

WEEK 5: 2 SAMUEL

DAY 1: DAVID, THE SECOND KING OF ISRAEL

2 Samuel 1 to 7

1. Last week we looked at the Book of History called 1 Samuel. We learned about Samuel, the prophet, priest, and judge. We learned about Saul, the first king of Israel. We also learned about David.

After David was anointed king, how did Jonathan feel towards him? _____

How did Saul treat David? _____

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2. Jonathan loved David. Saul tried to kill him. This week we go on studying the Rule of Kings. This is the second period of history. We will look at the book of 2 Samuel. Today we will learn what David did after he was made king of all Israel.

- (1) He made Jerusalem the most important city.
- (2) He brought the ark of God to Jerusalem.

Read 2 Samuel 5:1 to 10 in your Bible. Read verse 2 again. Who was the first king of Israel?

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3. The first king was Saul. God rejected him as king because he disobeyed. God wanted David to be the second king of Israel. While Saul was still king, David was anointed secretly. David had to wait many years before he became king. Saul was killed when fighting against the Philistines. David asked God what he should do. God told him to go to Hebron, a city of Judah.

2 Samuel 2:4:

And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house (or tribe) of Judah.

From this verse, over which tribe was David first made king? _____

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4. David was first made king over Judah. Only the tribe of Judah wanted him at first. The rest of the tribes wanted one of Saul's sons as king. Abner was the leader of Saul's army. He took Ishbosheth, the son of Saul and made him king. David was willing to wait for God's time.

2 Samuel 3:1:

There was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David (or between Judah and Israel); and David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul became weaker and weaker.

Whom did God want to be king of all Israel? _____

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5. God wanted David to be king. Many years before, God had told Samuel to anoint him. Many leaders in Israel knew that God had chosen David. At first Abner was on Saul's side. He was David's enemy. But then he decided to help David. He met with the rest of the tribes. He encouraged them to make David king. This is what he said.

2 Samuel 3:9-10:

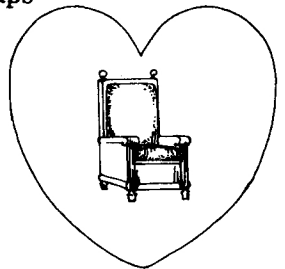
God do so to Abner and more also if I do not accomplish for David what the Lord has sworn to him, to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul, and set up the throne of David over Israel.

Over how many tribes did God want David to be king? _____

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6. David was already king of Judah. God wanted him to be king over all the tribes of Israel. David had to wait many years for this.

The Lord Jesus is God's anointed King. He wants to be your King. He wants to sit on the throne of your heart. Perhaps you are refusing to let Him rule your life. Perhaps you are keeping Him waiting. This is what the people of Israel did. They kept David waiting. They had many troubles until all the tribes made David king. Then they had great peace and joy.



Take time now to pray and search your heart. Is there anything preventing the Lord from being King of your life?

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7. Your leader is willing to help you pray about this.

Finally the elders of Israel made David king at Hebron. David was now king over all the tribes of Israel. After David was made king over all Israel he did two important things.

- (1) He made Jerusalem the most important city.
- (2) He brought the ark of God to Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 5:6-7:

And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites ... David took the stronghold of Zion (or Jerusalem).

From this verse, to which city did David and his men go? _____

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8. They went to the city of Jerusalem. The Jebusites who lived there were Israel's enemies. David fought against them and conquered them. David and his men took the city of Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 5:9:

And David dwelt in the stronghold (or Jerusalem) and called it the city of David. And David built the city round about.

David made Jerusalem the most important city. Over which nation was David ruling when he did this? _____

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9. David was king over Israel. God was blessing David as king.

2 Samuel 5:10:12:

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

What city did David make the most important city? _____

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10. David made Jerusalem the most important city. This is the first thing he did as king of Israel. The Philistines heard that David had become king. They decided to fight him. David prayed and asked God what to do. God gave him victory over the Philistines. David wrote about his faith in the Psalms.

Psalm 27:1:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

What period of history do 2 Samuel and the life of David tell us about?

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11. They tell us about the Rule of kings. We are learning about David, the second king of Israel.

What is the first thing David did after he was made king over all Israel?

