

# OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

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## *2 Samuel*

# INTRODUCTION

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*Title:* Hebrew: “Samuel”

LXX: “I & II Kingdoms”

Vulgate: “I & II Kings”

*Theme:* David’s Reign as King

*Purpose:* Yahweh established a human monarchy over His theocratic nation Israel and guaranteed its future in His Covenant with David.

# INTRODUCTION

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*Date of Events of 1-2 Samuel:*

From the Birth of Samuel (c. 1110 BC)  
to the last words of David (c. 970 BC)  
[ca. 140 years]

# OUTLINE

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- I. The Triumphs of David (1-10)
  - A. Political Triumphs (1-5)
  - B. Spiritual Triumphs (6-7)
  - C. Military Triumphs (8-10)

# OUTLINE

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## II. The Transgressions of David (11-12)

A. His Adultery (11:1-5)

B. His Murder (11:6-27)

C. His Response (12:1-31)

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## III. The Troubles of David (13-24)

A. In David's House (13:1-36)

B. In David's Kingdom (13:37 - 24)

# KEY CHAPTERS

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- 5 David as King over all Israel
- 6 The Ark returned to Jerusalem
- 7 Davidic covenant
- 11 Bathsheba
- 12 Nathan rebukes David
- 13-20 Absalom's exile and revolt
- 24 David numbers the people

# KEY PASSAGES

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7:8-16 Davidic Covenant

12:23 David's hope of joining his departed child

24:24 Against giving the Lord what costs  
nothing



# KEY PEOPLE

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**David** - second King of Israel; son of Jesse; man after God's own heart.

**Absalom** - third son of David, who revolted; avenged his sister Tamar by killing Amnon his brother; was killed by Joab.

**Joab** - David's nephew and commander of David's army; killed Abner.

# KEY PEOPLE

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**Ahithophel** - Counselor of David; defected with Absalom; God made his counsel foolish to Absalom; hanged himself because of his rejected counsel.

**Nathan** – prophet who rebuked David for his sins

# HELPFUL RESOURCES

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- Dale Ralph Davis, *2 Samuel: Out of Every Adversity*.
- Robert D. Bergen, *I, II Samuel* (New American Commentary).

# SELECTED INTERPRETIVE PROBLEMS

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1. David's Seed (7:11b-16)
  - A. Solomon Only
  - B. Solomon Foreshadowing the Messiah
  - C. Both Individual Descendants and the Ongoing Line of David Culminating in Jesus
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