**David Part 2**

**2 Samuel 6 - 1 Kings 2**

**Saint and Sinner (*but a forgiven sinner*)**

**INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW**

“Give us a king!” Israel pleads. God had been their king but they wanted a king like the other nations. Despite the prophet Samuel’s warnings they continued to ask for an earthly king.

God chose the person to be king, giving them Saul. Sadly Saul disobeyed God and the Spirit of the Lord abandoned him. Even though he ruled for over forty years, he struggled with the loss of the Spirit of the Lord.

In other nations the next king was usually the son of the previous king. Not in Israel. God chose the king. The next king God chose was David.

Under King David Israel became a mighty and powerful nation, greater than it had ever been or ever became even to today. David was able to bring the twelve tribes together as one. He established Jerusalem, a central city as the capital.

**GOD’S PROMISES TO DAVID 2 Samuel 7**

1. **2 Samuel 7: 8 – 11** What does the Lord make very clear to David? (hint, notice the use of the word “I”)
2. **2 Samuel 7:11-16** List the many promises God makes to David.
	1. What are the conditions for the promises?
3. **2 Samuel 7:16** The people of Israel always had a dream remembering this specific verse. This verse would find fulfillment not in David but in Christ. What does each of the following verses speak of Jesus fulfilling the promise of an eternal throne?
	1. **Isaiah 9:6-7**
	2. **Luke 1:26-33, 68-69**
	3. **Acts 2:29-35**
	4. **Romans 1:1-6**
4. Can you find other verses that speak of Jesus fulfilling this promise?
5. What do the promises to David mean to us today?
6. David proves to be a mighty warrior, defeating all of his enemies and dedicating the booty to the Lord. David also shows his character with Mephibosheth.
	1. **2 Samuel 9:1-4** Who is Mephibosheth?
7. **2 Samuel 9:9-13** What does David offer to Mephibosheth? Why are his actions so special?

**DAVID SINS** **2 Samuel 11-13**

1. Read the story of David and Bathsheba in 2 Samuel 11. Do you see anything new, something you have not seen before?
	1. For example -2 Samuel 11:4 Why is the detail included that her bath was purifying herself of her uncleanness?
2. What do you see as the Key point(s) of the story of David and Bathsheba?

*One of David’s other wives was a widow whom he had married. This made him honorable. He tried it again with Bathsheba anticipating the same honor as he married the widow of a military hero. In 2 Samuel 12 the prophet Nathan calls David on his sin. David thought he had got away with it.*

1. David will be punished. What will his punishment be?
	1. **2 Sam. 12:10**
	2. **2 Sam. 12:11**
	3. **2 Sam. 12:14**

**DAVID’S FAMILY**

*We would think that since David was such a godly man his family would have been godly as well. Sadly, David’s family is a study in dysfunction. Amnon (son of Abigail) rapes his virgin half sister Tamar who is a full sister to Abaslom (children of Maach)[[1]](#footnote-1). Absalom is determined to prevent a public scandal while gaining revenge.*

*It takes two years before Abasalom can find away to kill Amnon. Now Absalom flees and King David, their father suffers terrible grief over the loss of his sons. Absalom finds a way to come back to Jerusalem. He comes back with a plan, a goal to become the king.*

1. **2 Samuel 14:25-26** Describe Absalom’s physical appearance?
2. **2 Samuel 15:1-6** What does Absalom do?
	1. What is the result in Vs. 6?
3. **2 Samuel 15:10** – How is the conspiracy taking shape?

*Absalom was gaining in power. King David had to flee from Jerusalem. It becomes a life and death battle, a King and father who loves his son and the son determined to dethrone his father.*

1. **2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14-15** What happens to Absalom?
2. **2 Samuel 18: 33** What is David’s response?

*David’s years continue with the struggle of wars and politics. One important issue keeps raising it’s ugly head.*

1. **2 Samuel 19:40-43** – What is the issue?

**DAVID’S DEATH 1 Kings 1-2**

*David is old, some guess him to be in his seventies. His time as King is obviously coming to an end as is his life. God chose the first two kings of Israel. Now we see a change as the sons of the king begin to lay their claims on the throne. Such claims become life and death struggles for the sons and their families and followers.*

1. **1 Kings 1: 5-10**  What does Adonijah do?

*Nathan the prophet knows what is happening. He begins a plan, not necessarily an honest plan, to out maneuver Adonijah.*

1. **1 Kings 1: 13-14** What does he instruct Bathsheba to do?
2. **1 Kings 1:28-30** Why does David make Solomon king?
3. **1 Kings 2:10-11** What happens to David?

*As Solomon becomes King over all of Israel he must deal with Abinijah who were challenging him for the throne.*

1. What does he do in **1 Kings 2:23-24**?
2. What about Abiathar the priest who supported Abinijah? **1 Kings 2:26-27**
3. A part of today’s politics is concern over what leader’s legacy will be. As you look back over David’s life and now his death, what would you consider to be his legacy?

**DAVID FOR TODAY**

All sermons and Bible studies take us into the Bible. But the Word of God was given to us not just for good story reading. God is involved in our lives. His promise of a savior continues.

As we reflect back on our study can we look forward and think about what David means for us today?

King David was a great man. He was a man of faith and yet he was a man who was not unlike us with everything from family troubles to the death of his children. And he was a man who sinned.

1. David tried to hide his sin but not even the king can do so. What do we learn about sin from King David?
2. Give some samples of Psalm(s) that speak of what hidden sin does to us?
3. What do we learn about God’s grace as we read the story of King David?
4. Can you think of some Psalms of David that could bring comfort to your life after sin, family troubles?

What would you like our President and other world leaders to learn from King David?

Other thoughts and reflections you have about King David.

1. Genesis 3:2-5 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)