

The Scriptures Summarized / Book 10 – II Samuel

I Samuel documents the people and events that contributed to the rise of King David. II Samuel documents the people and events that contributed to the reigns of King of David. He initially ruled the single tribe of Judah from Hebron. Eventually, after the murder of Saul's survivor Ish-Bosheth, the remaining tribes also consolidated around his throne which was relocated to Jerusalem.

David's leadership is best summarized as being a man after God's own heart.

Acts 13:22 After removing Saul, He made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.' (See also I Sam. 13:14; 16:7)

David passionately worshiped God. So long as he operated in faith, he triumphed and accomplished great things in the Name of the Lord.

David's choice and conquest of Jerusalem as his capital city is thought by many historians to be the most monumental geographical decision in the entire Bible. He also planned for a permanent Temple on Mt. Zion to replace the mobile Tabernacle. This showed that King David wanted to be ruled by God.

God honored the desire of David's plans for a Temple but passed the privilege of construction on to his son Solomon. This was because David was known as a man of bloodshed and war. God was so pleased that David wanted to build Him a house of worship, that He made a covenant to build David a house too — a royal dynasty that would one day include the Messiah Himself.

II Sam. 7:9 B ... Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth.

7:16 “Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

However, David is also presented in Scripture as a man who could make decisions out of pride or fear. These tragic selfish choices had catastrophic consequences on the nation and on David’s own family. David however demonstrates repentance, forgiveness and restoration.

Prov. 28:13 Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

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