

# David

## The Chronicles of a King (Part 1)

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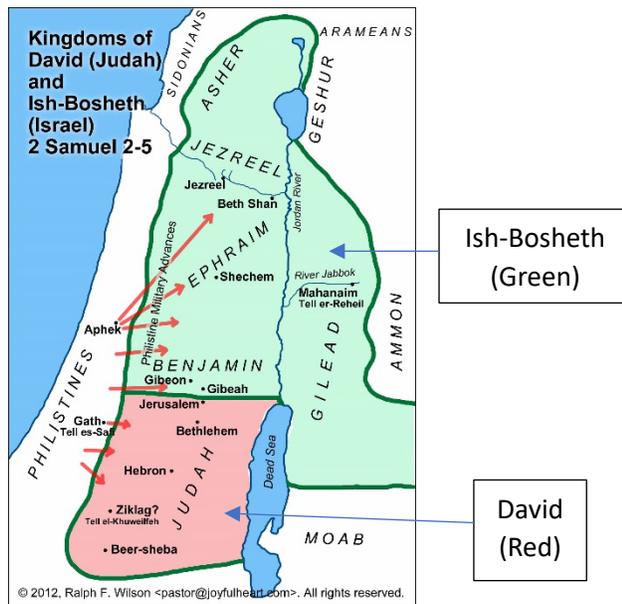
#### Review: David, A Man on the Run

- a. King Saul was constantly searching to kill David
  - 1) Largely because he was jealous
    - i. of David's popularity
    - ii. among the people
- b. In desperation, David goes to Achish (King of the Philistines)
  - 1) Feigns insanity
  - 2) Escapes to the cave of Adullam
- c. Problem people come to him there
  - 1) And become his army
- d. Again, David goes to Achish to escape from Saul's army
  - 1) Given a village to settle in
- e. Meanwhile Saul (Israel) engaged in a war against the Philistines
  - 1) Saul is mortally wounded – eventually dies
  - 2) Jonathan, (David's covenant brother) also dies
- f. Men of Judah come to David and make him King

#### 1. A DIVIDED KINGDOM

#### 2 Samuel 2:8–11

*“Meanwhile, Abner son of Ner, the commander of Saul’s army, had taken Ish-Bosheth son of Saul and brought him over to Maha-naim. He made him king over Gilead, Ashuri and Jezreel, and also over Ephraim, Benjamin and all Israel. Ish-Bosheth son of Saul was forty years old when he became king over Israel, and he reigned two years. The house of Judah, however, followed David. The length of time David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.”*



- a. The Kingdom that was once unified under King Saul
  - i. is now a divided Kingdom.

**Luke 11:17-18**

*“Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: “Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand.”*

**2 Samuel 3:1**

*“The war between the house of Saul and the house of David lasted a long time. David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.”*

- a. Personal rivalries
- b. Military Ambition
- c. Revenge

**2. A KINGDOM UNIFIED**

- a. David becomes King over all the Israelite nation (after 7 years)

**2 Samuel 5:1–5**

*“All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “We are your own flesh and blood. In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.’” When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a compact with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.”*

- b. Leadership is consolidated
- c. Harmony in relationships

- d. God's plan is enacted
  - a. (when we follow through with what God wants from us)
    - i. God is able to bless
    - ii. God is able to accomplish

### **2 Samuel 5:6–7**

*“The king and his men marched to Jerusalem to attack the Jebusites, who lived there. The Jebusites said to David, “You will not get in here; even the blind and the lame can ward you off.” They thought, “David cannot get in here.” Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of Zion, the City of David.”*

- b. When God (thru Joshua) led the Israelites out of Egypt
  - i. Into the promised land
  - ii. Instructed them to remove all the people from that land
  - iii. The Jebusites were never removed
    - 1. have been a thorn in Israel's side
    - 2. since the Israelites escaped from Egypt
- c. David establishes Jerusalem
  - i. As the capital of the Israelite nation
  - ii. He takes up residence there
- d. David accomplishes what God had always wanted
- e. Unity brings Victory

### **3. DAVID'S SOVEREIGNTY IS CHALLENGED**

#### **2 Samuel 5:17–21**

*“When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, they went up in full force to search for him, but David heard about it and went down to the stronghold. Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim; so David inquired of the LORD, “Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?”*

***The LORD answered him**, “Go, for I will surely hand the Philistines over to you.”*

*So, David went to Baal Perazim, and there he defeated them. He said, “As waters break out, the LORD has broken out against my enemies before me.” So that place was called Baal Perazim. The Philistines abandoned their idols there, and David and his men carried them off.*

- a. His leadership was established
  - a. through his reliance on God
- b. His victories were credited
  - a. to his dependence on God's leadership
  - b. and direction
- c. Get Practical for us today

- a. When you have a **challenges** in your life
  - i. Your job
  - ii. Relationships
  - iii. Your health
- b. Do you inquire of the Lord
  - i. Or do you just plow through it
  - ii. And hope for the best?
- c. Who do you attribute your victories to?
- d. Do you ever even think about it?

