why had God sent a famine in the land for three years?
- 2) Who were the Gibeonites?
- 3) What did the Gibeonites request of David to make restitution?
- 4) Who did David spare and why?
- 5) Whose bones did David recover and re-bury?
- 6) When did the famine end?

B. Philistine Giants Killed, 21:15-22

- 7) Who thought he could kill David? What was unique about him?
- 8) Who killed Goliath's brother?
- 9) What was so unique about the giant killed by Jonathan?

C. *David's Thanksgiving Psalm, 22:1-51*

- 10) What things does David use to describe the Lord God in verses 2-3?
- 11) What is God likened to in verse 9?
- 12) Why did God reward David? (vv. 21-25)
- 13) How was David able to defeat his enemies? (vv. 40f).
- 14) Why will David give thanks and sing praises?

Application and Discussion:

- 1) Chapter twenty-one makes a big deal about the killing of giants. What "giants" must Christians face in their lives and how do they slay them?
- 2) How does God show Himself merciful to those who are merciful; blameless to the blameless; pure to the pure, shrewd to the devious? (see vv. 26,27).

David' Mighty Men and the Census

2 Samuel 23, 24

D. Last words of David, 23:1-7

- 1) What must a ruler be?
- 2) What will become of the sons of rebellion?

E. David's Mighty Men, 23:8-38

- 3) What had Adino done?
- 4) Who was the son of Dodo?
- 5) Where did Shamman defeat the Philistines?
- 6) What did David do with water brought to him by mighty men of valor from the well at Bethlehem? Why?
- 7) What had Abishai done?
- 8) What three feats were accomplished by Benaiah?
- 9) What happened to Uriah the Hittite?
- 10) How many mighty men in all?

F. David's Census and Its Consequences, 24:1-25

- 11) Who did David send out to number the people? Did he want to do it?
- 12) How long did it take?
- 13) How did David react after the census was done?
- 14) What three punishments did David have to choose from?
- 15) How many died from the plague?
- 16) Where was it stopped?
- 17) What amount did David pay for Araunah's threshing floor?

Application and Discussion:

- 1) God's mighty men of today do not kill. What are the heroic deeds of the mighty men among God's children today?
- 2) How is it that God was involved in David numbering the people and yet punished him for doing so?

Review

1 & 2 Samuel