In which Book of History do we read this? _____

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12. In 2 Samuel we learn that David made Jerusalem the most important city. This is the first thing he did as king of Israel. The second thing he did was this: He brought the ark of God to Jerusalem. The ark of God was a sign of God's presence. David wanted Jerusalem to be the place of worship for all the people. In the time of Samuel, God was worshipped at Shiloh. Now David wanted the people to worship God in Jerusalem.

Remember the book of Joshua which we studied. What did the priest carry through the River Jordan?

What did the priest carry when they marched around Jericho? _____

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13. The priests carried the ark of God. The ark of God was a sign to Israel that God was with them. When they saw the ark they were reminded to trust and worship God. David wanted God to have His rightful place in the life of the nation. This is why he brought the ark of God to Jerusalem.

When did David bring the ark of God to Jerusalem? Was it in his early days as king, or was it at the end of his life? _____

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14. It was in his early days as king. It was the second thing David did. David made Jerusalem the most important city. He also wanted Jerusalem to be the place of worship for Israel.

From 2 Samuel, what was the second thing David did after he was made king over all Israel?

(1) David made Jerusalem the most important city.

(2) _____

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15. David brought the ark of God to Jerusalem. He wanted God to have first place in his life. He wanted God to have first place in the nation. He planned that Jerusalem would be the centre of the nation. All the tribes of Israel would worship there.

Do you think God has His rightful place in the life of your nation? _____

What could your country's leaders do to give God a bigger place in your nation?

What should we Christians be doing for our leaders? Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2:

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16. Be ready to share your answers in class.

From 2 Samuel, what did David do after he was made king over all Israel?

(1) _____

(2) _____

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DAY 2: DAVID'S KINGDOM WAS MADE STRONG

2 Samuel 7 to 10

1. From the book of 2 Samuel write two things David did after he was made king over all Israel.

(1) _____

(2) _____

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2. First David made Jerusalem the most important city. Then he brought the ark of God to Jerusalem. David was a man after God's own heart. He wanted God in the centre of his life. He wanted God in the centre of the life of the nation.

Today we shall learn two promises God made to King David.

(1) Your throne shall be established for ever.

(2) You will have rest from all your enemies.

In your Bible read 2 Samuel 7:10-16. Read verse 16 again. In your Bible draw a line under these words: Your throne shall be established for ever.

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3. Your throne shall be established for ever. God made this promise to David. This meant that future kings would come from the family of David. You remember that God promised to send Jesus through the nation of Israel. God was planning this when he promised to establish David's throne for ever. Read what the angel said before the birth of Jesus.

Luke 1:31-33:

... you shall call his name Jesus ... the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob (or Israel) for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end.

David's throne would be established for ever. Did this mean that David himself would be king for ever? _____

From these verses in Luke, who would be king for ever? _____

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4. Jesus, of the family of David will one day be King. He will reign for ever. The Lord Jesus came to this world. He lived and died and rose again. He went up into heaven. One day He is coming back. The throne of David will be given to Jesus. He will be the King of kings for ever. This is what God's promise to David meant.

Psalm 89:3-4:

Thou hast said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant; 'I will establish your descendants for ever, and build your throne for all generations.' "

What did God promise David He would build for all generations?_____

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5. God promised to establish David's throne. David's heart was full of praise to God. He wanted to do something to show his thanks to God. David often praised God by singing.

Take your Bible now and read one of David's songs in Psalm 145:1 to 3.

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6. David also wanted to show his love to God in another way. He thought about his own beautiful house. Then he thought of the ark of God kept in a tent. This did not seem right. He had a great desire to build a house for God.

2 Samuel 7:2:

the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now I dwell in a house of cedar (or beautiful wood), but the ark of God dwells in a tent."

Is it important that we make our place of worship look nice?_____

Write some things which could be done to make your place of worship better.

7. Be ready to talk about this in class. David wanted to build a house for God. But God gave Nathan the prophet a message for David. This message is in 2 Samuel 7:4-17. We learn that God said No to David. David was told that his son would build a house for God's name. God had a very good reason for saying No to David. He did not tell David just then. Instead God reminded David of the way He had blessed him.

To whom did God make the promise: Your throne will be established for ever?

8. God made this promise to David. David wanted to show his thanks by building a house for God. But God said No. I wonder if you have ever wanted to do something for God and God said No. What did you do? I hope you did what David did.

