



Reading: 2 Samuel 1:17 - 27

Introduction

- Originally 1st and 2nd Samuel were 1 book and they still are in the Hebrew Bible.
- 2 Samuel is the 5th book from the 12 historical books.
- It is composed of 24 chapters and 695 verses.
- The book covers about 40 years.
- When 1 Samuel closes Saul and 3 of his sons have been killed in battle.
- When 2Samuel opens it records God's promise of kingship to David beginning to occur.
- The book records the ups and downs of his reign.
- David is the main character but lots of other figures are woven into the story.
- People like Joab and Abishai (David's nephews), Mephibosheth (Saul's grandson), Bathsheba, Uriah, Beniah, Nathan and Gad (prophets), Absalom and Ahithophel.

1 Outline Of 2 Samuel

- David's TRIUMPHS. (Chapters 1 - 10).
- Ch 1. David's eulogy over Saul & Jonathan.
- Ch 2. David anointed king over Judah.
- Ch 5. David anointed king by all Israel.
- Ch 6. David brings the ark of the covenant to its new home at Jerusalem.
- Consider [Psalm 89:30-37 & Luke 1:32-33
- Ch 7. God's covenant with the house of David. (Key chapter).
- Ch 8-10. David subdues the nations around Israel.

2 David's TRANSGRESSIONS. (Chapter 11)

- In this chapter we see David '**warts and all!**'
- David falls into sin with Bathsheba and arranges the murder of her husband. (11:27)
- In [Ch 1-11] David learns obedience brings blessing now he is about to learn disobedience brings chastening.

3 David's TROUBLES (Chapters 12 - 21)

- Nathan the prophet confronts David over his sin.
- Although God forgave him, David suffered family troubles for the rest of his life.
- David is on the run again this time from his own son.
- Four sons died and one of them tried to usurp his kingdom.

4 David's THANKSGIVINGS (Chapters 22 - 23).

- David looks back over his life and gives God thanks.

5 David's Further Transgressions (Chapter 24)

- David displays God by '**numbering**' Israel.
- David buys a piece of ground from Araunah.
- This would be the future site of the temple - known today as the '**temple mount!**'

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