



Local Group Meeting • “The Reigning King David”

This study of the life of David is presented in the Bible in two parts:

1 st part	David as the Anointed King	1 st Samuel	the previous study
2 nd part	David as the Reigning King	2 nd Samuel	the present study

David was and is the greatest historic king of Israel. He had a heart for God and God had a special purpose for him. David’s throne, unlike Saul’s throne, would be blessed forever. It would be blessed during David’s reign, but it would be eternally blessed in the forever reign of the promised Messiah. God’s covenant with David promised that his Son would reign from David’s throne for all eternity. This final and forever enthronement of the Lord Jesus Christ is yet to come. And, He is coming soon. The first coming of Jesus was for the salvation of the people of His kingdom. He came as the Savior to die and save His people from sin and death. His first coming was for the cross; His second coming will be for the crown. Jesus is the Son of God, the God-Man, the Savior, the Son of David, and the King. He is the designated fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant. He will be the greatest King of all – King of kings and Lord of lords – reigning with His redeemed people over all His creation.

1 Samuel tells the story of David as “the Anointed King.” It was a difficult time for David. At first, everything went well for Him. He was pleasing to Saul, successful in His royal service, distinguished in His military endeavors, and popular with the people. However, everything changed when Saul became jealous of the people’s high regard for David. From that time, trouble seemed to follow David at every turn. All seemed lost, but God was preparing His servant for his reign as king over Israel.

2 Samuel gives the story of David as “the Reigning King.” This account can be divided into two parts. First, David was blessed with success. His kingdom was firmly established by the LORD with numerous triumphs. But in the second part, David sinned against the LORD. He found forgiveness from God, but the sword of adversity remained in his family. Were it not for the faithfulness of God, the kingdom of David might have been lost. But, God was faithful to David and faithful to His prophetic promise regarding David’s throne.

This reminds us that Satan is the unseen enemy of everything God promises to do. When God make a promise, Satan always seeks to prevent its fulfillment. This was true with David, and it is true with Christians in the past as well as today. God promises light and life to all who believe in Christ, but Satan seeks to extinguish the light into darkness forever. God was faithful to David and He is faithful to us. Our God who promises is the God who keeps His word and provides. Sometimes God accomplishes His purposes through trials and tribulations, but that is only to prove that the promises come from God and not from David or us. Every story of every believer will be brought to fruition in Christ. God will be glorified in all that He accomplishes.

The General Outline of the Book of 2nd Samuel

- 2 Samuel 1-10 Blessings in the Davidic Kingdom
ch. 2 King over Judah = for 7½ years
ch. 5 King over Israel = for a total of 40 years
- 2 Samuel 11-24 Troubles in the Davidic Kingdom
ch. 11-19 The Sword in the house of David
ch. 20-24 Struggles in the kingdom of David

Discussion Questions for the Life of David:

1. What are the key events in this passage?
2. What observations (+ and/or –) can be made about David and the individuals in this text?
3. Are there any lessons to be learned about God in this narrative account?
3. What insights are learned (+ and/or –) for your Christian life today?

The Life of David · The Kingdom of David · The Kingdom of God:

KINGDOM BLESSINGS:

January 8	2 Samuel 1:1-16	“Intelligence from the Battle of Gilboa”
January 15	2 Samuel 1:17-27	“David’s Lament over King Saul and Jonathan”
January 22	2 Samuel 2:1-11	“The Kingdom with Two Kings,” David in Judah - 7½ years
January 29	2 Samuel 2:12-32	“The Battle and Its Results”
February 5	2 Samuel 3:1-11	“The War, the Family, and the Divide”
February 12	2 Samuel 3:12-21	“The Peace in Israel”
February 19	2 Samuel 3:22-39	“Murder and Mourning”
February 26	2 Samuel 4:1-12	“The Death of Ish-Bosheth and the Conspirators”
March 5	2 Samuel 5:1-16	“David, Jerusalem, Family” – King over Israel for 40 years
March 12	2 Samuel 5:17-25	“Two Victories over the Philistines”
March 19	2 Samuel 6:1-11	“The Partial Return of the Ark of God” – 3 months
March 26	2 Samuel 6:12-23	“The Ark of God in Jerusalem and Michal the Critic”
April 2	2 Samuel 7:1-17	“The LORD Will Build a House” – the Davidic Covenant
April 9	2 Samuel 7:18-29	“David’s Thanksgiving”
April 16	2 Samuel 8:1-18	“The Victories of David over the Nations”
April 23	2 Samuel 9:1-13	“The Kindness for Jonathan’s Sake: Mephibosheth”
April 30	2 Samuel 10:1-19	“The Defeat of Ammon and Syria”