2 Samuel 7:18:

Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and said ...

David prayed. David was a man after God's own heart. He knew and trusted God. He was willing for God's will to be done.

Read in your Bible 2 Samuel 7:24 to 26.

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9. You have read part of David's prayer. David thanked God for His greatness. He praised Him for all He had done for Israel. He asked that God would surely fulfil His promises to him.

Write the first promise God made to King David. Read the second.

(1) _____

(2) You will have rest from all your enemies.

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10. God promised David: Your throne will be established for ever. The other promise was: You will have rest from all your enemies. We learned yesterday that God helped David conquer the Jebusites. They were living in Jerusalem. There were other enemies of Israel living in Canaan. We shall learn how God helped David defeat them also. God would fulfil His promise to David: You will have rest from all your enemies.

Who was ruling all the tribes of Israel? _____

Write the name of the land which God gave Israel. _____

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11. King David was ruling over Israel. Israel lived in Canaan. You remember that God helped Joshua conquer this land. Then Joshua divided the land between the tribes of Israel. God told them to drive out the heathen nations. But they did not do this. Some of Israel's enemies still lived in Canaan. God helped David drive out some of these.

2 Samuel 8:1:

After this David defeated the Philistines and subdued them.

Who promised David rest from all his enemies? _____

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12. God promised King David rest from all his enemies. God gave David rest from the Philistines. The next enemies were the people of Moab. Then there were the Syrians.

2 Samuel 8:2:

And he defeated Moab...making them lie down on the ground...to be put to death.

2 Samuel 8:5-6:

And when the Syrians of Damascus came ... David slew twenty-two thousand ... And the Lord gave victory to David wherever he went.

Were the Moabites and the Syrians David's enemies, or his friends? _____

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13. The Moabites and the Syrians were also David's enemies. David spent many years of his life fighting enemies.

What did God promise David about his enemies? _____

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14. God promised David he would have rest from his enemies. God helped David to conquer other heathen nations at this time too. David kept the silver and gold from these nations for God's house.

2 Samuel 8:11-12:

these also King David dedicated to the Lord, together with the silver and gold which he dedicated from all the nations he subdued (or conquered), from Edom, Moab, the Ammonites, the Philistines, Amalek ...

By helping David to defeat these nations, God gave David rest from his enemies.

What is the first promise God made to David?

(1) _____

(2) You will have rest from all your enemies.

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15. First, God promised: Your throne will be established for ever. David was very happy to receive this promise. But he was still fighting enemies.

What is the second promise God made to David? _____

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16. He promised: You will have rest from all your enemies. These were very great promises. If a man of earth had promised these things to David, he could not have believed.

But who made these promises to David? _____

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17. God made these promises. He cares about the people of the earth. He wants their love and obedience. God made two promises to David. He is faithful. He kept His promises to David.

What two promises did God make to King David?

(1) _____

(2) _____

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18. He promised David: Your throne will be established for ever. You will have rest from all your enemies.

Pastor Kariuki studied his Bible faithfully. He saw that God promises us victory over our enemies. Pastor Kariuki's greatest enemy was his anger. If someone troubled him he spoke angry words to that person. Then he was sad. He had to go back and tell that person he was sorry. But the next time he was angry again.

Pastor Kariuki read about David and his enemies. He knew that since Christ came we can have power to love those who trouble us. He asked God to keep His promise. The next time he was angry, he stopped. He asked God to help him. Each time he was tempted to become angry he prayed. God helped him overcome this enemy.

Are you asking God to help you overcome an enemy? _____

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19. The class can pray for you if you share this need.

What two promises did God make to David?

(1) _____

(2) _____

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DAY 3: DAVID SINNED
2 Samuel 11 and 12

1. We are still looking at the book of 2 Samuel. This book tells us about the period called the Rule of Kings. We are learning about David the second king of Israel.

What two promises did God make to King David?

- (1) _____
- (2) _____

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2. God promised King David: (1) Your throne will be established forever. (2) You will have rest from all your enemies. We saw yesterday that David fought many enemies. Whatever enemies David fought, God helped him. God was keeping His promise.

Today we shall see an enemy David failed to see. This enemy was satan. David did not fight against him. He did not ask God to help. We shall learn that David committed two great sins.

