

## DAVID II

(Second Samuel 6:1—I Kings 2)

Review the time periods. The latest period, “United Kingdom”, refers mainly to the reigns of Saul, David, and Solomon. Under the reign of Solomon’s son, the kingdom divided into 2 parts.

II Samuel 6 records the return of the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem (it had earlier been captured by the Philistines). The chapter also records strife between David and Michal, the daughter of Saul whom David had married.

Chapter 7 records promises from God to David , including establishing his throne forever (a promise fulfilled in Christ).

When the Israelites entered Canaan they did not drive out all the heathen nations as they were told to do. David was successful in defeating many of the enemy nations around him.

Second Samuel 11 records the well-known story of David and Bathsheba---a story of lust, adultery, and murder. The prophet Nathan rebuked David sternly. Part of his punishment was the death of Bathsheba’s baby. Later she bore another son, Solomon.

Another bleak period in David’s life was the time when his son, Absalom, tried to take over the kingdom. Rather than fight back, David fled and went through some very hazardous experiences before Absalom was killed by Joab, a military commander. Then David returned to Jerusalem and resumed his rule.

One goal of David’s was to build a temple for the Lord. However, God said that he had committed too much bloodshed. He was allowed to collect materials, but the building was to be done by his son, Solomon.

Much of the real character of David and indications of what his heart was like is revealed in the Psalms, many of which were written by David. The most famous is the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.

I Kings, chapter 1-2, records the last days of David. As he was near death, one of his sons, Adonijah, tried to take over the throne. He enlisted support from some important people. But David wanted Solomon to be his successor. The prophet Nathan, working with Bathsheba, got David’s assurance that Solomon was to be the new king. They got busy enlisting important support to proclaim Solomon as king---much to the alarm of Adonijah and his followers. Solomon’s forces prevailed and he became the new king. David died after ruling 40 years.