

An Old Testament Glance

The History Books – 2 Samuel, Part 1

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2 Samuel 22-24	The End of David's Life

The first thing mentioned in 2 Samuel is the death of King Saul & his son, Jonathan.

1. How did David respond to this news? (2 Samuel 1:11-12)

You wouldn't think that David would care about the death of King Saul. You might even think that David would be glad. Saul tried to kill David several times & chased him all over Israel.

King Saul was God's anointed; he was God's choice at the time; he was in God's will & plan. David knew that.

2. Do you respond in gratitude & obedience to God's will & leading even when you don't like it? _____ Explain how you handle this in your life.

3. What happened in 2 Samuel 2:4? _____

The people at the ceremony for David publicly announced that David:

- a. Was blessed of the Lord (2:5)
- b. Showed kindness to King Saul & his family (2:5)
- c. Buried King Saul properly as a state funeral (2:5)
- d. Would be repaid with kindness (2:6)
- e. His hands would be strengthened & successful (2:7)
- f. Israel anoints David King over them (2:7)

A rebellion takes place. Saul's son, Ishbosheth, becomes King of Israel (the green part of map).

*David for now is King of Judah (the red part).
The two parts of the nation fight each other. Other military leaders join David; King Ishbosheth is killed.*

4. What happened in 2 Samuel 5:3?

Things are going well in David's reign; there are military victories; the people are turning to God. King David got a little too comfortable and a little lazy.

5. What happened? (2 Samuel 11-12)

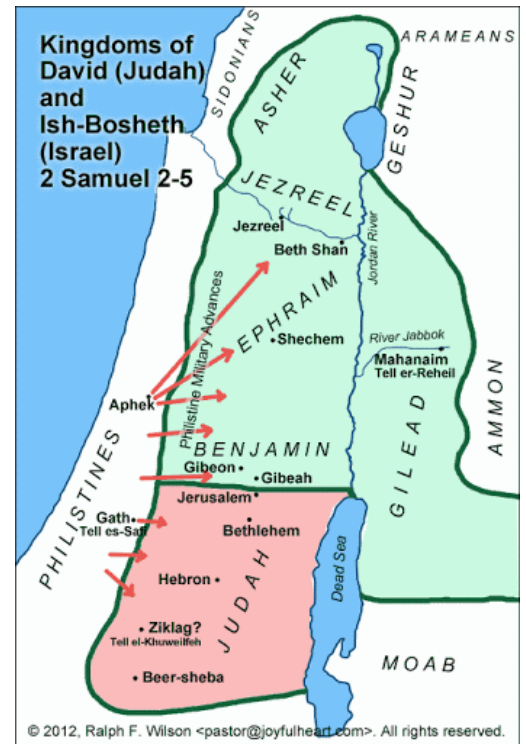
6. What was the consequence of David's sinful act? (2 Samuel 12:15-23)

The second pregnancy between David & Bathsheba birthed Solomon (12:24-25). We will see him again in 1 Kings & 2 Chronicles.

There were more consequences due to David's sins of murder of Bathsheba's husband & the sex violation of Bathsheba.

- a. His son, Amnon, raped his sister (2 Samuel 13:1-14).*
- b. His son, Absalom, killed his brother, Amnon (2 Samuel 13:23-29).*
- c. His son, Absalom, rebels against his father (King David) (2 Samuel 15:13).*
- d. King David has to flee the capital, Jerusalem (2 Samuel 15:13-14).*
- e. His son, Absalom, is killed in battle (2 Samuel 18:15).*

7. Can't you just feel the pain in David's heart? How have you dealt with the pain of your consequences? _____



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King David made big mistakes. After he sinned big time, his life was over, right? Wrong!!! How can that be? He failed God; he was a embarrassing screw-up.

A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART – DAVID?

That's what Samuel said about him before he was king. (1 Samuel 13:14).

The Apostle Paul referred to David the same way (Acts 13:22).

Look at the text: God said, "I have found David, the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART, WHO WILL DO ALL MY WILL."

8. Match the action of David with the verses recording it.

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| a. David lied to a priest | ___ 2 Samuel 6:1-10 |
| b. David pretended he was insane | ___ 1 Samuel 21:1-9 |
| c. David fought for the enemy Philistines | ___ 2 Samuel 24:1-25 |
| d. David incorrectly transported the Ark of Covenant | ___ 2 Samuel 11:1-5 |
| e. David Committed adultery with Bathsheba | ___ 1 Samuel 21:12-15 |
| f. David had Bathsheba's husband killed | ___ 2 Samuel 13:1-21 |
| g. David was a lousy father | ___ 1 Samuel 21:10-15 |
| h. David got confidence from a census | ___ 2 Samuel 11:1-27 |

Obviously, being a person who follows after God's heart isn't perfect or is disqualified from serving the Lord.

INSTEAD

*He should have been dethroned.
 He should have been banished from Israel.
 He should have been executed for murder.
 He should have been separated from God
 He should have been damned eternally*

*He was forgiven & restored.
 He stayed on the throne.
 He & God had a covenant.
 He was in the lineage of Jesus.
 He was to reign with Christ.*

9. When God **does not give us that we deserve**: ____ Grace or ____ Mercy
10. When God **gives us what we don't deserve**: ____ Grace or ____ Mercy

Like me, I am sure you look back over your life and see God's mercy and grace. An inmate once told me that for him "not being killed" was God's mercy and "going to prison" was God's grace. Only a GOD OF LOVE could do that for us.

11. How could God be so merciful to David?
a. Check out Psalm 51.

- b. Check out 1 Samuel 24:1-7.

- c. Check out 2 Samuel 14:25-33.

- d. Check out 2 Samuel 9:1-13.

David did good things here; he did bad things before. God does not measure the "good" and the "bad" on a scale & then look the other way. We have seen that David's foolish actions had serious consequences.

Later in his life, God saw David write many Psalms of worship, plan the building of the temple in Jerusalem, hire full-time worshippers in the permanent tabernacle.

GOD LOVED DAVID, NOT BECAUSE OF THE GOOD THINGS HE DID, BUT BECAUSE GOD IS RICH IN GRACE & MERCY.

IT'S BECAUSE OF WHAT IS IN DAVID'S HEART. WRITE OUT THE VERSES.

12. Psalm 63:8 _____

13. Psalm 42:1-2 _____

14. Psalm 23:3 _____