- (1) He committed adultery.
- (2) He committed murder.

We shall learn that when he confessed, God forgave him.

What period of history does the book of 2 Samuel tell us about? _____

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3. 2 Samuel tells about the Rule of Kings. David was king of Israel. At this time there were still enemies to be conquered. David should have kept fighting these enemies. But he did not do this.

2 Samuel 11:1:

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go forth to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they ravaged (or destroyed) the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

From this verse, where did David stay instead of going to fight his enemies?

4. King David remained in Jerusalem. He stayed at home when he should have been fighting against his enemies. Because of this he was tempted to sin against God. He committed the sin of adultery.

In your Bible read how David sinned in 2 Samuel 11:2 to 5.

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5. David committed adultery with Bathsheba. Her husband was a soldier in Israel's army. He was away fighting at this time. David tried to hide his sin. He called Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, to come home. He wanted people to think that Uriah was the father of Bathsheba's baby. Uriah returned from fighting, but he did not go to see his wife. He stayed at the king's house.

Against whom did David sin besides Bathsheba and Uriah? _____

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6. David sinned against God. He also sinned against Bathsheba and Uriah. He sinned against his own body too. Sin hurts many people. When we allow sin in our lives we are in great danger. One sin leads to another.

Isaiah 30:1:

“Woe to the rebellious children, “says the Lord, “who carry out a plan, but not mine; and who make a league (or agreement), but not of my spirit, that they may add to sin.

What great sin did David commit? _____

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7. David committed the sin of adultery. This sin led to the second great sin. Read David's plan.

2 Samuel 11:14-15:

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, “Set in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down and die.”

From this verse, what did David want to happen to Uriah? _____

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8. David wanted Uriah to be killed. He wanted him to die in the fighting. Joab did what David asked. He put Uriah in the front of the fighting. Uriah was killed. David committed murder because he brought about Uriah's death.

Murder was David's second great sin. What was his first great sin? _____

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9. David committed adultery. This was sin against Bathsheba, but it was also sin against God. David should have confessed his sin at once. God has promised to forgive sin. But David did not confess. He tried to cover up his sin. This led him into the second great sin.

When Uriah was killed, what sin had David committed? _____

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10. David committed the sin of murder. He clearly planned the death of the faithful soldier, Uriah. Bathsheba mourned for her husband. When the mourning was over, David married her, and brought her into his house. Then she gave birth to a son. It seemed to David that everything was all right. He thought he had hidden his sin. But David forgot something. He forgot that God knew what he had done. David could not hide his sin from God.

Genesis 16:13:

...Thou art a God of seeing.

2 Samuel 11:27:

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.

What is the first great sin of David?

(1) _____

(2) He committed murder.

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11. David committed adultery. David had sinned against God and God was displeased. He sent Nathan the prophet to David. Nathan told David a story. God used the story to help David see the truth. David listened. He confessed his sin.

2 Samuel 12:13:

David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

Read the story now in 2 Samuel 12:1 to 7. What did Nathan say when David said that the rich man must die?

12. Nathan said: You are the man. Later David wrote about this. We can read what he wrote in Psalm.32 and Psalm 51. David wrote how he felt while he was trying to cover his sin.

Psalm 32:3-4:

When I declared not my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of the summer.

What was the second great sin which David committed?

- (1) He committed adultery.
- (2) _____

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13. David committed murder. David tells us how he confessed.

Psalm 32:5:

I acknowledged my sin to Thee, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"; then thou didst forgive the guilt of my sin.

From this verse who forgave David's sin when he confessed it? _____

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14. David confessed his sin. God forgave David's sins of adultery and murder.

Read the words of David.

Psalm 51:1-2:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

From these verses, what is David asking God to do? _____

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15. David is asking God to forgive him. David knew that the punishment for his sins was death.

Leviticus 20:10:

If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbour, both the adulteress shall be put to death.

After David confessed his sin, Nathan said:

2 Samuel 12:13:

...the Lord also has put away (or forgiven) your sin; you shall not die.

What were David's two great sins? (1) _____ (2) _____

When David confessed, what did God do? _____

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16. David committed the sins of adultery and murder. When he confessed his sins God forgave him. The verse says that God put away David's sin. This means that God forgave David the sins of adultery and murder. But David's sins had many sad results. Sin hurts many people. We shall learn more about this tomorrow.

