

2 Samuel

The Reign of David



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6 – 8. Joshua, Judges, Ruth

9. **1 Samuel** – The Transition from Judges to Kings

10. **2 Samuel** – The Reign of David

11 & 12. 1 & 2 Kings

13 & 14. 1 & 2 Chronicles

15, 16 & 17. Ezra, Nehemiah & Esther

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- The Book of **1 Samuel** gave us the following stories:
 1. The life of **Samuel**, the last of the judges and the first of the prophets.
 2. The reign of **Saul**, the first of the kings.
 3. The rise of **David**, the best of the kings.

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- **1 Samuel** closes with **the death of Saul**, the first king.
- **2 Samuel** begins with **David** mourning Saul's death.
- It then tells the story of David's life, his ascension to the throne and his rule over Israel.

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- **2 Samuel 5:2** gives us the first biblical example of a ruler being compared with a shepherd.
- We read about David's anointing as king in **5:1-5**

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- **David** is a major Old Testament character.
- His name appears well **over 1000 times** in Scripture, second only to the name of **Jesus**.

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- In the Hebrew Bible **1 & 2 Samuel** are one book.
- In this book the name **David** appears some **280 times**, while the name **Samuel** appears **not even once**.

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- Jesus came from the line of David and will one day sit on David's throne, ruling Israel.
- In Christ's last words in the Bible, He identifies Himself as "the Root and Offspring of David." (Rev. 22:16)

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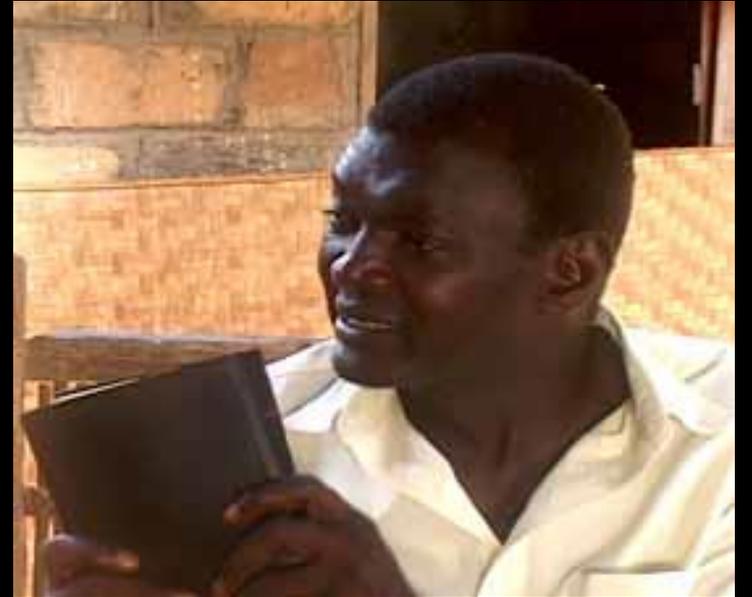
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The most important element in this chapter is undoubtedly Nathan's prophecy that David's dynasty will endure for ever. This prophecy may be the high point of Israel's history ... and marks the high point of David's reign. It also foreshadows the NT, where Jesus is presented as a descendant of David, continuing his dynasty (Luke 1:32).

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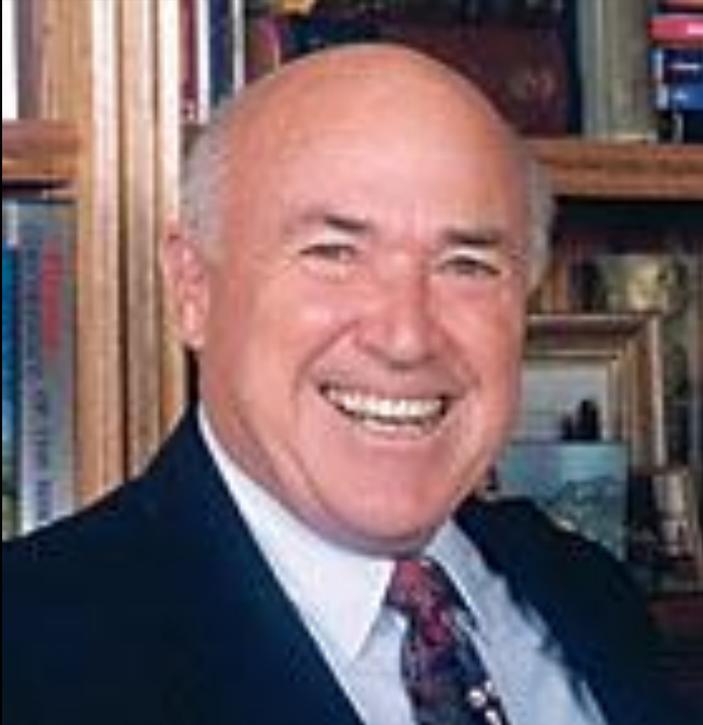
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- David's prayer of thanks is also a wonderful example.
- It reminds us that God both willing and able to do more for us than we could ever do for him.

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The Bible talks about sin as being like leaven in a lump of dough. You put a little leaven in, and it permeates the whole loaf. If we allow compromise in our lives, it will ultimately take over our lives, and we will find ourselves doing things that we never thought we'd do in a million years.

*– Chuck Smith (1927 – 2013),
Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa*

2 Samuel 11 David & Bathsheba

- This chapter reminds us that the best people are often capable of the worst kind of behavior.
- God's blessing never gives us a free pass to sin.

2 Samuel 12 Following Events

- Let's read up to 12:25.

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- Our sin often has consequences that we cannot reverse.
- God will not forsake us even when those consequences are hard to endure.

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From the life of David we learn all of the following:

- **God uses real people** with glaringly real lives to fulfill his plans and promises.
- **God's faithfulness** is much greater than our failings.
- **Repentance** – rather than perfection – was the great strength in the life of David.

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The Bible never flatters its heroes ... As we consider the record of the Bible characters ... we find ourselves looking into a mirror. We are humiliated by the reminder of how many times we have failed. Great has been our stubbornness, but greater still has been His faithfulness. Nowhere is this more true than in the story of the life of David

*– Alan Redpath (1907 – 1989),
British pastor, evangelist, author*



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- Let's close with **Psalm 51** – written by David.