2 SAMUEL
EXPLAINED: Episode Summary

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1. ESSENTIALS

What Do You Need to Know First to Study 2 Samuel Well?

DATE: ***1011-971 BC:*** King David's Rule
GENRE: ***Historical:*** The Reign of David
AUTHOR: ***Unknown:*** Someone close to David?
SETTING: ***Israel:*** Throughout David's kingdom
PURPOSE: ***Biography:*** David's Triumphs & Failures
AUDIENCE: ***National Israel:*** Generations of Faith

2. STORYLINE

What Do You Need to Know First to Study 2 Samuel Well?

Israel Under Transitioning (Failed) Leadership

- Deaths of Saul and Jonathan
- David Prepares to be King
- Israel's Enemies Rise Up
- Longing for Strong Monarchy
- Messianic Line Unfolding

KEY VERSES

And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him. ... And David knew that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

- 2 Samuel 5:10, 12

3. THEMES & IDEAS

What Major Biblical Concepts Do We Find in 2 Samuel?

- David as God's Anointed Choice
- Military Success, Favor & Increase
- Jerusalem Called the City of David
- Messianic Line & Davidic Covenant
- Tests, Challenges & Trials of Life
- Moral Failure & Sin's Consequences
- Family Strife Over Israel's Throne
- David's Decline & God's Judgment

4. STRUCTURE

What are the major sections of 2 Samuel?

CH 1-10: 1. David as King over Judah & All Israel
God is with David as second king, expanding his reign beyond Judah to all Israel

CH 11-20: 2. David's Sin and Its Consequences
David's choices as king (good and bad) impact those around him, including his sons

CH 21-24: 3. Appendix: David's Life, God's Judgment
The conclusion of David's life and formation, and preparation for the temple he cannot build



4. STRUCTURE - EXPANDED

4. What are the major sections of 2 Samuel?

5. What do we learn about God from each of these sections?

6. What do these sections offer our Christian life?

CH 1-10: 1. DAVID AS KING OVER JUDAH & ALL ISRAEL

David unites the tribes, makes Jerusalem his capital, receives God's covenant and wins victory after victory

CH 1-4: David as King Over Judah
David grieves Saul and Jonathan, is anointed king over Judah, defeats Ish-Bosheth

CH 7: The Davidic Covenant
God makes a promise that the throne of David will last forever

CH 5-6: David as King over All Israel
David is anointed king over all Israel, makes Jerusalem the capital, defeats Philistines, secures the ark

CH 8-10: David's Military Success
God is with David, and David is repeatedly victorious in battle against Israel's enemies

CH 11-20: 2. DAVID'S SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

David's sin with Bathsheba sets off violence, rebellion and grief within his own house

CH 11-12: David and Bathsheba
David sleeps with Bathsheba, setting in motion a number of consequences

CH 15-18: Absalom's Rebellion
David's son Absalom attempts to wrestle the throne from his father

CH 13-14: Family Dysfunction
David fails to respond to his daughter's rape, brothers rebel

CH 19-20: David's Reign Reconfirmed
God preserves David's reign despite the fallout in his family

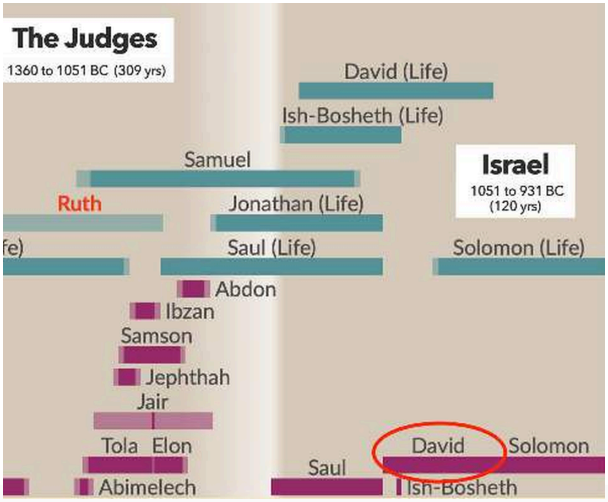
CH 21-24: 3. APPENDIX: DAVID'S LIFE, GOD'S JUDGMENT

Final victories, songs and a costly census close David's reign and look ahead to the temple

CH 21: Famine & Final Victory
David avenges the Gibeonites and defeats the Philistine giants

CH 22-23: David's Final Address
Song of deliverance to the Lord, final words of instruction, and tribute to his mighty men

CH 24: David's Final Acts & Preparations
David takes a census that displeases the Lord, yet purchases the ground for the future temple



5. HOW 2 SAMUEL POINTS TO CHRIST

- In the Davidic covenant and Messianic line being established
- In David as a servant king who exalts God's people
- In the powerful presence of the ark wherever it rests
- In David's anointed desire to build a house for God

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