

The Man After God's Own Heart

2 Samuel 1-11; 1 Chronicles 11-19

Period of Bible history

United Monarchy Samuel, the last and greatest of the judges, established a kingdom and anointed Saul to be king. Three kings (Saul, David and Solomon) reigned, each of them about forty years.

Major Events

David anointed over Judah: In chapter 2 David is named king over the southern region.

David anointed over all Israel: In chapter 5 David is named king over all the territories of the people of Israel.

Bringing the ark to Jerusalem: David moves the capital of Israel to Jerusalem and arranges to have the ark transported there. The first attempt ends with Uzzah's death. The second attempt gets the Ark to Jerusalem.

The Davidic covenant: In chapter 7 God promises to give David a lasting house and descendants always on the throne. This predicts Jesus, the eternal king.

David and Mephibosheth: David had promised to preserve Jonathan's descendants.

Mephibosheth is one of these. David brings him into his own house and provides for and protects him.

Important Individuals

David: Chosen by God to be king over a united Israel.

Ish-bosheth: Surviving son of Saul. Abner, commander of Saul's army, installs Ish-bosheth as king over the northern region, Israel.

Joab: Commander of David's army. He becomes commander after conquering Jerusalem in 1 Chronicles 11:4-9. In 2 Samuel 3 he murders Abner against David's wishes.

Abner: Commander of Saul's army. He killed the brother of Joab after warning him away. Later defects to serve David but is then murdered by Joab.

Uzzah: One of the sons of Abinadab who had been keeping the ark. He plans to travel with the ark to Jerusalem but is struck dead after touching the ark.

Michal: Daughter of Saul, wife of David. In 1 Samuel 25:44 Saul gives Michal in marriage to Paltiel although she is already married to David. In 2 Samuel 3:13-16 Abner retrieves Michal from Paltiel and gives her to David.

Mephibosheth: Crippled son of Jonathan. David brings Mephibosheth into his household and takes care of him, fulfilling a promise made to Jonathan in 1 Samuel 20:14-15.

Covenants

The Davidic Covenant. Found in chapter 7, this is God's response to David's desire to build the temple, a place of worship. God does not allow David to build the temple but he promises to protect David and cause him to prosper. In addition, God promises a lasting kingdom to David's descendants.

Covenant: The Old Testament Story

Outline of 2 Samuel 1-11

- I. David mourns the death of Saul and Jonathan (1)
- II. Division in the land (2-4)
 - A. David anointed over Judah (2:1-7)
 - B. Ish-Bosheth anointed over Israel (2:8-11)
 - C. The armies of Israel and Judah face off (2:12-32)
 - D. Abner changes sides (3)
 - E. Ish-bosheth murdered (4)
- III. David anointed king of all Israel (5)
- IV. Bringing the ark to Jerusalem (6)
 - A. Transporting the ark (6:1-4)
 - B. Uzzah touches the ark (6:5-15)
 - C. Michal despises her husband David (6:16-23)
- V. The Davidic covenant (7)
 - A. God promises an unending succession (7:1-17)
 - B. David's response of thanks (7:18-29)
- VI. David's leadership success (8)
- VII. Remembering the House of Jonathan (9)
- VIII. David defeats the Syrians and the Ammonites (10)