

Unit 2: King David

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Week 1: King David and the Covenant 1

Title: King David and the Covenant

Objective:

- David anointed King

Resources:

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary (2 Samuel)
- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary (1 Chronicles)
- Catena Bible Commentary
- Fr Dawoud Lamie Bible study (Arabic)

Reading:

- General
 - 2 Samuel 1-4
- Specific
 - Summarize 2 Samuel 1:1-16 (David hears the news about Saul)
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 2:1-11 (David anointed as King of Judah and Ishbosheth made king of Israel)
 - Summarize 2 Samuel 2:12 - 32 (The battle between Israel and Judah)
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 3:1-4 (The house of David growing)
 - Summarize 2 Samuel 3:22-35 (Joab kills Abner)
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 4 (Ishbosheth is killed)

Key verse(s):

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Comments:

Review questions:

1. Did you expect that David would reward the young man who brought the news to him or to punish

him? And why?

2. David was always faithful and respectful to Saul, the anointed king ... Prove that.
3. What was the message David sent to the men of Jabesh Gilead?
4. How was the loss from David's men in comparison to Benjamin and Abner's men?
5. What was David's request from Abner?
6. Why did Joab kill Abner?
7. Name the son of Jonathan who was crippled and how did he become crippled?
8. What did the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite do to Ishbosheth?

Homework:

1. Who killed Saul?
2. Where was David anointed?
3. Which of Saul's sons actually took the throne?
4. Who killed Abner?
5. What was David's reaction to Abner's death?
6. What was the name of Jonathan's lame son?
7. Who killed Ishbosheth?
8. . How old was David when he began to reign?
9. . Where did David rule over Israel?
10. Why did Uzzah touch the Ark?
11. What did David do that upset his wife Michal?
12. David asked Nathan if he could build God a house. What was Nathan's answer?

Week 2: King David and the Covenant 2

Title: King David and the Covenant 2

Objective:

- David becoming king over all Israel
- Bringing back the Ark of the Covenant
- Uzziah's incident

Resources:

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary (2 Samuel)
- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary (1 Chronicles)
- Catena Bible Commentary
- Fr Dawoud Lamie Bible study (Arabic)

Reading:

- General
 - 2 Samuel 5-7, 1 Chronicles 11, 1 Chronicles 17
- Specific
 - Read and summarize 2 Samuel 5:1-5 (David King over all of Israel)
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 5:6-24 (The conquest of Jerusalem from the Philistines)
 - Explain why the names of the warriors are mentioned in 1 Chronicles 11
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 6 (Bringing back the Ark)
 - Discuss the incident with Uzziah
 - Discuss the concept of dancing from a Christian perspective
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 7 (God's Covenant with David)

Key verse(s):

- "I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. ¹⁵ But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I removed from before you." 2 Samuel 7: 14-15

Comments:

Review questions:

1. Which city was called the “City of David”?
2. Give verse that proves God is the one who fought against the Philistines.
3. What error did Uzzah do?
4. Why did Michal the daughter of Saul despise David in her heart?
5. What did God promise David regarding his descendants?
6. Why does David ask God to do to His people what God has already promised to do?

Homework:

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3. Why did Uzzah touch the Ark?
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Week 3: King David Reigns

Title: King David Reigns

Objective:

- King David's reign and administration
- His kindness towards Mephibosheth
- Characteristics of a servant according to God's heart

Resources:

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary
- Catena Bible Commentary
- Fr Dawoud Lamie Bible study (Arabic)

Reading:

- General
 - 2 Samuel 8-10
- Specific
 - Summarize 2 Samuel 8:1-14
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 8:15-18
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 9 (David's kindness towards Mephibosheth)
 - Summarize 2 Samuel 10 (David's victory over the Ammonites and the Syrians)

Key verse(s):

- "So David reigned over all Israel; and David administered judgment and justice to all his people." 2 Samuel 8:15

Comments:

Review questions:

1. What did David do with the silver and gold he received?
2. Give verse that proves David being a just king.
3. How did David show his faithfulness toward Saul and Jonathan, his son?
4. Show how Mephibosheth was very humble in front of David.
5. What was David's intention towards Hanun?
6. How did Hanun treat David's servants?
7. How did David treat Mephibosheth? And why?

8. What was wrong physically with Jonathan's son? How did it happen to him?
9. What was David's intention to do with Hanun the son of Nahash?
10. What was the result after Hanun listened to the advice from his servants?