Take time now to read more of what David wrote about his sin. Read carefully Psalm 51. Perhaps you have some unconfessed sin in your life. Ask God to search your heart. If He shows you something, ask for strength to confess. This will bring you great help and joy.

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17. What were David's two great sins?

(1) _____ (2) _____

When David confessed, what did God do? _____

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DAY 4: THE RESULTS OF DAVID'S SIN

2 Samuel 12 to 20

1. In the book of 2 Samuel we read that King David sinned against God.

What were David's two great sins?

- (1) _____ (2) _____

When David confessed, what did God do? _____

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2. David committed the sins of adultery and murder. When he confessed his sin God forgave him. But God also warned him that his sin would bring great suffering. Sin always brings suffering. King David reaped what he had planted. We shall see this as we look at 2 Samuel 12 to 20.

Today we shall learn about those who suffered because of David's sin. They were:

- (1) David
- (2) David's family
- (3) The nation of Israel

In your Bible read 2 Samuel 12:7 to 15.

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3. You remember that God sent the prophet, Nathan, to David. Nathan told David that he would not die. He also told him something else which made David very sad.

2 Samuel 12:14-15:

...because by this deed you have utterly scorned (or disobeyed) the Lord, the child that is born to you shall die ... And the Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it became sick.

2 Samuel 12:18:

On the seventh day the child died.

Who began to suffer for his own sin when the child died? _____

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4. David suffered because of his own sin. While the child was sick David cried to the Lord and fasted. After the child died he went into the house of the Lord and worshipped. He accepted his suffering as God's punishment for his sin. Read David's own words.

Psalm 51:4:

Against thee, thee, only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight, so that thou art justified in thy sentence and blameless in thy judgement.

What does sin bring to people? _____

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5. Sin brings suffering. When the child died David himself suffered. Later God gave David and Bathsheba another son, Solomon. Solomon's other name was Jedidiah, which means: Loved by the Lord. This shows God's great love for David. Though David sinned and displeased the Lord, God forgave him. God showed His mercy and forgiveness by giving him another son. Our sin makes God sad. But He loves to show us His grace when we repent.

Why did God have to punish David and let him suffer? _____

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6. David sinned. He committed adultery and murder. Sin had to be punished. David knew and loved the Lord. God loved David too. From other parts of the Bible we know that God punishes those whom he loves. God had something to teach David. Much trouble and suffering would come to David's family. This is what Nathan the prophet told David.

2 Samuel 12:10:

Now therefore (because of your sin) the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.

Who suffered first because of David's sin?

- (1) _____
- (2) David's family
- (3) The nation of Israel

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7. David suffered because of his sin. His family also suffered. We read much about their suffering in 2 Samuel 13. Ammon, David's eldest son sinned against his sister, Tamar. Then Absalom, another of David's sons, killed Ammon. These sins of David's sons brought suffering to the family. David should have punished his sons for their sins. But this was hard because David had sinned in the same ways.

As you learned, what were David's two great sins which made his family suffer?

(1) _____ (2) _____

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8. David's two great sins were adultery and murder. His sons committed the same sins David had committed. A new Testament writer explained it this way.

Galatians 6:7:

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

David reaped what he had sown. His sin had ruined Uriah's family. It also brought trouble to his own family. David suffered because he sinned against God. He suffered when the child of Bathsheba died. He suffered when his own family followed him in sin.

Who suffered because of David's sin? (1) David

(2) _____ (3) The nation of Israel

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9. David's family also suffered because of his sin. Tamar was with child by her brother. Absalom had killed Ammon and had run away. David did not punish Absalom, but he refused to have him back in Jerusalem. Later David agreed that Absalom should return, but he refused to see him.

2 Samuel 14:24,28:

And the king said, "Let him dwell apart in his own house; he is not to come into my presence." ...So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, without coming into the king's presence.

What caused this suffering for David and his family? _____

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10. It was David's sin that brought suffering. Sin always brings suffering. Now we shall see how the nation of Israel suffered. David finally forgave Absalom and received him back into his house. But now Absalom wanted his father's throne. He spent his time telling people to make him king instead of his father. Nathan had warned David that something like this would happen.

2 Samuel 12:11:

Thus says the Lord, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house.

