

The Life Of David

The Shepherd 1 Samuel 16:1-13

1. David, the eighth son of Jesse, is brought from a sheep field near Bethlehem and anointed by Samuel (16:1-12).
2. The Spirit of God comes upon David (16:13).

The Singer 1 Samuel 16:14-23

1. King Saul is troubled by an evil spirit.
2. David's beautiful music on the harp helps soothe the troubled king (16:14-23).

The Soldier 1 Samuel 17:1-58

1. A giant Philistine warrior named Goliath had defied the armies of Israel for forty days (17:16).
2. With but a sling and a stone, David kills this mighty soldier (17:49).

The Sought 1 Samuel 18-31

1. He begins his lifelong fellowship with Jonathan (18:1-4; 20:41, 42; 23:16-18).
2. His growing popularity incurs Saul's insane jealousy. Saul attempts to kill him by:
 - Jonathan (compare 18:5 with 18:13)
 - Private attempts on his life (18:11, 21, 25; 19:1, 10, 15)
 - Trickery (18:25-27)
 - Openly hunting him as a wild animal (23:15, 26; 24:2; 26:2, 17-20)
3. He marries Michal, the first of many wives (18:27).
4. He flees to the city of Nob, and in desperation lies to the high priest there (21:1-9).
5. He then travels to the Philistine city of Gath and fakes insanity (21:10-15).
6. He begins gathering his army of "spiritual outlaws" (22:1-2; 23:13).
7. He goes to Moab but is ordered to Judah by God (22:3-5).
8. He spares the life of Saul on two occasions
 - In a cave in En-gei (24:1-15)
 - In a wilderness in Ziph (26:1-16)
9. He marries his second wife, a widow named Abigail (25:1-42).
10. Again he backslides and settles in the Philistine city of Ziklag (27:1-6).

The Sovereign 2 Samuel 1–10; 1 Chronicles 11–19

1. Upon the death of Saul, by God's command he comes to Hebron and is anointed by the men of Judah as their king (2 Sam 2:1-4).
2. After a seven-year war, David is successful over the house of Saul and is anointed at Hebron by all twelve tribes (2 Sam 3–5).
3. He captures the city of Jerusalem and makes it his new capital (2 Sam 5:6-10).
4. He then brings the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem (2 Sam 6:1-19; 1 Chr 15–16).
5. He desires to build a Temple for God, but is not allowed to do so (2 Sam 7:17; 1 Chr 17:4).
6. He now receives the all-important Davidic covenant from God (2 Sam 7:8-17; 1 Chr 17:7-15). This covenant in essence predicted the millennial reign of Christ, the seed of David, upon the earth someday.
7. He seeks out and shows kindness to Mephibosheth, Jonathan's crippled son (2 Sam 9:1-13).

The Sinner 2 Samuel 11

1. David commits adultery with Bath-sheba.
2. He then arranges to have her husband, Uriah, killed on a battlefield (2 Sam 11).

The Sorrowful 2 Samuel 12–21; 1 Chronicles 20; 21

1. Nathan the prophet confronts David about this, and the king confesses (2 Sam 12:1-12; Pss 32, 51).
2. God forgives him, but determines David will pay back fourfold. (Compare 2 Sam 12:5-6 with 12:9-12.)
 - A. The death of his infant son (2 Sam 12:18)
 - B. The rape of Tamar, his daughter, by Amnon, his son (2 Sam 13:14)
 - C. The murder of Amnon by his half-brother (and David's son) Absalom (2 Sam 13:29)
 - D. The rebellion of Absalom against his father's own throne (2 Sam 15–18)

The Statesman 2 Samuel 21:1-14

1. God had sent a three-year plague upon Israel to punish them for Saul's past sins against the nation Gibeon.

2. David stays the plague by negotiating with the Gibeonites, who agree justice can only be served by permitting them to execute seven of Saul's guilty sons (21:1-14).

The Statistician 2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21

1. He succumbs to the temptation of Satan and takes a census of Israel (1 Chr 21:1-6).
2. A divine plague occurs, which is finally stopped by David as he pleads with the death angel (2 Sam 24:15-25; 1 Chr 21:18-30).

The Sponsor 1 Chronicles 22-29

1. He presides over a great dedicatory service for the future Temple (22:5, 9-10).
2. He himself contributes millions of dollars and helps raise additional millions (29:4, 6-7).
3. He gives to Solomon the Temple blueprints he received from God (28:19).
4. He then offers one of Scripture's most beautiful prayers (29:10-19).

The Scribe 2 Samuel 22:1; 23:1-3

David writes over half of the Psalms in the Word of God. "The spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue." (2 Sam. 23:2; see also 23:1-3; 22:1)

The Sage 1 Kings 2

On his deathbed David exhorts Solomon to:

1. Act like a man of God (2:2)
2. Be true to the Word of God (2:3)
3. Rely on the promises of God (2:4)
4. Execute the judgment of God (2:5)

King Saul, His Rise and Fall

Rise

Israel demands a king (ch 8).

Samuel was getting old.

Samuel's sons were wicked.

Israel wanted to be like all other nations.

Saul is chosen by Samuel at God's command (ch 9).

Saul seeks Samuel's advice concerning some lost animals.

Samuel tells him of God's plans.

Saul is anointed at Ramah and acclaimed at Mizpeh (ch 10).

He begins as a humble and somewhat reluctant ruler (9:21; 10:22, 27; 11:12-15).

His leadership is confirmed at the rescue of Jabesh-gilead (ch 11-12).

This Israelite city is surrounded by the Ammonites.

Saul raises an army and delivers the city.

He is urged by Samuel to always serve God.

Fall

Step One:

He intrudes into the office of the priesthood (ch 13).

Step Two:

He orders the death of his own son (ch 14).

Step Three:

He spares Agag, God's enemy (ch 15).

Step Four:

He is tormented by an evil spirit (16:14; 18:10; 19:9).

Step Five:

He attempts to kill David (18:11, 21, 25; 19:1, 10, 15).

Step Six:

He curses and attempts to kill his own son (20:30-33).

Step Seven:

He slaughters 85 priests of God at the city of Nob (22:17-19).

Step Eight:

He goes to the witch of Endor and is slain on the battlefield (chs 28, 31).