

Create in Me a Clean Heart

9 –15 JAN 2018

2 SA 8-25; 1 CH 17-20; PS 3, 7, 51, 60

Week 15 - 35 Weeks to Go

We continue with the history of David's reign. We read about the everlasting covenant God makes with David -- that his son Solomon's throne will be established. We also read about the many victories of David and his mighty warriors, as well as the troubles that begin in David's house following his adultery with Bathsheba. This history shows that a person's obedience or disobedience to God has direct consequences for that person's life. David would not build the temple he longed to build. Despite consequences, God will rule so His long-term purpose of world blessing and redemption can occur.

Weekly Reading Plan

Day 1: 1CH 17; 2 SA 8:1-12:14; PS51

Day 2: 2 SA 12:15-14:33

Day 3: 2 SA 15:1-37; PS 3;
2 SA 16:1-14; PS7

Day 4: 2 SA 16:15-20:26

Day 5: 2 SA 21:1-22

Day 6: 2 SA 22:1-23:39; 1CH 18:1-13

Day 7: PS 60; 1 CH 18:14-20:8;
2 SA 24:1-25

Outline

A Desire to Build the Temple [Day 1]

Prophetic Account of David's Reign [Day 1]

The Sons of David [Day 2]

Absalom Subverts the Nation [Day 3]

Absalom's Death [Day 4]

The Gibeonites are Avenged [Day 5]

Priestly Account of David's Reign [Day 6]

David's Final Years [Day 7]

Key Characters

David	Nathan
David's warriors	Uria
Mephibosheth	Bathsheba
Absalom	Tamar
Joab	Amasa

Key Locations

Israel
Jerusalem
Rabbah
Hebron

Key Terms

Kingship
Covenant
Dynasty
Sin
Repentance

Key Verses

"He [Solomon] shall build for Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever." [1 CHR 17:12]

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. [PS 51:11-12]

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior – from violent men you save me." [2 SA 22:1-3]

It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure [2 Samuel 22:33]

EPOCH 4
(1200 – 930 BC)

Chapter Summaries (from @biblesummary)

1Ch17: The LORD said to Nathan, "Tell David: I will establish your house; your son will build my house." David prayed, "Who am I, O LORD?"

2Sa8: David defeated the Philistines, the Moabites, King Hadadezer, the Arameans and the Edomites. He reigned over Israel with justice.

2Sa9: David heard about Jonathan's son Mephibosheth, who was lame. He restored Saul's land to Mephibosheth and had him eat at his table.

2Sa10: The King of Ammon humiliated David's servants and hired the Arameans for war. Joab defeated them and David defeated King Hadadezer.

2Sa11: David lay with Uriah's wife Bathsheba and she fell pregnant. He told Joab to have Uriah killed in battle. David married Bathsheba.

2Sa12: Nathan asked David, "Why have you done evil?" David pleaded with God but his child with Bathsheba died. Then Bathsheba bore Solomon.

Ps51: Have mercy on me, O God! Cleanse me from my sin. Do not cast me away from your presence. A broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

2Sa13: David's son Amnon sent for his sister Tamar and raped her. Tamar's brother Absalom had his servants kill Amnon and then he fled.

2Sa14: Joab sent a wise woman to ask David to bring Absalom back. David agreed, but he would not let Absalom see his face for two years.

2Sa15: Absalom went to Hebron and sent out spies to proclaim him king. David fled, but he told Zadok and Hushai to return to Jerusalem.

2Sa16: Shimei cursed David but David spared him. Absalom came to Jerusalem. Ahithophel advised Absalom to sleep with David's concubines.

2Sa17: Ahithophel wanted to pursue David, but Hushai advised gathering Israel. Absalom listened to Hushai. Hushai sent a warning to David.

2Sa18: The servants of David defeated Israel. Absalom got stuck in a tree and Joab killed him. Ahimaaz and the Cushite ran to tell David.!

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2Sa19: The king mourned for Absalom. The men of Judah came to escort him back across the Jordan. Shimei and Mephibosheth came to meet him.

2Sa20: Sheba led the men of Israel to desert David. Joab killed Amasa and besieged Sheba at Abel. The people of Abel cut off Sheba's head.

2Sa21: There was a famine; so David sought the LORD. He let the Gibeonites kill seven of Saul's descendants. Israel fought the Philistines.

2Sa22: David sang: "The LORD is my rock; I called and he thundered from heaven; He delivered me from my enemy; I will extol you, O LORD!"

2Sa23: David's last words were: "My house is secure with God." David's mighty men included the three who brought him water from Bethlehem.

