

The BEST of Times the WORST of Times ~ 1- 2 Samuel

→Scripture Reading- Acts 13:22, 2 Sam. 7:22-23, Ps. 51:10-11, 16-17

INTRODUCTION

Israel is in TRANSITION from a group of Tribes ruled by Judges -TO- a Unified Kingdom ruled by King David in Jerusalem. bibleproject

Isaac Abraham	Moses	Joshua	Samuel Eli	David Saul
FOUNDERS	EXODUS	CONQUEST	JUDGES	KINGS

BEST of Times ~ 1 Samuel 24 - 2 Samuel 10

David's SUCCESS

- he KILLED Goliath 1 Sam 17
- he did not KILL Saul 1 Sam 24:3-4 and 26:7-11
- he was a POET and Musician Psalm 3:1-4
¹ O LORD, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me! ² Many are saying of me, "God will not deliver him." ³ But you are a shield around me, O LORD; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head. (NIV)
- he was a man of PRAYER 2 Sam. 2:1
¹ ...David asked the LORD, "Should I move back to one of the towns of Judah?" "Yes," the LORD replied. Then David asked, "Which town should I go to?" "To Hebron," the LORD answered. (NLT)
- he United a FRACTURED kingdom 2 Sam 2:4, 5:3
¹² Then David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the SAKE of His people Israel. (HCS)
- he had a HEART FOR God 1 Sam. 13:14
¹⁴ But now your kingdom must end, for the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart. The LORD has already appointed him to be the leader of his people... (NLT)
- ANCESTOR of Jesus Christ - Matt. 1:1
This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David and of Abraham: (NLT)
- Man of FAITH - Heb. 11:32-33
³² How much more do I need to say? It would take too long to recount the stories of the faith of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, **DAVID**, Samuel, and ALL the prophets. ³³ By FAITH these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them... (NLT)
- was VICTORIOUS in Battle 2 Sam 8:14

IMPLICATION

2 Samuel 8:15 (NLT) So David reigned over ALL Israel and DID what was JUST and RIGHT for ALL his people.

The WORST of Times ~ 2 Samuel 11-24

David's STRUGGLES

- he Committed ADULTERY with Bathsheba- 2 Sam 11
- MURDER of Uriah 2 Sam 11
2 Sam. 11:3-4 (ESV) And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the WIFE of Uriah the Hittite?" ⁴ So David sent messengers and TOOK her, and she came to him, and he lay with her.

David's STRUGGLES

- Did NOT deal with the sins of his children 2 Sam 13
- National Rebellion against David 2 Sam 15-18
- The CENSUS of the Nation - 2 Sam 24

¹ The LORD's anger burned against Israel again, and He stirred up David against them to say: "Go, count the people of Israel and Judah. (HCS)

1 Chron. 21:1 Satan stood up against Israel and incited David to count the people of Israel. (HCS)

In that time and culture a man only had the right to count that which actually belonged to him. Israel did NOT belong to David; Israel BELONGED to God. gotquestions.org

Ex 30:12 "When you take a census of the Israelites to count them, each one must pay the LORD a ransom for his life at the time he is counted. Then no plague will come on them when you number them."

2 Samuel 24:10-11 (NLT) But after he had taken the census, David's conscience began to bother him. And he said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly by taking this census. Please forgive my guilt, LORD, for doing this foolish thing."

¹¹ The next morning the word of the LORD came to the prophet Gad, who was David's seer. This was the message:

2 Samuel 24:17 (NLT) When David saw the angel, he said to the LORD, "I am the one who has sinned and done wrong! But these people are as innocent as sheep - what have they done? Let your anger fall against me and my family."

IMPLICATION

^{24:7} ...I am the one who **has sinned** and **done wrong!**

2 Samuel 24:18-21 (NLT) ¹⁸ That day Gad came to David and said to him, "Go up and build an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite." ¹⁹ So David went up to do what the LORD had commanded him. ²⁰ When Araunah saw the king and his men coming toward him, he came and bowed before the king with his face to the ground. ²¹ "Why have you come, my lord the king?" Araunah asked. David replied, "I have come to buy your threshing floor and to build an altar to the LORD there, so that HE will STOP the plague."

2 Samuel 24:24-25 (NLT) ²⁴ But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on buying it, for I will not present burnt offerings to the LORD my God that have cost me nothing." So David paid him fifty pieces of silver for the threshing floor and the oxen. ²⁵ David built an altar there to the LORD and sacrificed burnt offerings and peace offerings. And the LORD answered his prayer for the land, and the plague on Israel was stopped.

TAKE AWAY ??

Lessons From David's Life

- Acknowledge and CONFESSED his sin to God
- Forgiveness does NOT Remove the CONSEQUENCES of sin
- God wants us to fully Trust Him and to Obey Him

1 Samuel 17:45 (NLT) David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the NAME of the LORD of Heaven's Armies - the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."

- Reveals that one person can make a difference
- David received REBUKE by humbly admitting his faults