

## 2 SAMUEL - *continues to show God carrying out His redemptive purpose in spite of man.*

1 Samuel through 2 Kings deals with the rise and fall of Israel's monarchy.

1 Samuel deals primarily with the reign of Saul; 2 Samuel deals exclusively with the reign of David.

It covers a period of a little over 40 years.

- 1) For  $7\frac{1}{2}$  years David reigns in Hebron - chapters 1-4.
- 2) For 30 years David reigns in Jerusalem - chapters 5-24. Cf. 5:1-5.

David lived c. 1000 years B.C. (Abraham, 2000 years B.C.; Moses, 1500 B.C.)

With David's ascension we have the completion of the three OT offices: the prophetic, the priestly, and the kingly.

We also have the establishment of:

- 1) The kingdom. Prophecies of a king: Gen. 49:10; Num. 24:16-18; Dt. 17:14-20.
- 2) The capital city, Jerusalem, which figures so prominently in prophecy.
- 3) The royal family. Cf. ch. 7.

### Outline:

- I. David's reign in Hebron - covering  $7\frac{1}{2}$  years (2 Sam. 1-4).

This was a period marked by conflict between the house of David and the house of Saul, but it clearly shows David's rise. Cf. 3:1.

- II. David's reign over all Israel in Jerusalem (2 Sam. 5-24). This covers 33 yrs.

A. The period in which he establishes and extends the Kingdom (2 Sam. 5-10). These were the greatest years of his reign.

B. The period of confusion and revolt (2 Sam. 10-18). This is initiated by David's sins. From ch. 15 through 18 the throne is taken from him and he is exiled. His son, Absalom, led the revolt.

C. The period of restoration (2 Sam. 19-24).

### Important chapters: *2 Sam is a most important book from the standpoint of significant developments.*

- 1) Chapter 5 - David becomes king over the entire nation. JERUSALEM becomes the capital city.
- 2) Chapter 7 - the DAVIDIC COVENANT (vv. 1-17). Cf. 23:5. But David's desire to build a temple is rejected.

Also, David's prayer of worship and thanksgiving (vv. 18-29). Under David music in worship becomes prominent. Some 73 Psalms are attributed to him. Two themes are dominant here:

- 1) God's sovereignty.
- 2) God's faithfulness.

- 3) Chapter 11 - David's sin with Bathsheba, the greatest tragedy of his life. But this does not change the Covenant which was established in chapter 7.

His repentance is given in chapter 12 (vv. 1-12). Cf. Ps. 51.

- 4) Chapter 12 - SOLOMON BORN (vv. 24, 25).
- 5) Chapter 15 - Absalom's REVOLT. This is not crushed until chapter 18 when Absalom is killed.
- 6) Chapter 19 - the KINGDOM RESTORED to David.
- 7) Chapter 22 - Psalm 18. This celebrates David's deliverance from Saul and from all his enemies—a fitting conclusion to the story of his life. *But it may have been written earlier.*
- 8) Chapter 23 - David's final words (vv. 1-7).