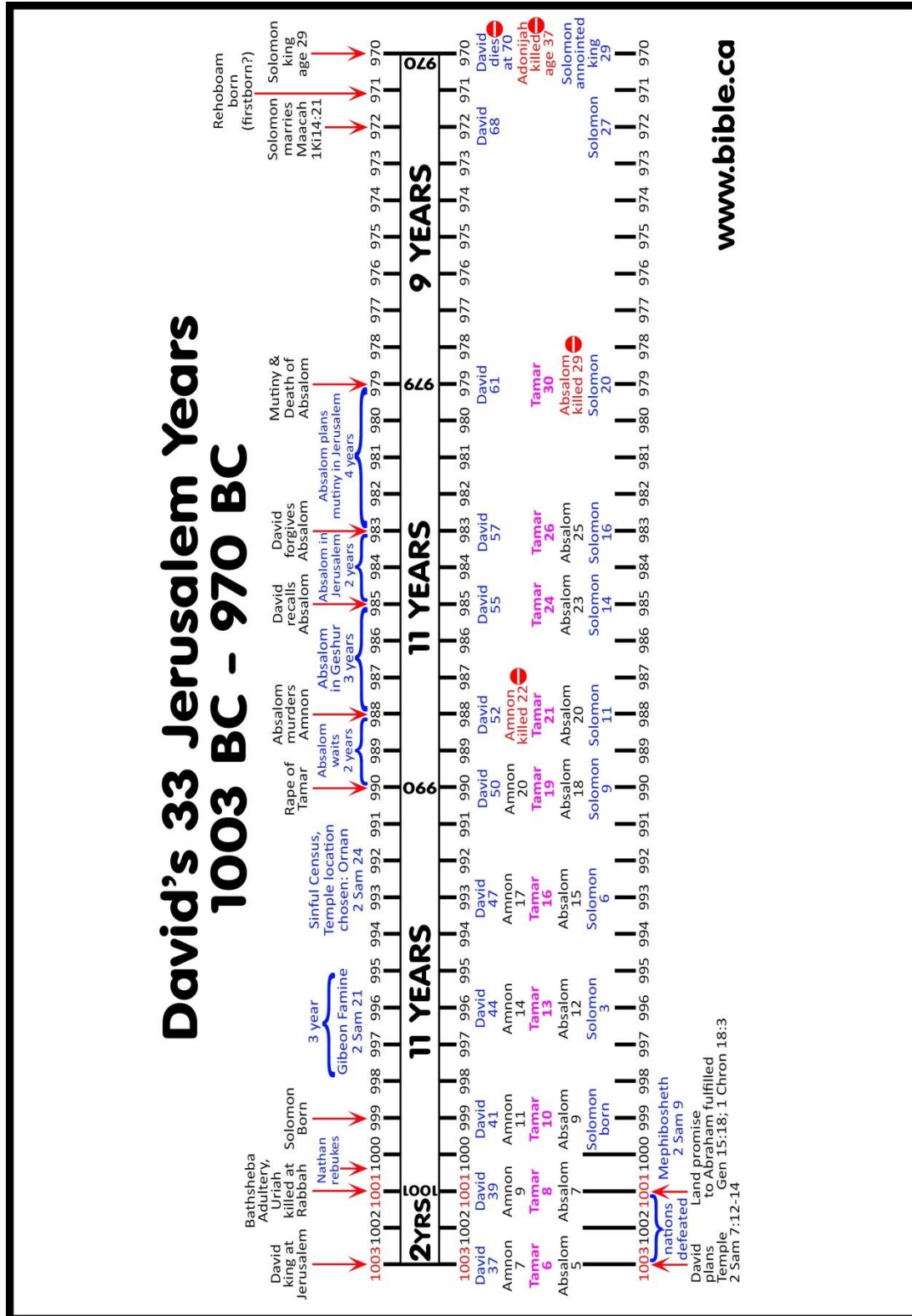
1Ch18: David defeated the Philistines, the Moabites, King Hadadezer, the Arameans and the Edomites. He reigned over Israel with justice.

Ps60: O God, you have rejected us, broken us. Now restore us! God has promised: "Judah is my sceptre." O grant us help against the enemy!

1Ch19: The King of Ammon humiliated David's servants and hired the Arameans for war. Joab defeated them and David defeated King Hadadezer.

1Ch20: Joab besieged Rabbah and David took the plunder. War broke out with the Philistines and David and his men killed the giants.

2Sa24: David numbered the people of Israel and then regretted it. The LORD sent a plague. David bought Araunah's field and made offerings.



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Notes for Discussion

What did I learn about God?

What did I learn about human nature?

How does what I read apply to my life and my relationship with God?

Insights about the time and/or customs?

Other thoughts

What did I learn about God?

- Why was David victorious over all his enemies (Philistines, Moabites, Edomites, etc.)? Why do you think the Lord continued to bless David with victory after victory? Why does God love David?
- Why are the day-to-day operations of the temple such a big deal?
- How did David view God in the Psalms we read? For what aspect of God's character are you especially thankful today?
- In Psalm 3, David begins with acknowledging that everyone he knows has turned against him over the years. David suffers from shame and failure and many family problems. He is isolated from his family and friends. How does David find strength in God?

What did I learn about human nature?

- How would you describe God's response to David's repentance (2SA 12:15-25)?
- What effect can a traumatic event, like what happened to Tamar (2SA 13:1-22) have on a person's faith in God?
- Why is it important for a nation like Israel to remember the battles it has been through?
- What does Psalm 51 say the effect of David's guilt have on him (PS 51:2,3, 7, 8, 10, 12)? Why is it so painful to be confronted with a specific sin? What role does honesty play in receiving forgiveness?

What did I learn about my life/relationship with God?

- God sent Nathan to confront David about his sins. David composed a song (psalm) expressing his sorrow for his sins and asking his God for forgiveness (Psalm 51) after Nathan confronted him. How do you generally respond to correction or criticism from someone (fear, acceptance, frustration, sorrow, defensive??)? How does God convince you of your sin?
- When someone you love disappoints you, how are you most likely to react? (get mad and yell? Forgive and forget? Forgive, but...? Get even? Other?) What does it take (or has it taken in the past) for you to reconcile a broken relationship?
- What does David's prayer (1 CH 17:16-28) inspire you to pray for? What makes certain prayer situations more satisfying than others?

Insights about the time and/or customs?

- Why would the author of 1 Chronicles retell a story that's already been told elsewhere? Is there some benefit to seeing an old story with new eyes?
- How are women treated (David and Bathsheba, Amnon and Tamar, Absalom and David's concubines, Abner and Ishbaal and Saul's concubines)? Do the narrators give any insight into the psychology and characters of the women in the story?
- How are the battles that Christians have to face different from the wars of God's Old Testament people? How are they similar?