

# OLD TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

## 2 Samuel

# THE RISING AND FALLING OF KING DAVID

## Lesson 22

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# BACKGROUND

- Second Samuel
- Originally one scroll with First Samuel
- NOT written by Samuel
- Covers early monarchy of Israel
- II Samuel concentrates on King David

# THE KINGSHIP

- Saul suicides
- Amalekite deceives (stupid move!)
- David genuinely laments
- David annointed king in Judah

# DIVISION OF ISRAEL

- Northern tribes – “Israel”
- Southern tribes – “Judah”

# CIVIL WAR

- David (< 30) king of South (Judah)
- Ish-Bosheth (40) king of North (Israel)
- David's general – Joab
- Ish's general – Abner
- Treachery and bloodshed

# DAVID'S RISINGS

- Heart is tuned into God's.
  - Honoring timing
  - Honoring anointing
- Politically wise.
  - Efforts to reach out to north
  - Jerusalem as capital city

# DAVID'S ACHIEVEMENTS

- Militarily
  - Capture of Jerusalem
  - Defeat of neighboring enemies
- Governmental organization
- Religious contributions
  - Movement of ark
  - Plans for temple
  - Priest and music organization

# DAVID'S SINS

- Adultery with Bathsheba
- Murder of Uriah
- Nathan's allegory
- David's repentance
  - Psalm 51

# SIN'S CONSEQUENCES

- Four punishments re Bathsheba
  1. Sword not depart from David's house (II Sam. 12:10)
  2. Evil rise up from David's house (II Sam. 12:11)
  3. Public adultery of David's wives (II Sam. 12:11)
  4. Child to die (II Sam. 12:14)

# 1 – SWORD

- Absalom (son) kills Amnon (son) for fornicating with Tamar (daughter).
- Joab (general) kills Absalom (son).
- Solomon (son) kills Adonijah (son).

## 2 – EVIL FROM HOUSE

- Amon (son) Adulterates with Tamar (daughter)
- Absalom (son) leads coup
- Adonijah (son) tries to take throne

# 3 – WIVES

- Absalom (son) goes into concubines on roof for all to see

# 4 – CHILD DIES

- Seven days after birth.

# OTHER LESSONS

- Birth of Solomon
- Uzzah and the ark
- Prideful counting
  - Threshing floor of Araunah

# POINTS FOR HOME

- God looks on the heart.
  - So get your heart right!
- Even the best can sin.
  - That includes you, me, and the person next to you!
- Still the sin comes with evil consequences.
  - So don't sow, lest you reap.
- We need to respond to our sin with repentance.
- God has mercy, but sin still stings.