

2 Samuel

Introduction:

The book of 2 Samuel is the story of King David's reign. It opens with David anointed King in Judah and closes with David's death. To this day, David is renowned to have been the greatest king of Israel. He took a nation in chaos and made it into a dynasty that would endure over 400 years.

Structure and Outline:

- I. David's Triumphs (1-10)**
- II. David's Temptation and Sin (11-12)**
- III. David's Troubles (13-24)**

I. David's Triumphs (Chapters 1-12)

- 1. Promotion of David (1-4)** – David was crowned king in Hebron, and reigned only Judah for 7 ½ years because the other tribes would not accept him as Saul's successor. Israel (the northern tribes) had decided to have their own king (2:8-11)
- 2. Prosperity of David (5-11)** David is declared to be king of all Israel and he moves the capital to Jerusalem. Jerusalem was a perfect choice for 2 reasons: 1) its central location would prevent jealousy between the tribes, 2) it served as an excellent fortress. David showed his love for God when he brought the Ark of the Covenant to the city.
- 3. Preservation of David (7)** -The Davidic Covenant –see below in Practical Application
- 4. Power of David (8-10)** - David is victorious against every enemy and the nation of Israel will therefore enjoy unprecedented peace and prosperity.

Practical Application:

2 Samuel Chapter 7 is one of the most important chapters in the entire Old Testament. God's covenant with David builds on His covenants up to this point, and lays the foundation for Jesus Christ.

The Davidic Covenant

Builds upon Exodus 6:6-7

The Divine King

God's People

-David's Seed will Endure Forever (12)

Builds upon Genesis 17:3-7

-David's Son will be a son of God (14)

Builds upon Exodus 4:22

God's People

-Jesus came from the seed of David

fulfilled in Luke 1:26-32

-Jesus came as the Son of God

fulfilled in Luke 1:32-25

In God's Place

-A place where they will enjoy God's Rest (9)

-A place where they will encounter God's glory (13)

In God's Place

-In Christ, we find our rest

fulfilled in Luke 1:70-75

-In Christ, we see His glory

fulfilled in John 1:11

For God's Purpose

-To glorify the powerful God (22)

Builds upon Exodus 15:11

Nations will come to the temple and behold God's greatness

-To redeem a chosen people (23-24)

For God's Purpose

-To glorify the powerful God

fulfilled in Acts 2:29-36

The temple now goes to the nations to declare God's greatness

II. David's Temptation and Sin (Chapters 11-12)

1. David's Great Sin (11) – While his army was fighting the Ammonites, David was at home strolling on the palace roof, and saw Bathsheba bathing. He called for her, they committed adultery and she became pregnant. David tried to cover up his sin by tricking her husband Uriah, but when he would not go along David sent Uriah back to battle carrying his own death sentence in a message to the commander.

2. David's Guilt and Confession (12) – Nathan the prophet goes to David and confronts him with his sin. David is stricken with guilt and shame, and this sin would haunt him the rest of his life. (see Psalm 51)

Practical Application:

1. David is attacked when he takes off his battle armor and lets his guard down

We also are called to put on the full armor of God and when we do not have on our armor Satan will attack us at our weakest point

2. David believes that he is no longer needed in battle

David made the mistake of looking back at his past accomplishments and his prior victories. He decided it was time to sit back and let someone else do the work of the Lord. He thought he would enjoy early retirement. **As followers of Christ, there is no early retirement!** We should never get to the point where we look back at what all we used to do for God. We must continue going into battle for our Lord in the areas He places us.

3. David turned from trusting in God

Notice that in the bad times David was forced to trust in God – against Goliath, on the run from Saul, and against enemies on every side. But his blessings caused him to start trusting and relying on himself and to forget about the powerful God who had given him his blessings.

II. David's Troubles (Chapters 13-24) - 2 Samuel would be a wonderful book had it ended at Chapter 10. The last recorded victory is at the end of Chapter 12. The rest of the book records the troubles of David's family and the entire nation of Israel because of his sin.

- David and Bathsheba's son dies during childbirth (12:16-23)
- David's son Amnon rapes his sister and is then killed by his brother Absalom (13)
- David's son Absalom rebels against his father (14-19) and temporarily takes over as king. He is later killed but not before he had forced his father out of his hometown and then shamed his father by sleeping with his wives in broad daylight.

Practical Application:

David had his career together. He had accumulated wealth and had built his palace. He was a powerful man and was highly regarded in the church and in the community **but ONE sin jeopardized it all.** Moms and Dads, David's one decision had lasting consequences for him and impacted his children – His family was **NEVER** the same! Also notice that David had passed down his sins to his children. David

committed sin with a woman who was not his wife and his son was watching! Our children are watching our lives and taking notes. They are watching our actions much more than our words.

Also parents, notice that the real loser in David's affair with Bathsheba was his innocent daughter Tamar. Prior to his affair, Tamar is described as beautiful (12:1), pure (12:2), and strong in her beliefs (12:12-16). By the end of the chapter she is crying her eyes out because her purity had been taken and her life had been destroyed. Our sin has serious consequences for our children and family!