In your Bible read 2 Samuel 15:6 to 12. Who suffered because of David's sin?

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) The nation of Israel

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11. David suffered and his family suffered. You have read how Absalom planned to become king. People from all over Israel visited Jerusalem. Absalom spoke kindly to them. He told them he would help them if he were the king. Later he went to Hebron. He pretended he wanted to worship God. But he really planned to be king. Soon the whole nation would suffer.

2 Samuel 15:12:

... And the conspiracy (or secret plans against David) grew strong, and the people with Absalom kept increasing.

Over what nation was David king? _____

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12. David was king of the nation of Israel. Now Absalom planned to become king. He planned to kill his father. David and his followers ran from Jerusalem. But David commanded that the ark of God should remain in Jerusalem. David trusted that God would bring him back.

2 Samuel 15:25:

...If I find favor in the eyes of the Lord, he will bring me back and let me see both it (the ark) and his habitation (or house).

Fighting began between David's followers and those of Absalom. Then many people suffered.

Who suffered because of David's sin? (1) David (2) David's family

- (3) _____

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13. The nation of Israel suffered. David ran to the other side of the Jordan River. Absalom and his men also crossed the Jordan. David gathered his army and prepared to fight.

2 Samuel 18:6-8:

So the army (David's) went out into the field against Israel (Absalom's army) ... And the men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was very great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country.

What nation suffered because of David's sin? _____

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14. The nation of Israel suffered because of David's sin. Many people died in the fighting. God gave David victory over Absalom. Absalom was killed. Instead of rejoicing over the victory, David cried for his son.

2 Samuel 18:33:

... "O my son, Absalom, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

What was the cause of this suffering that came to David, David's family and the nation of Israel?

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15. The cause was David's sin. Now the fighting was over. David was brought back to Jerusalem by his own tribe, Judah. Later all Israel accepted him as king again. There was peace in the land.

In the world today there is such suffering. This too is because of sin. Jesus Christ the King of kings has been rejected as King. People and nations are wanting their own way. There is no peace. Only when the Lord Jesus returns will suffering end.

Who suffered because of David's sin?

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____
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16. David sinned. Because of this, David, his family, and the nation of Israel suffered. Sin has to be punished. It always brings suffering even though we may not see it. David knew and loved the Lord. Remember he was a man after God's own heart. God loved David. God had something to teach him. Later writers explained this.

Proverbs 3:11-12:

My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline ... for the Lord reproves (or corrects) him whom he loves.

Revelation 3:19:

Those whom I love, I reprove and chasten (or punish) so be zealous and repent.

We can be thankful that God is concerned about sin. Do you know someone who was helped by the suffering which came from their sin? _____

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17. Be ready to tell about this in class if there is time.

Who suffered because of David's sin?

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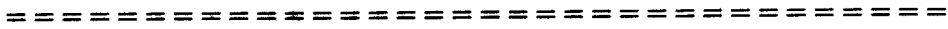
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WEEK 5: 2 SAMUEL
DAY 5: THE LAST YEARS OF DAVID'S RULE. REVISION
2 Samuel 21 to 24

1. This will be a short lesson. Then we shall go over what we have learned in 1&2 Samuel. These two books tell about the period of history called Rule of Kings. We learned about Samuel the prophet and King Saul. We have also learned much about David, the second king of Israel.

Who suffered because of David's sin? (1) _____
(2) _____ (3) _____

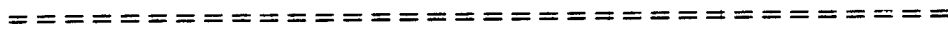


2. David, David's family and the nation of Israel all suffered. God forgives sin but sin still brings suffering.

Today we shall look at the last four chapters of 2 Samuel. They are chapters 21 to 24. These chapters tell us about the last years of David's rule over Israel.

We will learn that David displeased the Lord when he numbered the people of Israel.

Take your Bible and read 2 Samuel 24:1 to 4. Read verse 1 again. Who was angry with Israel?

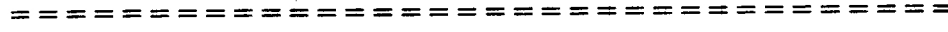


3. The Lord was angry with Israel. We are not told the reason. Perhaps Israel had disobeyed some of God's laws again. The book of 1 Chronicles tells us about this in another way.