#### 4. THE DEVIL NEVER GIVES UP

##### 2 Samuel 5:22–25

*Once more the Philistines came up and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim; so David inquired of the LORD, and he answered, “Do not go straight up, but circle around behind them and attack them in front of the balsam trees. As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, move quickly, because that will mean the LORD has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army.” So David did as the LORD commanded him, and he struck down the Philistines all the way from Gibeon to Gezer.*

##### Luke 4:13

*“When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.”*

##### 1 Peter 5:8

*“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”*

- a. Devil did **not** give up on Jesus
- b. He’s not going to give up on you
- c. He’s going to wait until you are in a **weakened state**
- d. Jesus fasted and prayed in desert 40 days
  - i. Hungry
  - ii. Thinking about his mission
  - iii. About all the power of heaven **he had to give up** coming to earth
- e. Don’t be naive to think he isn’t waiting to get you.
  - i. He is patient
  - ii. Always prowling
  - iii. Looking for that opportunity
  - iv. When you are weak
    - 1) Not reading your Bible
    - 2) Missing fellowship time with brothers and sisters
    - 3) Hanging around the wrong influences

- 4) Financial struggles
- 5) Relationship problems
- 6) Health related issues

## **5. David wants to remain close to God**

### **2 Samuel 6:1–11**

*“David again brought together out of Israel chosen men, thirty thousand in all. He and all his men set out from Baalah of Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim that are on the ark. They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. David and the whole house of Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with songs and with harps, lyres, tambourines, sistrums and cymbals.*

## **6. THINGS DIDN'T GO AS DAVID EXPECTED**

### **2 Samuel 6:6–11**

*“When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. The LORD’s anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down and he died there beside the ark of God.*

*Then David was angry because the LORD’s wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah.*

*David was afraid of the LORD that day and said, “How can the ark of the LORD ever come to me?” He was not willing to take the ark of the LORD to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it aside to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the LORD blessed him and his entire household.”*

#### **a. HOW DO YOU HANDLE THINGS**

#### **WHEN THINGS DON'T GO AS YOU EXPECT THEM TO**

- b. Even when you have good intentions
- c. David threw a Hissy-Fit
- d. Do you take your ball and go home
  - i. Stop reading your Bible
  - ii. Stop praying
  - iii. Start skipping church
  - iv. Avoid fellowship with other Christians

## **7. THERE COMES A TIME TO GET OVER YOUR BITTERNESS**

### **2 Samuel 6:12–15**

*“Now King David was told, “The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God.” So David went down and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might, while he and the entire house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.”*

- a. How do you show your repentance from your:
  - i. Bitterness
  - ii. Anger
  - iii. Fits of rage
- b. Do you publicly show your repentance?

## **8. DAVID WANTS TO SHOW GRATEFULNESS TO THE LORD**

### **2 Samuel 7:1–7**

*“After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a palace of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.”*

*Nathan replied to the king, “Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you.”*

*That night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:*

*“Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’”*

- a. Gratitude
  - a. The Ark of the Covenant was brought to Jerusalem
  - b. It only had a temporary shelter
    - i. For transport when
    - ii. the Israelites were on the move
  - c. David had a palace built for himself
  - d. He wanted to erect an elaborate structure to house the Ark
    - i. **Showing his gratitude** for all that God had done for him
- b. **How do you show gratitude** for what God has done in your life
  - a. Don’t even think about it
  - b. God is simply taken for granted
  - c. Just kind of expect God to do for you
- c. So sad, that is where most **professing** Christians are

- a. Blessing entitlement
- b. No real effort to show gratitude
  - i. No sacrifice

## 9. WHEN GOD SAYS “NO”

### 2 Samuel 7:11–13

*“The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”*

- a. Our typical response
  - a. Angry at God
  - b. Turn away from God
  - c. Whine and complain
  - d. David’s response

### 2 Samuel 7:22

*“How great you are, O Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.”*

- a. David accepted God’s “NO”
- b. Didn’t affect his gratitude or appreciation for God
- c. David trusted that God knows what is best

## 10. THE MORE OPPORTUNE TIME SHOWS UP

### 2 Samuel 8:1–6

*“In the course of time, David defeated the Philistines and subdued them, and he took Gath from the control of the Philistines. David also defeated the Moabites. He made them lie down on the ground and measured them off with a length of cord. Every two lengths of them were put to death, and the third length was allowed to live. So, the Moabites became subject to David and brought tribute. Moreover, David fought Hadadezer son of Rehob, king of Zobah, when he went to restore his control along the Euphrates River. David captured a thousand of his chariots, seven thousand charioteers and twenty-thousand-foot soldiers. He hamstringed all but a hundred of the chariot horses. When the Arameans of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David struck down twenty-two thousand of them. He put garrisons in the Aramean kingdom of Damascus, and the Arameans became subject to him and brought tribute. The LORD gave David victory wherever he went.”*

- a. David went to war against
  - a. Philistines
  - b. Moabites
  - c. Zobah

- d. Arameans
- b. *“The Lord gave David victory wherever he went”*
  - a. **Vs. 6**
  - b. **Vs. 14**
- c. Why did the Lord give David all these victories
  - a. **Vs 15** – *“He was doing what was just and right for all his people.”*

## 11. THE DEVIL SEIZES ANOTHER OPPORTUNE TIME

- a. Up to this time the Devil attacked from the **outside**
- b. This time he attacks from **within**

### 2 Samuel 15:10–12

*“Then Absalom sent secret messengers throughout the tribes of Israel to say, ‘As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpets, then say, ‘Absalom is king in Hebron.’” Two hundred men from Jerusalem had accompanied Absalom. They had been invited as guests and went quite innocently, knowing nothing about the matter. While Absalom was offering sacrifices, he also sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David’s counselor, to come from Giloh, his hometown. And so, the conspiracy gained strength, and Absalom’s following kept on increasing.”*

- a. This time it comes from within his family
  - a. Family members can often time cause the greatest problems
    - i. For those trying to honor God with their lives
  - b. Jesus recognized this

### Matthew 10:34–38

*“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn  
 “‘a man against his father,  
 a daughter against her mother,  
 a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—  
 a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’*

*“Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.”*

- c. Try telling your family that you are going to a different church
  - i. Wait for the questions:
    1. Our church isn’t good enough for you
    2. Do you think we are not Christians
    3. That’s going to hurt everyone
    4. Where is your loyalty to your family