

**People of the Promise:
David, Part 3: The King's Journey
2 Samuel**

Introduction

Last Time: David, Part 2: Hated, Hunted, and Safe

After years of life on the run, Saul is dead, and David is finally crowned king at 30.

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1. Crowning and Consolidation (2 Samuel 1-5)

Being where God wants you to serve does not mean the battles are over.

- David mourns for Saul and Jonathan (2 Samuel 1)
- David anointed King of Judah; Ish-bosheth anointed king of Israel—civil war begins (2 Samuel 2)
- Abner, leader of Israel's armies, joins David, then murdered by Joab (2 Samuel 3)
- Ish-bosheth murdered; David executes murderers (2 Samuel 4)
- David anointed king of all Israel (2 Samuel 5)

2. Return of the Ark (2 Samuel 6; 1 Chronicles 15)

Revival of true religion

Sincere but disobedient worship can bring great harm.

Repentance and obedience to God's word

1 Chronicles 15:12-15

¹² "You are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites. Consecrate yourselves, you and your brothers, so that you may bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel, to the place that I have prepared for it. ¹³ Because you did not carry it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not seek him according to the rule." ¹⁴ So the priests and the Levites consecrated themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD,

the God of Israel. ¹⁵ And the Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders with the poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

3. Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7)

God's plans are bigger and better than my plans.

2 Samuel 7:1-2

¹ Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ² the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent."

2 Samuel 7:12-13

¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Luke 1:30-33

³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father

David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

4. Necessary Wars (2 Samuel 8-10)

Philistines, Moabites, Syrians, Edomites, Amalekites, Ammonites, others city states

Kindness to Mephibosheth, crippled son of Jonathan

5. Indulgence and Repentance (2 Samuel 11-12)

The blessings of success can lead to indulgence and sin, bringing long-term harm to ourselves and those around us.

Law of sowing and reaping—polygamy contrary to God’s instructions to Israel’s kings in Deuteronomy 17:17

And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold.

Deuteronomy 17:18-20

¹⁸ And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. ¹⁹ And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes,

and doing them, ²⁰ that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

2 Samuel 3: Ahinoam, Abigail, Maacah, Haggith, Abital, Eglah

2 Samuel 5:13

And David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron, and more sons and daughters were born to David.

Multiplying was common practice among the kings of the world, but it was not to be so among the people of God.

2 Samuel 11:1

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

Stole Bathsheba, wife of Uriah, one of his mighty men; then arranged for Uriah to be stranded in battle and killed to cover for Bathsheba's pregnancy.

2 Samuel 11:27

And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

2 Samuel 12:10-11a

10 Now therefore 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. **11** Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house."

2 Samuel 12:13-14

13 David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. **14** Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die."

Psalms 51

Solomon (shalom), nicknamed Jedidiah—beloved of the Lord, born to David through Bathsheba

6. Family Troubles and Insurrection (2 Samuel 13-20)

Amon violates Tamar.
Absalom kills Amon.

Absalom is estranged from David.
 Absalom leads an insurrection against David.
 Absalom is killed by Joab.
 David is restored to the throne.

7. Setting Past Wrongs Right—Gibeonites (2 Samuel 21)

Saul's slaughter of the Gibeonites, violating Israel's covenant with them, called for retribution

[1 Samuel 22=Psalm 18]

8. Last Words (2 Samuel 23:1-7)

Blessings of a Righteous Kingdom

¹ Now these are the last words of David:
 The oracle of David, the son of Jesse, the
 oracle of the man who was raised on high,
 the anointed of the God of Jacob, the sweet
 psalmist of Israel: ² "The Spirit of the LORD
 speaks by me; his word is on my tongue.
³ The God of Israel has spoken; the Rock of
 Israel has said to me: When one rules justly
 over men, ruling in the fear of God, ⁴ he
 dawns on them like the morning light, like the
 sun shining forth on a cloudless morning, like
 rain that makes grass to sprout from the
 earth. ⁵ For does not my house stand so with
 God? For he has made with me an everlasting
 covenant, ordered in all things and secure.
 For will he not cause to prosper all my help

and my desire? ⁶ But worthless men are all like thorns that are thrown away, for they cannot be taken with the hand; ⁷ but the man who touches them arms himself with iron and the shaft of a spear, and they are utterly consumed with fire.”

9. Foolish Census, Repentance, Restoration (2 Samuel 24)

2 Samuel 24:1-2

¹ Again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he incited David against them, saying, “Go, number Israel and Judah.” ² So the king said to Joab, the commander of the army, who was with him, “Go through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and number the people, that I may know the number of the people.”

2 Samuel 24:10

But David's heart struck 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, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have done very foolishly.”

2 Samuel 24:15-16

¹⁵ So the LORD sent a pestilence on Israel from the morning until the appointed time. And there died of the people from Dan to Beersheba 70,000 men. ¹⁶ And when the

angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the calamity and said to the angel who was working destruction among the people, "It is enough; now stay your hand." And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

2 Samuel 24:25

And David built there an altar to the LORD and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD responded to the plea for the land, and the plague was averted from Israel.

10. Final Blessing (1 Chronicles 29:10-19)

¹⁰ Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹ Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. ¹² Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴ "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own

have we given you. **15** For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. **16** O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. **17** I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. **18** O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you. **19** Grant to Solomon my son a whole heart that he may keep your commandments, your testimonies, and your statutes, performing all, and that he may build the palace for which I have made provision.”

Conclusion

Your life's journey is part of a much bigger story. The Hero of that story is Jesus.