

What do you think of David's choice in v14?



SECOND SAMUEL 1-5 DAVID IS ESTABLISHED AS KING

Compare the establishment of Saul's kingship with that of David. (See 1 Sam 16:12-13, 2 Sam 2:4, 5:1-5)

What good examples does David give in what he says and does in this chapter?

What evidence do you find in 5:12, 19-25 that this was still God's Kingdom?

Looking back over 2 Samuel...
What have been the highlights for you?

What did David do which would have endeared him to Saul's followers? (1:11, 14-27. 3:26 & 28, 31-40. 4:8-12)

What have you learned?

David again consulted God in 2:1. Have there been times when you have asked God about where you should live, which church you should go to, when you should go on holiday. Is God interested in all these things?

What have you decided to do as a result of what you have learned?

Who was really king of Israel? 3:6-11

The Old Testament often reports events without comment. What was the cause of the heartache of David's reclaiming Michal (Chapter 3). Can blame be placed anywhere?

How does the writer distance David from the murder of Abner? (3:26 & 28, 31-40)

How does David distance himself from Isbaal's murder?

FOR NEXT WEEK: 2 SAMUEL 6-7



2 SAMUEL 23-24 LAST WORDS

How is the prophecy of Samuel (1 Samuel 12:14) fulfilled in 23:2-7?

How is the rule of Jesus' Kingdom reflected in 23:2-7?

If all Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for our learning, what does 23:8-39 teach us?

What was wrong with taking a census (Chapter 24)? (Verse 3 may be a clue)

When are you tempted to behave in a similar way and how can you guard against it?

Which words speak of security in that power?



**2 SAMUEL 6-7
ARK, TEMPLE & COVENANT**

**Compare 6:3 with Numbers 3:27-32 and 4:1-20
What did they do wrong and what was the effect (6:6-7,
9)? What do you learn about holiness and obedience in
this passage? Does God still deal with us in this way?**

Why did God rescue David? (v20)

Do you feel that God feels that way about you?

**Verses 26-30 show God responding in kind to people.
Does God still repay good for good and evil for evil?**

Do you think David behaved badly (6:9)?

**“God is no man’s debtor” What has God done for David
(chapter 7)**

**In light of verses 33-37 is there a time when God has
helped you to do what seemed impossible at the time?**

**Share the part of this Psalm which appeals or speaks to you
the most.**

**Jot down some of the ways God has blessed you in the
past week.**

FOR NEXT WEEK: 2 SAMUEL 23-24

God enters into a covenant with David (7:8-17)
 What has God done? What will God do?

What is David's response? (v18-29)

What does he say about God?

Compare other Biblical covenants.
FOR NEXT WEEK: 2 SAMUEL 8-12

What God has done What he will do Rersponse

Noah Gen 9:1-17			
Abraham Gen 12:1-3 chapter 15 & 17			
Moses Exo 19:1-6 Exo 20:1-17 Deu 26:16-19 Deu 28			
Us 1 Cor 11:23-6 Rom 5:1-11			



2 SAMUEL 21 PUTTING WRONGS RIGHT

From 21:1 to 24:25 was added as an appendix to First and Second Samuel. There is no special chronological order, but the structure gives emphasis to the two songs of David (22:2-51 and 23:1-7).

In light of 21:1&14 what do you think of the idea that widespread disease, drought and other "natural" disasters may be the judgement of God?

Are the sins of the fathers still visited upon the children? (Compare Numbers 14:18 with Jeremiah 31:27-31)

2 SAMUEL 22 A SONG OF TRIUMPH TO GOD

In this song (Psalm 18) which words emphasize the power and awesomeness of God?

In what ways was David's return to Jerusalem like the coming of God's Kingdom through Jesus Christ? (eg Mat 3:2-3, Rom 5:11, 2 Cor 5:18-19)



2 SAMUEL 8-12 THE TWO SIDES OF DAVID

In chapter eight how is God honoured in the victories?

What do we learn of Joab's character in chapters 17-20?

In what practical ways may we honour God?

In chapters 17-20 there is much advice given. Which is good and which is bad?

What was good about David's dealings with Mephibosheth? What would be the advantages?

How may we be wise?

In chapter 11 how does one thing lead to another with sin? How may we guard against such a sequence of events?

How may we recognise wise advice?

When did someone's good advice help you?

NEXT WEEK: 2 SAMUEL 21-22

How does Nathan enable David to realise his sin? Are there lessons we can learn about dealing with sin in others?

Saul was deposed for offering sacrifices. Why was David allowed to continue after committing adultery and murder? Does he get off too lightly?

Should leaders who commit adultery be allowed to continue in leadership if they truly repent?

What does 12:15-25 tell you about God and about David? (Compare also 7:14-15)

FOR NEXT WEEK: 2 SAMUEL 13-16



2 SAMUEL 17-20 GOOD AND BAD ADVICE

How is David's prayer of 15:31 fulfilled?

Why do you think Ahithophel takes such drastic action? (13:23)

What were the various results of Absalom's desire for power?

**Who was responsible for what happened...
Absalom,
or David, for whom this was judgement,
or God, who pronounced the judgement by Nathan?**

Almost all conflict in churches arises from power struggles (though often masked by other issues). How may we guard against such things, in ourselves and in our church life?



2 SAMUEL 13-16

TROUBLE IN DAVID'S HOUSE

How was Amnon's rape of Tamar dealt with? What did David do? In David's place, what would you do?

Why do you think that David capitulates without a fight? (compare 16:10-13)

What do think of the woman's words in 14:14?

How does Absalom's rise to influence and power contrast with that of his father, David?

When conflict rages opportunists emerge. How does Ziba seek to make the most of the situation? (16:1-4)

How have we seen Nathan's prophecy fulfilled so far?

If you had asked him, how might Absalom have justified his actions?

FOR NEXT WEEK: 2 SAMUEL