Homework:

1. Toi sent his son to David to:
a) attack his people b) give him a message c) greet and bless him d) give him gifts
2. Who was in charge of David's army? a) Joab b) Abishai c) Benaiah d) Absalom
3. What was the name of Jonathan's son? a) Saul b) Ziba c) Micha d) Mephibosheth
4. Where did David tell Mephibosheth he should live?
a) in his father's house b) in Jerusalem with David c) in the house of Ziba d) in the house of Saul
5. Why did David send his servants to Hanun?
a) to spy on him b) to comfort him c) to kill him d) to give him gifts
6. What did Hanun do to David's servants?
a) he killed them b) he shaved their heads c) he rewarded them d) he put them in prison
7. Who was Ziba?
8. What did David promise Mephibosheth?
9. What was Hanun's response to David's good thought?
10. Why did David ask the servants to wait in Jericho?

Week 4: King David Sins

Title: King David Sins

Objective:

- Sin and what leads to it
- Sin and how it snowballs
- Sin and its consequences
- No one is above sin
- David's strength is in his repentance
- "For He bruises, but He binds up; He wounds, but His hands make whole" Job 5:18

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- Catena Bible Commentary
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Reading:

- General
 - 2 Samuel 11-12
- Specific
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 11 (David's sin)
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 12:1-15 (David's confession)
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 12:16-25 (One son dies, another is born)
 - Summarize 2 Samuel 12:26-31 (The fight against Rabbah)

Key verse(s):

- "So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." and Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. " 2 Samuel 12:13

Comments:

Review questions:

1. How did Uriah prove that he was faithful to the Lord and to his master, David?
2. Why did David ask Joab to set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting?
3. How did David respond to Nathan's story?

4. How did God punish David for his sin with Uriah's wife?
5. What was David's mistake that the Lord hated the most?
6. What is the general consequence of trying to hide sin? Prove this from this chapter?
7. What was God's punishment to David?
8. How did David explain to his servants what he did before and after the death of his son from Bathsheba?

Homework:

1. Bathsheba was the wife of: a) Joab b) Benaiah c) Abishai d) Uriah
2. What happened to Uriah?
a) David had him killed b) David had him promoted c) he escaped d) he became a commander
3. What became of David's first son with Bathsheba?
a) he became king b) he died while young c) he was a leper d) he was chief of the army
4. Which prophet condemned David? a) Gad b) Michah c) Nathan d) Samuel
5. What did David do to Bathsheba after the death of her husband?
6. What was God's reaction to what David did with Bathsheba and Uriah?
7. Who sent Nathan to David?
8. What happened to the child that was born to David from Uriah's wife?

Week 5: David and Absalom

Title: David and Absalom

Objective:

- Amnon and Tamar
 - Love Vs lust
 - Lust blinds and wipes the mind
 - Ungodly friendship and advise
 - Sin brings hatred and more sin
- David's corrupt children
 - Adultery
 - Murder
 - Treason
- David is still a man according to God's own heart

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Reading:

- General
 - 2 Samuel 13-18
- Specific
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 13:1-22 (Amnon and Tamar)
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 13:23-39 (Absalom murders Amnon)
 - Summarize 2 Samuel 14:1-24 (Absalom returns to Jerusalem)
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 14:25-33 (David forgives Absalom)
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 14:1-12 (Absalom's treason)
 - Summarize 2 Samuel 14:13-37
 - Summarize 2 Samuel 15:1-14
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 15:15-16:29 (The council of Ahithophel)
 - Summarize 2 Samuel 17:1-18 (Absalom's death)
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 17:19-33 (David hears of Absalom's death)
 - Summarize 2 Samuel 18 (David's return to Jerusalem and the quarrel against him)

Key verse(s):

- "Then Amnon hated her exceedingly, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. " 2 Samuel 13:15

Comments:

Review questions:

1. How did Amnon feel after sinning with Tamar?
2. What was Absalom's plan to kill Amnon?
3. How did Joab send the message about bringing back Absalom to the king?
4. What did Absalom do to Joab? Why?
5. What did Absalom do to prepare for his plan against his father David?
6. Was Ittai faithful to David? Give verse of proof.
7. Did David listen to Abishai the son of Zeruiah? Why?
8. How was the counsel of Ahithophel described?
9. Sin always appeals to the flesh at the beginning. But at the end, the result of sin is bitter and myrrh... Prove that from the story of the sin from Amnon.
10. If David was furious about what Amnon have done why didn't he do something about it?
11. Why did Joab the son of Zeruiah make up a story from the mouth of the woman of Tekoa?
12. Why was Absalom looking forward to meeting Joab?
13. Prove that David had no suspicion against his son Absalom. (v.14)
14. At the time of trouble, David was very compassionate to others' needs. Discuss this and mention a verse
15. Why did David think that Shimei curses might have come from God?
16. What was the counsel of Ahithophel to Absalom? Why?

