

David

The Chronicles of a King (Part 2)

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INTRO

1. Review
 - a. David becomes King of Judah
 - b. Ish-Bosheth (Saul's descendant) is King of Israel
2. War between Judah and Israel
3. Ish-Bosheth dies
 - a. David made king over Judah and Israel
 - b. Kingdom is united again
4. War between Israel and Philistines
 - a. David inquires of Lord
 - b. David victorious
5. Constant wars
6. Satan always looking for opportunities
7. David conquers Jebusites
 - a. Makes Jerusalem his capital
 - b. Wants to bring Ark to Jerusalem
 - c. Ark stumbles
 - i. Uzzah dies
 - ii. David mad
 - iii. Stops bringing the Ark
 - d. David gets over anger
 - i. And brings Ark to Jerusalem
 - ii. Great celebration
8. David wants to build Temple
 - a. But God says "NO"
 - b. His son, Solomon would build the temple
9. Devil seizes another opportunity
 - a. Absalom
 - b. Earlier – Problems from outside
 - c. This time – Problems from within
10. Dividing the kingdom again

1. A DIVIDED KINGDOM

a. 2 Samuel 15:13–14

"A messenger came and told David, "The hearts of the men of Israel are with Absalom." Then David said to all his officials who were with him in Jerusalem, "Come! We must flee, or none of us will escape from Absalom. We must leave immediately, or he will move quickly to overtake us and bring ruin upon us and put the city to the sword."

b. 2 Samuel 15:23

“The whole countryside wept aloud as all the people passed by. The king also crossed the Kidron Valley, and all the people moved on toward the desert.”

2. WHEN THERE IS DIVISION WITHIN A GROUP OR MOVEMENT

- a. There is sadness
- b. Tears
- c. Disruption of people's lives
- d. We also see how finicky people can be
 - i. One minute they are one way
 - ii. The next they can be totally different
 - iii. Like with Jesus
 - 1. The heralded him as king riding into Jerusalem
 - 2. Two days later they are yelling ‘crucify him’

John 14:1

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.

- e. This is one reason we need to trust God
 - i. People can be so ‘up – and – down’

3. DIVISION WITHIN A CHURCH

i. Romans 16:17–18

“I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery, they deceive the minds of naive people.”

4. TIME WILL TELL

- a. God will make it clear
- b. The truth always comes to the surface
 - i. Not always right away
 - ii. Sometimes God does make it clear right away
- c. God will depose those who are the problem
 - i. They are people who put obstacles in your way
 - ii. Contrary to the word of God

1. 1 Corinthians 11:18–19

“In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God’s approval.”

5. SPIRITUAL PEOPLE CAN GIVE BAD ADVICE

2 Samuel 15:30–31

“But David continued up the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went; his head was covered and he was barefoot. All the people with him covered their heads too and were weeping as they went up. Now David had been told, “Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom.” So, David prayed, “O LORD, turn Ahithophel’s counsel into foolishness.”

2 Samuel 16:23

“Now in those days the advice Ahithophel gave was like that of one who inquires of God. That was how both David and Absalom regarded all of Ahithophel’s advice.”

2 Samuel 17:14

“Absalom and all the men of Israel said, “The advice of Hushai the Arkite is better than that of Ahithophel.” For the LORD had determined to frustrate the good advice of Ahithophel in order to bring disaster on Absalom.”

6. GETTING ADVICE IS ALWAYS BEST

Proverbs 11:14

“For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisers make victory sure.”

Proverbs 12:15

“The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.”

Proverbs 18:17

“The first to present his case seems right, till another comes forward and questions him.”

Proverbs 19:20–21

“Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.

Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that prevails.”

a. Too many people trust **their own judgment**

- i. Consequences if that they are always falling into a pit
- ii. Dig holes for themselves that are hard to get out of

b. Or go to **wrong people for advice**

- i. Who haven’t proven that they really know what they are talking about
- ii. Seems right to them
- iii. Sounds good
- iv. Or tell you what you want to hear

Luke 6:39–40

“He also told them this parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?”

c. GOD’S WAY WILL ALWAYS PREVAIL

2 Samuel 17:23

“When Ahithophel saw that his advice had not been followed, he saddled his donkey and set out for his house in his hometown. He put his house in order and then hanged himself. So he died and was buried in his father’s tomb.”

