

II Samuel - 24 Chapters

Title:

Part 2 of what was originally one book: Samuel – Named after one of its chief characters.

Author:

Anonymous, tradition suggests possibly Jeremiah

Occasion and Purpose:

Probably written at the end of the monarchy. It shows the monarchy at its best and at its worst. The story is told in such a way as to highlight the difference between a godly king (who leads the nation into blessing) and an ungodly king (who leads the nation into punishment). The point is that the monarchy was ended because of the influence of bad kings, when they could have been so much better.

Themes:

1. Deuteronomistic Theology
2. Character
3. Kingship
4. Jerusalem/Temple
5. Davidic Covenant
6. Forgiveness and Consequences

Summary:

The continuation of the story of David, how he became king after the death of Saul. He was greatly successful as a king and brought prosperity to the land. The Bible records his failures as well as his successes; David sinned greatly and God brought punishment on him for it. In the end, God was faithful and blessed David greatly until his death. God gave David a covenant and promise that is later fulfilled in David's descendant Jesus.

Organization:

David's Positive Reign	David rules over Judah – 1:1-2:8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Lament for Saul and Jonathan ✦ David made king of Judah 	1:1-10:19
	David becomes king over Israel – 2:9-5:5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ David vs. Saul's house ✦ David made king of all Israel 	
	David consolidates his rule – 5:6-6:23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Victories over enemies ✦ Brings the Ark to Jerusalem 	
	Davidic Covenant – 7:1-29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ God's promise ✦ David's prayer 	
	David's victorious reign – 8:1-10:19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Defeats enemies ✦ Mercy on Mephibosheth 	
David's Troubled Reign	David and Bathsheba – 11:1-12:31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ David and Bathsheba ✦ Nathan Rebukes David 	11:1-24:25
	Problems with David's family – 13:1-19:8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Amnon and Tamar ✦ Absalom and Amnon ✦ Absalom's rebellion 	
	Problems with Saul's family – 19:9-21:14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Shimei and Mephibosheth ✦ Sheba's rebellion ✦ Gibeionites avenged 	
	End of David's reign – 21:15-24:25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ David's song and last words ✦ David's mighty men ✦ Plague and altar 	

Key Verses:

7:5-16; 7:18-29; 11:1; 14:14