

A User's Guide to 2 Samuel, Part 2

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BOOK INTRODUCTION: *2 Samuel opens in the year 1011 BC. David hears the news of Israel's defeat by the Philistines; and, of the deaths of Saul (who HATED David) and Jonathan (who LOVED him). A power struggle ensued between David and Saul's family. David, at age 30, assumed power over Judah, and ruled for SEVEN and ½ years from Hebron. Meanwhile, Saul's commander, Abner, supported ISH-BOSHETH, a son of Saul, who ruled the rest of Israel for TWO years. David was 32 when Abner brought the rest of Israel under his control. Then, at age 37, David captured the Jebusite stronghold of JERUSALEM, and made that his capital (and the rest is history!). The book of 2 Samuel covers David's event-filled 40-year reign, the good, the bad and the ugly (1011-971 BC). And, in case you're wondering why his story matters so much, read the first verse of the New Testament. The first fact we learn about Jesus the Messiah is that He was "the SON of DAVID"!*

BOOK OUTLINE with embedded highlights:

2 Samuel 1-4 David's Kingdom ESTABLISHED at last!

1 The news of the lost battle reaches David

2:1-7 David made king of Judah in HEBRON

2:8-4:12 The struggle for the throne – David PREVAILS over Ish-bosheth

A. *Instead of being a bridge-BURNER, David wisely became a bridge-BUILDER! (1 Sam 24 & 26; 2 Sam 3:31-38; 4:10-12; 5:1-5)*

David gives us a beautiful O.T. EXAMPLE of a N.T. teaching! Rom 12:17-21!

2 Samuel 5-10 David's TRIUMPHS

5 David RECEIVES all Israel/TAKES Jerusalem

6 David establishes Jerusalem as his capital

B. *Putting the cart before the LAW! (6:1-9; Ex 25:14-15; Num 4:15; 7:9; Deut 31:1)*

Good INTENTIONS are no substitute for CAREFUL obedience! (1 Sam 15:22-23)

7 _____ plans for a _____ house!

C. *David's _____-term plan meets God's _____-term plan! (Ch 7)*

✧ *David's plan: "I will make a _____ for _____" (7:1-3)*

✧ *The LORD's plan: "No, I will make _____ a _____!" (7:4-17)*

✧ *The "_____ " fulfillment in the royal lineage (from _____ to Jehoiachin)*

✧ *The "_____ " fulfillment in _____ and His Kingdom (Mat 16:18-19; Luke 1:31-33; Isaiah 2:2-3; 9:6-7; Psalm 127:1)*

8-10 David _____ the surrounding nations

D. *David honors the memory of his _____ by honoring his _____ son, _____! (4:4; 9:1-13; 16:1-4; 19:24-30)*

2 Samuel 11-12 David's Tr_____

11 The sin, the _____, the _____, the stolen _____

12 Con_____, con_____ & con_____

2 Samuel 13-24 David's Tr_____

13 _____ trouble - Amnon, Tamar & Absalom

14-20 Two "revolting" incidents - first _____, then _____

E. ELI → SAMUEL → DAVID: Good men, but _____ - _____ good fathers!

ELI (1 Sam 1:3; 2:12-17,22-25,29; 3:13)

SAMUEL (1 Sam 2:11; 8:1-3,5)

DAVID (2 Sam 13:1-11,21; 14:21-24; 28-33; 1 Kings 1:5-6)

QUESTION: Just coincidence? Or, _____? (Prov 22:6; Eph 6:4)

21 Righting a _____ to end a famine

22 David's song of _____ (See Ps 18)

23 David's "_____ words"/David's _____ men

24 A _____ census, a perilous plague

EXTRA: For more on David's life read 1 Kings 1-2; 1 Chronicles 10-29 and the Psalms (about 2/3rds of which David wrote!). David's name is mentioned _____ times in the Bible, more times than any other name except God, the LORD and Jesus (____ times) Christ (____ times)!