1 Chronicles 21:1:

Satan stood up against Israel and incited (or stirred up) David to number Israel.

From this verse, who was tempted to number Israel? _____



4. David was tempted to do this. During the last years of David's rule, Satan told him to number the people. God sometimes allows Satan to tempt us. The temptation itself is not sin. It is when we do what Satan tells us that it becomes sin. David should have refused the temptation. Joab, the leader of David's army, tried to stop him.

2 Samuel 24:4:

But the king's word prevailed (or overcome) against Joab and the commanders of the army. So Joab and the commanders of the army went out from the presence of the king to number the people of Israel.

What did David tell Joab to do? _____

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5. He told him to number the people. But the Lord was displeased with what David had done. Pride had entered David's heart. God had given him victory over his enemies. Now David wanted to know how many people he ruled over. In numbering the people David forgot one of God's laws.

Exodus 30:12:

When you take the census (or number) of the people of Israel, then each shall give a ransom (or pay) for himself to the Lord when you number them that there be no plague among them when you number them.

David did not tell Joab to collect this money.

Did David have the people numbered at the beginning of his rule, or in the last years?

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6. David did this in the last years of his rule. He knew he had done wrong.

2 Samuel 24:10:

But David's heart smote him after he had numbered the people. And David said to the Lord, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O Lord, I pray thee, take away the iniquity of thy servant: for I have done very foolishly."

In the last years of his rule, what did David do that displeased the Lord?__

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7. David numbered the people of Israel. It is not a sin to count people. But it is wrong when we do it because Satan tempts us to be proud. This happened during the last years of his rule. It displeased the Lord. It was a sin in God's sight. Sin must be punished. We read that God gave David a choice of three punishments.

Read what these three punishments were in 2 Samuel 2:12 to 14.

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8. David chose the three days of sickness among the people. God sent an angel as on the night of the Passover in Egypt. Many people were killed. When the angel came to Jerusalem, the Lord told him to stop. The punishment was finished.

2 Samuel 24:15:

So the Lord sent a pestilence (or great sickness) upon Israel from the morning until the appointed time; and there died of the people from Dan to Beersheba seventy thousand men.

Who was displeased with David? _____

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9. The Lord was displeased with David. When the punishment was finished, the angel stood by a threshing floor. God told David to buy this place and build an altar there. David did this. He offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar. God accepted these offerings. Later we shall learn something else about this threshing floor. It was the place David chose for the building of the temple.

In the last years of his rule, what did David do which displeased the Lord?

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10. David numbered the people of Israel.

Mr. Mwangi and Mr. Otieno preached in the same church. Sometimes they worked together but sometimes they quarreled. Some people liked Mr. Mwangi and some liked Mr. Otieno. Mr. Mwangi talked to the people who like him. He counted them. He decided that more people liked him, so he told Mr. Otieno to stop preaching. This made division in the church. Some people stopped coming. The church suffered for many years because of Mr. Mwangi's sin of pride.

Read 2 Samuel 24:10 again. After he displeased God, what did David do that could help Mr. Mwangi?

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11. David confessed his sin. He said: I have sinned greatly.

In the last years of his rule, what did David do which displeased the Lord?__

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Now let us go over what we have learned in the last two weeks.

12. From the book of 1 Samuel what two things do we learn about Samuel as a boy?

(1) _____

(2) _____

13. What three kinds of work did God give Samuel to do? (1) _____

(2) _____ (3) _____

14. What two things do we learn about King Saul from the book of 1 Samuel?

(1) _____

(2) _____

15. From the book of 1 Samuel what three things do we learn about David?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

16. After David was anointed king, how did Jonathan feel towards him?

How did Saul treat David?_____

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Questions from Week 5.

17. From 2 Samuel, what did David do after he was made king over all Israel?

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(2) _____

18. What two promises did God make to David?

(1) _____

(2) _____

19. What were David's two great sins?

(1) _____ (2) _____

When David confessed his sin, what did God do? _____

20. Who suffered because of David's sin? (1) _____

(2) _____ (3) _____

21. In the last years of his rule, what did David do that displeased the Lord?

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When you know all of these answers, go back to page 84. Hide the answers you have written. Try to answer all the questions.