Homework:

1. Absalom was: a) the son of David b) the brother of Tamar c) the brother of Ammon d) all of these
2. Absalom had Ammon killed while he was doing what?
a) sleeping b) on a trip c) fighting the Ammonites d) drunk at a party
3. What did Absalom do to get Joab's attention?
a) went to his house b) set his field on fire c) sent him presents d) yelled at him
4. Who did Joab sent to talk to David?
a) Absalom b) a woman from Tekoa c) one of his servants d) Tamar
5. Hushai was David's: a) priest b) friend c) head of army d) counselor
6. When David fled out of Jerusalem, he left Hushai the Archite to confound the counsel of whom?
a) Ittai b) Ziba c) Shimei d) Ahithophel
7. Ziba met David with: a) donkeys b) bread c) raisins d) all of these
8. Who threw stones at David? a) Absalom b) Ziba c) Shimei d) Abishai
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10. Where did Absalom go and hide himself?
11. How does the Bible describe Absalom?
12. How long did Absalom stay in Jerusalem without seeing his father?

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14. What did Absalom say to David about his intention to visit Hebron?
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Week 6: Conquest of King David

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Objective:

- Discuss the character of David throughout the chapters events

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- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary (1 Chronicles)
- Catena Bible Commentary
- Fr Dawoud Lamie Bible study (Arabic)

Reading:

- General
 - 2 Samuel 19-22, 1 Chronicles 18-21
- Specific
 - Summarize 2 Samuel 19 (David returns to Jerusalem)
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 20 (The rebellion of Sheba)
 - Summarize 2 Samuel 21 (David avenges the Gibeonites)
 - Read and contemplate 2 Samuel 22 (David's praise)

Key verse(s):

- "The Lord *is* my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; The God of my strength, in whom I will trust;" 2 Samuel 22:3

Comments:

Review questions:

1. Why was Joab mad at the king when he saw him weeping for Absalom?
2. How was David able to sway all men of Judah?
3. What was Sheba's feeling towards king David?
4. How was the wise woman able to solve the problem raised by Sheba?

5. Why was there famine in the days of David?
6. What was Gibeonites' request so that David may make atonement what Saul has done for them?
7. This chapter is a song of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord. Mention some of the God's characteristics as mentioned in this chapter.
8. What did David want to express in this psalm?
9. Why didn't Mephibosheth leave with the king?
10. Prove that everyone paid a lot of respect to David.
11. Why did Joab kill Amasa?
12. What impact did the blood and guts of Amasa have on Joab's men?
13. Why does David spare the son of Jonathan but not Saul's other relatives?
14. "Lest you quench the lamp of Israel". Explain.
15. Which psalm did David sing to the Lord in this chapter? What is the occasion?
16. St. Paul mentioned in the Holy Book of Ephesians 6 what we need to do as soldiers to the Lord so
that He can work in us and in this chapter David mentioned these armors as the power of God in us
... comment.

Homework:

1. How did David and his household cross over the Jordan?
a) by foot b) on chariots c) by a ferryboat d) swimming
2. How old was Barzillai? a) 40 b) 80 c) 60 d) 33
3. Who rebelled against David? a) Shimei b) Ishbosheth c) Sheba d) Mephibosheth
4. Joab was about to destroy the city, but who stopped him?
a) David b) Aabishai c) Sheba d) a wise woman
5. David was almost killed by one of the giant's sons. Who saved him?
a) Joab b) Benaiah c) Uriah d) Abishai
6. There was a man of great stature who had ____ fingers on each ____ and six ____ on each ____.
7. The Lord is my ____ and my ____ and my ____.
8. For you are my ____ O Lord; the Lord shall enlighten my ____
9. How was David able to sway all men of Judah? (v.11-13)
10. Who did Barzillai offer to go with David instead of himself?
11. How was the wise woman able to solve the problem raised by Sheba?
12. Why was there famine during David's time for 3 years?
13. What was special about the giant that Jonathan the son of Shimea killed?
14. Mention some of the characteristics of God from this song.
15. Mention verses that show how God was with David.

Week 7: David Prepares to Build the Temple

Title: David Prepares to Build the Temple

Objective:

- David's desire to build a house for the Lord

Resources:

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary
- Catena Bible Commentary
- Fr Dawoud Lamie Bible study (Arabic)

Reading:

- General
 - 1 Chronicles 22-29
- Specific
 - Read and explain 1 Chronicles 22 (David prepares to build the temple)
 - Read and explain 1 Chronicles 28 (David's plans for the temple)
 - Read and explain 1 Chronicles 29:1-20 (Gifts for building the temple)
 - Read and explain 1 Chronicles 29:21-25 (Solomon acknowledged as king)

Key verse(s):

- "Consider now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house as the sanctuary. Be strong and do the work." 1 Chronicles 28:10

Comments:

Review questions:

1. Why did God forbid David from building a house to His honor?
2. Why did David make so many preparations for the House of the Lord that Solomon was to build?
3. In one verse, David explained that twice a day the Levites were to offer 2 things. When should they offer these 2 things and what were the 2 things they should offer?

