

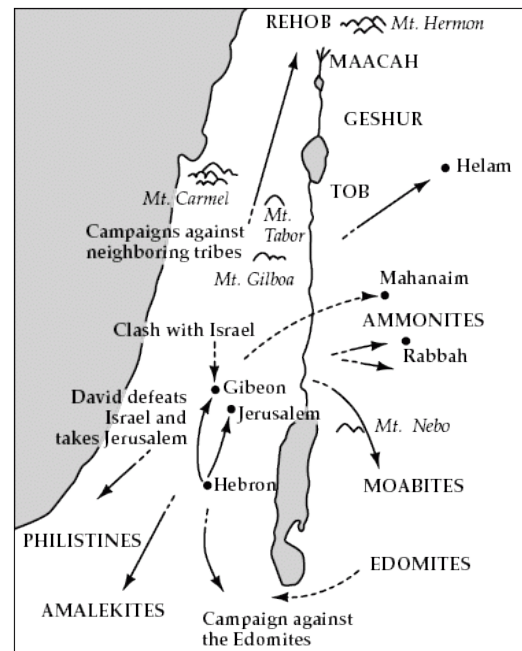
INTRODUCTION TO 2 SAMUEL

2 Samuel 1-24

Key Verses: 7:12-13

“When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

The major theme of 2 Samuel is the kind of king God wants to raise. David is depicted as a true (though imperfect) representative of the ideal theocratic king. As a king, David sought God’s heart, God’s will and purpose, and God’s honor. He loved his rivals and brought about reconciliation and unity (1:17-18; 3:13; 19:13). He always sought the Lord through prayer (2:1; 5:23). He brought the worship of God to the heart of the nation (6:16-17). He reigned over Israel, doing what was just and right for all his people (8:15; cf. 4:12). He protected his people, defeating all their enemies (8:1-14). He was kind to Mephibosheth (9:7) and tried to show sympathy to Hanun king of the Ammonites (10:2). He gave glory to God (22:1-51). He enabled the men with him to become great (23:8-39). When confronted with his sin, he knew how to repent (12:13; 24:10).



Through this study we want to learn about God’s will to establish his kingdom and the great hope it gives us. We want to learn God’s character and see the image of Jesus through David’s life. In light of David’s failure, we also want to learn how to maintain God’s blessing and how to restore our relationship with God through repentance. Finally, we want to learn how to serve God’s purpose in our generation (Ac 13:36).

Brief Outline of 2 Samuel

1:1-2:7	David Becomes King of Judah
2:8-5:5	David Becomes King of All Israel
5:6-6:23	David Brings the Ark of God to Jerusalem
7:1-29	God’s Eternal Covenant with David
8:1-10:19	David’s Righteous Reign over Israel
11:1-12:31	David’s Sin and Repentance
13:1-15:12	The Consequences of David’s Sin (I)
15:13-17:23	The Consequences of David’s Sin (II)
17:24-19:8a	David’s Lament for his Son Absalom
19:8b-21:22	David’s Kingship is Restored
22:1-51	David’s Song of Praise
23:1-39	David’s Last Words
24:1-25	David Builds an Altar to the Lord