



2 Samuel

Jesus Christ, Our King

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Book of 2 Samuel

The Septuagint considered 1 & 2 Samuel and 1 & 2 Kings one unified composition, "The Book of Kingdoms."

The 4 subparts of the book are Kingdoms Alpha, Kingdoms Beta, Kingdoms Gamma, Kingdoms Delta.

In modern Hebrew Bibles the 4 books are called *Sh'mu'el Alef*, *Sh'mu'el Bet*, *M'lakhim Alef*, *M'lakhim Bet*.

F-L-I-G-H-T

F – As with 1 Samuel, the author of 2 Samuel is unknown. Some have suggested that Samuel, Nathan, & Gad are responsible for recording the information in the books.

L – David went from shepherding livestock to serving as God's sovereign king in Israel. Following a Philistine invasion, Saul was killed, along with his sons. This opened the door for David, whom Samuel had anointed some 20 years before, to rise to the throne.

F-L-I-G-H-T

I – David's Triumphs (1-10), David's Transgressions (11-12), David's Troubles (13-24)

G – God promises he will build David a house – a lineage or dynasty – which will last forever. David prefigures the greater Son of David, Jesus Christ. As David wept over Saul & refused to scorn him, so Jesus wept over Jerusalem, the city that would reject him & eventually kill him.

F - L - I - G - H - T

H – During this period in Israel’s history (1010-970 BC), David conquered many of Israel’s enemies, ultimately making Jerusalem his royal city & Zion the religious center of the nation.

T – The book shows how even the best people can fall into sin & how God is willing to forgive & help deal with the consequences. Forgive because God forgave you. Make forgiveness – both offering it & receiving it – a priority in your life.

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Rise and Decline

SAUL (1 Samuel 9-31)

13-15

DAVID (1 Samuel 16- 1 KINGS 2)

2 Sam. 11-12

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Characters in 2 Samuel

- Abner – commander of Saul’s army, after the death of Saul backed Saul’s son but later switched to David’s side, murdered by Joab
- Joab – commander of David’s army, was David’s nephew, brothers: Abishai, Asahel
- Zadok – priest under David (along with Abiathar), was descendent of Eleazar (Aaron’s eldest son)

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David’s Wives & Children

David	m. Michal	
	m. Ahinoam	→ Amnon
	m. Abigail	→ Daniel
	m. Maacah	→ Absalom
		→ Tamar
	m. Haggith	→ Adonijah
	m. Abital	→ Shephatiah
	m. Eglah	→ Ithream
	m. Bathsheba	→ Shammua
		→ Shobab
		→ Nathan
		→ Solomon
	m. [others]	→ [others]

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“House” in 2 Samuel 7

- house = royal palace (vv. 1,2)
- house = temple (vv. 5,6,7,13)
- house = royal dynasty (vv. 11,16,19,25,26,27,29)
- house = family (v. 18)

Lessons from 2 Samuel 7

- We have to accept the possibility that God may say no to some of our loftiest, noblest dreams & aspirations. When God says “no” it is not necessarily rejection but redirection.
- When God says no, it does not necessarily mean we are sinful. It may only indicate that the best of us are fallible. And fallibility must not be confused with sinfulness.

Lessons from 2 Samuel 7

- God’s plans for us are infinitely greater than any plans we have for God.
- David is interested in a project (building a house); God is interested in people (building a household).
- David is interested in achieving; God wants teach him something about receiving. For many it is difficult to receive.

David’s Sons Were...?

KJV ...and David's sons were **chief rulers**. (1 Sam. 8:18b)

NASB ...and David’s sons were **chief ministers**. (1 Sam. 8:18b)

HCSB ...and David’s sons were **chief officials**. (1 Sam. 8:18b)

ESV ...and David's sons were **priests**. (1 Sam. 8:18b)

Hebrew *kohanim* = priests!

Three Washings

“He saw a woman washing.” (11:2)
 David to Uriah: “Go down to your house, and wash your feet.” (11:8)
 “Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin...wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.” (Psalm 51:2,7)
 God needs to wash the one who observed a washing & tried to encourage another washing.

“the sword shall never depart”

David loses, in tragic contexts, four of his sons to death:

- Bathsheba’s first child (12:18)
- Amnon (13:29)
- Absalom (18:14-15)
- Adonijah (1 Kings 2:25)

David and Jesus

Ahithophel	Judas
David crosses the Kidron	Jesus crosses the Kidron
David goes to the Mount of Olives	Jesus goes to the Mount of Olives
Ahithophel betrays David	Judas betrays Jesus
Ahithophel commits suicide by hanging	Judas commits suicide by hanging

Beginning & Ending Poems

<u>1 Sam.</u> <u>1:1-28</u>	<u>1 Sam.</u> <u>2:1-10</u>	<u>2 Sam.</u> <u>22:1-51</u> <u>23:1-7</u>	<u>2 Sam.</u> <u>24:1-25</u>
<i>narrative</i>	<i>poem</i>	<i>poem</i>	<i>narrative</i>
barren woman blessed and exalted	new mother responds in thanksgiving and exalts God	triumphant king gives thanks for victories	self-exalting king judged and abased