

2 Samuel

“God Has Heard”

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History of the Title

- 1 & 2 Samuel were one book
- When the Hebrew Bible was translated into Greek the editors combined Samuel and Kings and it became the complete history of the Israelite monarchy—1, 2, 3, 4 Kingdoms

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- Later, editors followed the Greek pattern and separated Samuel and Kings into 1 & 2 Samuel and 1 & 2 Kings

Time & Scope of Events

- Covers the time of David's reign (1055-1015 BC)
- Parallel history in 1 Chronicles 11-29
- Under David Israel became a military power that was able to throw off the yoke of the Philistines and Canaanites, becoming the dominate power in the area

Key Words

- David—286 times
- House—102 times (2:4, 7, 10-11)
- Anointed—15 times (1:14, 16, 21; 2:4, 7; 3:39; 5:3, 17; 12:7, 20; 14:2; 19:10, 21; 22:51; 23:1)
- Kingdom—8 times (5:12; 7:12-16)

Verses to Remember

- 7:12-13—“When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever”
- 12:23—“I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me”

Verses to Remember

- 18:33—“Then the king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept. And as he went, he said thus: 'O my son Absalom—my son, my son Absalom—if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!'”
- 22:21—“The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands He has rewarded me”

Chapters to Remember

- Chapter 11—David's sin with Bathsheba
 - “displeased the Lord” (11:27)
- Chapter 12—David's penitence
 - “I have sinned” (12:13)
- Chapter 22—David's praise
 - “I will praise You, O LORD” (22:50)

Notable Events

- Driving out the Jebusites and striking down the Philistines (ch. 5)
- Return of the ark of the covenant (ch. 6)
- David's kindness to Mephibosheth (ch. 9)
- Brave Nathan (ch. 12)
- Rebellion of Absalom (chs. 15-17)

The Sword Never Departed

- “The sword shall never depart from your house” (12:10)
 - The child of the adulterous union died
 - Amnon raped Tamar
 - Absalom killed Amnon
 - Absalom rebelled against David
- “Sow the wind, reap the whirlwind” (Hos. 8:7)

Messages

- A person after God's own heart:
 - Will be tempted
 - Must struggle against sin
 - Will be penitent
 - Will show remorse for sin
 - Will follow God wholeheartedly

Trivia

Guess Who:

“But Amnon had a friend . . .”

13:3

Memory Verse Review

Judges—1 Samuel

- Judges 17:6; 21:25
- Ruth 2:12
- 1 Sam. 16:7b

Memory Verse for 2 Samuel

22:47a

“The Lord lives! Blessed *be* my Rock!”