For future scheduling:

KINGDOM PROBLEMS:

- 2 Samuel 11:1-13 "SIN: David's Adultery and Attempted Cover-Up"
- 2 Samuel 11:14-27 "SIN: The Murder of Uriah"
- 2 Samuel 12:1-6 "SIN: The Message of the LORD through Nathan"
- 2 Samuel 12:7-14 "SIN: The Rebuke and Repentance of David"
- 2 Samuel 12:15-25 "SIN: The Child's Death and Solomon's Birth"
- 2 Samuel 12:26-31 "SIN: David's Defeat of Ammon and David's Crown"
- 2 Samuel 13:1-22 "SWORD: Amnon's Sin with Tamar"
- 2 Samuel 13:23-39 "SWORD: Absalom's Revenge"
- 2 Samuel 14:1-20 "REUNION: Joab and the Woman of Tekoa"
- 2 Samuel 14:21-33 "REUNION: Absalom Restored"
- 2 Samuel 15:1-12 "REBELLION: The Treachery of Absalom"
- 2 Samuel 15:13-23 "REBELLION: David Departs from Jerusalem"
- 2 Samuel 15:24-37 "REBELLION: Priests and Spies"
- 2 Samuel 16:1-14 "REBELLION: Ziba, Mephibosheth and Shimei"
- 2 Samuel 16:15-23 "REBELLION: Hushai's False Loyalty and Ahithophel's Wicked Counsel"
- 2 Samuel 17:1-14 "REBELLION: Ahithophel's Counsel versus Hushai's Counsel"
- 2 Samuel 17:15-29 "REBELLION: Success of the Counter-Intelligence"
- 2 Samuel 18:1-15 "REBELLION: Victory for David"
- 2 Samuel 18:16-33 "REBELLION: News and Sorrow"
- 2 Samuel 19:1-8 "RESTORATION: Joab Rebukes David for Mourning"
- 2 Samuel 19:9-15 "RESTORATION: The Return of David – Amasa made Commander"
- 2 Samuel 19:16-23 "RESTORATION: The Return and Shimei"
- 2 Samuel 19:24-30 "RESTORATION: The Return and Mephibosheth"
- 2 Samuel 19:31-39 "RESTORATION: The Return and Barzillai"
- 2 Samuel 19:40-20:3 "RESTORATION: The Remnants of Conflict – Part 1"
- 2 Samuel 20:4-26 "RESTORATION: The Remnants of Conflict – Part 2"
- 2 Samuel 21:1-14 "Famine, the Gibeonites, and the House of Saul"
- 2 Samuel 21:15-22 "War with the Philistines"

Psalm 18:1-50 – Divine Providence in Delivering the Righteous from All Enemies

- 2 Samuel 22:1-20 "DAVID'S PSALM: The LORD Delivers David"
- 2 Samuel 22:21-32 "DAVID'S PSALM: The LORD Often Delivers the Righteous"
- 2 Samuel 22:33-51 "DAVID'S PSALM: David Praises the Lord"
- 2 Samuel 23:1-7 "EULOGY: David's Last Words"
- 2 Samuel 23:8-39 "David's Mighty Men"
- 2 Samuel 24:1-17 "David Numbers the People"
- 2 Samuel 24:18-25 "David's Altar to the LORD and Peace"

(52 lessons)