

## 2 Samuel

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### Summary:

This book is basically a biography of David setting him forth as the anointed political and religious king. David was "a man after God's own heart:" (1Sam 13:14), and thus he established the Tabernacle of David and the order of worship set forth in the Psalms (2Sa 23:1-2). He obeyed the covenant and was constantly "inquiring before the Lord". However, this book also records David's downfall and tragic consequences.

### Outline:

David's triumphs: 20 years of blessing (chapters 1 – 10)  
David's trials: 20 years of judgment (chapters 11 – 24)

### David was anointed three times as King

1. The Lord told Samuel the prophet to anoint David the shepherd to be the future king.  
1Sam 16:12-13 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah. (see 1Sam 15:28-29; 16:1-13)
2. The men of Judah came and anointed David king over the House of Judah.  
2Sam 2:1-4 ... Then the men of Judah came and anointed David king over the house of Judah.
3. In due time all the elders of Israel anointed David as king over all Israel.  
2Sam 5:1-5 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. 2 "Previously, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and in. And the LORD said to you, ' You will shepherd My people Israel, and you will be a ruler over Israel.'" 3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them before the LORD at Hebron; then they anointed David king over Israel. 4 David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. 5 At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

### Christ Seen:

Christ, "the Son of David", is seen as the "Greater King David".

Mt 1:1 The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Matthew speak of Jesus as the son of David; he was of royal descent. He uses the name of the great king (the son of David) 17 times, which is more than in any other book of the New Testament. The expression "son of David" is a messianic title.

David was the greatest of the kings of Israel. Since he was a mighty warrior, the title would have pointed to a conquering Messiah, one who would destroy the enemies of Israel and establish God's kingdom with its capital at Jerusalem. It may well be that its militaristic associations account for the sparing use of the title among the Christians. To have made it central would have been to invite misunderstanding among those who dwelt on David's military feats.

Matthew use of "son of David" shows that he plans to bring out what is meant by the Davidic Messiah. Interestingly, he uses it most frequently when people are appealing to Jesus for help (9:27; 15:22; 20:30-31). But it also appears in the story of the triumphal entry (21:9, 15), indicating that Matthew is not unaware of the royal associations of the term. (From The Gospel according to Matthew; by L. Morris)

Davidic worship - David established the Old Testament order of worship.  
Christ Jesus established the New Testament order of worship .

Ac 15:16 After these things I will return, and I will rebuild the tabernacle of David which has fallen, and I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it. (Acts 15:13-21; Amos 9:11-12)

Christ is seen as our:

Priest (Ps 110:4; Heb 5:6-20;); Prophet (Dt 18:15-18); and King (Mt 21:5; Jn 1:49; 1Tim 1:17; 6:15).

## We see the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant in Jesus Christ.

Kingship was promise in the Davidic Covenant:

Psa 89:3-4 "I have made a covenant with My chosen; I have sworn to David My servant, 4 I will establish your seed forever And build up your throne to all generations." (Psa 89:20-21, 29, 35-36)

1Chr 17:11-14 "When your days are fulfilled that you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up one of your descendants after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. 12 He shall build for Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. 13 I will be his father and he shall be My son; and I will not take My lovingkindness away from him, as I took it from him who was before you. 14 But I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever." (2Sam 7:12-16; Psa 132:11-12)

In its ultimate sense the Davidic covenant includes in itself the New Covenant because the major promise of the kingship of the line to David finds its fulfillment in Jesus Christ, the Son of David. He was promised that he would rule over the house, throne and kingdom of David forever and of "the increase of his government there would be no end"

Isa 9:6-7 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. 7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this. (Lk 1:30-33; Mt 1:1)

The relationship of the Abrahamic, Davidic and New Covenants is clearly seen in the promise of kingship that culminated in the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. To Him was given the "key of David"

Isa 22:22 "Then I will set the key of the house of David on his shoulder, When he opens no one will shut, When he shuts no one will open.

Rev 3:7 Message to Philadelphia "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

## The Promises of the Davidic Covenant

### 1. Appointed Land:

2Sam 7:10 "I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, ... (1Chr 17:9)

### 2. Victory over Enemies

1Chr 17:10 even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. And I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover, I tell you that the LORD will build a house for you. (2Sam 7:11)

David's victories pointed to the spiritual victory of Christ, the Lion of the tribe of Judah.

Rev 5:5 and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals."

Mt 16:18 "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

### 3. The Mercies of God

2Sam 7:15 but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. (1Chr 17:13)

God promised David that if his seed sinned, He would chastise them but not take His mercy away from them as He did in cutting off the household of Saul by death. For this reason, David continually spoke of the covenant mercy of the Lord.

Ps 89:28 "My lovingkindness I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall be confirmed to him  
29 So I will establish his descendants forever And his throne as the days of heaven. 30 If his sons forsake My law And do not walk in My judgments, (Psa 89:28-52; Psa 25:6; 40:11; 51:1; 69:16; 103:4, 13)

### 4. Messianic Seed

2Sam 7:12-13 ... I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, 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. (2Sam 7:11-16; 1Chr 17:11-15)

The seed of David finds its fulfillment ultimately in the Lord Jesus Christ.

2Sam 7:14 "I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,

The writer of the Hebrews applied the father -- son clause of the Davidic Covenant to Jesus Christ  
Heb 1:5 For to which of the angels did He ever say, "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"? And again, " I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME"?

1. A virgin of the House of David would bring forth Immanuel (Isa 7:13-14).
2. A Righteous Branch would be raised up to David (Jer 23:5-6; 33:15).
3. Jesus Christ is the son of Abraham and the son of David (Mt1:1; Acts 13:22- 23).
4. He is the seed of David after the flesh (Rom 1:3-4)
5. He is the root and offspring of David (Rev 22:16).
6. He is the lion of the tribe of Judah (Rev 5:5).
7. He is to receive the throne of His father David and reign over the house of Jacob forever so that His Kingdom shall have no end, He will have an eternal ruling dynasty. (Lk 1:31-32; Isa 9:6-9).
6. He will build the temple (2Sam 7:13; 1Chr 17:11-15).  
1Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Eph 2:19-22 so then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.