4. Which verse shows that important people were treated the same as less important people?
5. Verse 2 says that Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu died in front of their father. Who killed Nadab and Abihu?
(Hint: See Leviticus Chapter 10)
6. Which instrument was mentioned as accompanying the singers do our deacons use when they sing?
7. According to verse 7, two hundred and eighty-eight skillful men were trained in what skill?
8. Why did King David make officials over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh?
9. Who are the 4 past leaders in verse 28 as having been people who dedicated things to the Lord?
10. Verse 24 refers to what census mentioned earlier in this Holy Book? Cite the chapter.
11. Why did David not count the men 20 years or less?
12. David tells Solomon to serve the Lord with 2 things. What are they and why with these 2 things?
13. God said that he would establish Solomon's kingdom forever if Solomon observed what 2 things?
14. In order for Solomon to keep God's commandments, testimonies, and statutes, what did David ask the Lord to give Solomon?

Homework:

1. Whom did David charge (command) to build a house for the Lord God of Israel?
a) the aliens living in Israel b) Ornan c) his son Solomon
2. David told the leaders of Israel "Now set your heart and your soul to ____."
a) conquer your enemies b) offer Burnt Sacrifices c) seek the Lord your God
3. How many Levites were to look after the work of the House of the Lord?
a) 24 thousand b) 4 thousand c) 6 thousand
4. "...and ____ was set apart, he and his sons forever, that he should sanctify the most holy things.
a) Moses b) Aaron c) David
5. "And Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children; therefore ____ ministered as priests."
a) Nadab and Abihu b) Eleazar and Ithamar c) David and Zadok
6. How were the sons of Eleazar and Ithamar divided for their service in the Sanctuary and in the House of God?
a) by lot b) by age c) by a contest
7. "All these were under the direction of ____ for the music in the House of the Lord."
a) Aaron b) Moses c) their father
8. "Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman were under the authority of ____."
a) their father b) Aaron c) the king
9. The chief men of the gate keepers ____.
a) had duties just like their brethren b) were free from duties c) were to fight the enemies

10. "Of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasuries of the house of God and over the treasuries of ____."
- a) the king b) the dedicated things c) grain
11. Who was the king's counselor? a) Ahithophel b) Joab c) Azmaveth
12. Who was the general of the king's army? a) Ahithophel b) Joab c) Azmaveth
13. God said to David, "You shall not build a house for My name, because ____."
- a) you have sinned b) it is not the appointed time c) you have been a man of war and have shed blood
14. Know the Lord Your Father with a _____ and with a _____.
15. Why was the work of the temple great? a) It was a temple for the king b) There were not many people to help Solomon
- c) It was not for man but for the Lord

Week 8: Death of King David

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Objective:

- David sinned by counting the people
- His sin affects multitudes of people
- He offers repentance and the Lord accepts

Resources:

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary
- Catena Bible Commentary
- Fr Dawoud Lamie Bible study (Arabic)

Reading:

- General
 - 2 Samuel 23-24
- Specific
 - Summarize 2 Samuel 23
 - Read and explain 2 Samuel 24 (David's census and God's judgement)
 - Read and explain 1 Chronicles 29:26-30 (David's death)

Key verse(s):

- "let us fall into the hand of the Lord, for His mercies *are* great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man." 2 Samuel 24:14

Comments:

Review questions:

1. How did David's three mighty men go in jeopardy of their lives for David's sake?
2. Why didn't David drink from the water of the well of Bethlehem?
3. What were the three choices that God offered David through the prophet Gad?
4. What was David's response to the prophet Gad concerning the three choices?
5. What are the qualities of a ruler according to David's last words?
6. Why David did not drink from the water brought by his three mighty men?
7. What wrong did David do so that his heart condemned him?
8. How do you see the mercy of the Lord in this chapter?

Homework:

1. Who is NOT from the army of David? a) Eleazar b) Adino c) Ahithophel d) Shammah
2. Benaiah was a strong man he killed: a) a lion b) two heroes of Moab c) an Egyptian d) all of these
3. God talked to David through the prophet _____.
4. God punished David by: a) seven years of famine b) enemies pursued him c) a plague d) all of these
5. Who are the three mighty men whom David had?
6. Benaiah was a strong man. Prove that.
7. What were the three choices that god offered David to do unto him and his people?
8. What was God's punishment to David?