7. 2 Samuel 18:1

“David mustered the men who were with him and appointed over them commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds”

- a. Once again, people come to David to lead them
 - a. Like back in the cave Adullam

8. SENTIMENTALITY CAUSES LOTS OF PROBLEMS

2 Samuel 18:5

“The king commanded Joab, Abishai and Ittai, “Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake.” And all the troops heard the king giving orders concerning Absalom to each of the commanders.”

2 Samuel 18:6–11

“The army marched into the field to fight Israel, and the battle took place in the forest of Ephraim. There the army of Israel was defeated by David’s men, and the casualties that day were great—twenty thousand men. The battle spread out over the whole countryside, and the forest claimed more lives that day than the sword. Now Absalom happened to meet David’s men. He was riding his mule, and as the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak, Absalom’s head got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in midair, while the mule he was riding kept on going. When one of the men saw this, he told Joab, “I just saw Absalom hanging in an oak tree.” Joab said to the man who had told him this, “What! You saw him? Why didn’t you strike him to the ground right there? Then I would have had to give you ten shekels of silver and a warrior’s belt.”

2 Samuel 18:14–15

“Joab said, “I’m not going to wait like this for you.” So he took three javelins in his hand and plunged them into Absalom’s heart while Absalom was still alive in the oak tree. And ten of Joab’s armor-bearers surrounded Absalom, struck him and killed him.”

2 Samuel 18:31–33

“Then the Cushite arrived and said, “My lord the king, hear the good news! The LORD has delivered you today from all who rose up against you.” The king asked the Cushite, “Is the young man Absalom safe?” The Cushite replied, “May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to harm you be like that young man.” The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: “O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you—O Absalom, my son, my son!”

2 Samuel 19:5–8

“Then Joab went into the house to the king and said, “Today you have humiliated all your men, who have just saved your life and the lives of your sons and daughters and the lives of your wives and concubines. You love those who hate you and hate those who love you. You have made it clear today that the commanders and their men mean nothing to you. I see that you would be pleased if Absalom were alive today and all of us were dead. Now go out and encourage your men. I swear by the LORD that if you don’t go out, not a man will be left with you by nightfall. This will be worse for you than all the calamities that have come upon you from your youth till now.” So the king got up and took his seat

in the gateway. When the men were told, “The king is sitting in the gateway,” they all came before him.”

9. GREAT LEADERS HAVE GREAT CHARISMA

2 Samuel 19:14–15

“He won over the hearts of all the men of Judah as though they were one man. They sent word to the king, “Return, you and all your men.” Then the king returned and went as far as the Jordan.” Now the men of Judah had come to Gilgal to go out and meet the king and bring him across the Jordan.”

- a. Leadership is a Spiritual gift

Romans 12:3–8

“For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.”

- b. We all have Spiritual gifts.

- a. Identify which gift you have
- b. Use it to build up the church

10. SATAN NEVER STOPS

2 Samuel 21:15

“Once again there was a battle between the Philistines and Israel. David went down with his men to fight against the Philistines, and he became exhausted.

2 Samuel 21:18

“In the course of time, there was another battle with the Philistines”

2 Samuel 21:19

“In another battle with the Philistines”

2 Samuel 21:20

“In still another battle, which took place at Gath”

- a. Just when you think everything is going well
 - i. That’s his opportunity
 - ii. Tries to get you when you least expect it
 - iii. Usually after great victory
 - iv. Elijah after Mt. Carmel
 - v. Jezebel threatens him

- vi. He runs away scared
- b. I used this scripture last week
 - i. Can never use it enough
 - ii. Because it is so true

1 Peter 5:8

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

- c. The Devil never gives up

Revelation 12:12

“Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.”

11. AFTER EVERY VICTORY, DAVID GIVES PRAISE TO GOD

2 Samuel 22:1

“David sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.”

- a. Same as **Psalm 18**
- b. Years ago, I memorized this entire Psalm
- c. How about you
 - i. Do you constantly give praise to God
 - ii. For all the things He is doing in your life?
 - iii. All your victories
 - 1. Large
 - 2. And Small
- d. David broadcasted his praise
 - i. This Psalm recorded for everybody to hear