The God of David

David Rules with Justice and Kindness

2 Samuel 8-10
Lesson 14

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Understanding the Old Testament

- Seemingly without enduring significance
  - Battles against nations long lost in history
  - Battles without long term impact on the history of Israel
  - A description of David’s reign, without demonstration
  - An act of a kindness by David
  - War with Ammon and Syria arising out of a personal insult to David

- Prior chapter – the Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7)

- Subsequent chapters – David’s shame!
Understanding the Old Testament

- Divine perspective of history
- Christ and His Kingdom – Work of Salvation
- Footnotes to Genesis 3:15
- Presentation of Jesus Christ – John 5:39
- “Study the Scriptures as the message of the Lord God that has to do with the Lord Jesus Christ.” (S. Lewis Johnson)
2 Samuel 8-10

- David’s victories over Philistia, Moab, Zobah, Syria, Hamath, Edom (8:1-14)
- David’s reign with justice and righteousness (8:15-18)
- David’s kindness to Mephibosheth (9:1-13)
- David’s kindness to Hanun (10:1-5)
- David’s victories over Ammon and Syria (10:6-19)
Understanding 1 & 2 Samuel

- Hannah’s song (1 Samuel 2:1-10)
- “Theological center of 1 & 2 Samuel” (2 Samuel 7)
  - “Instruction for mankind” (2 Samuel 7:19)
- David teaches of Christ
  - He positively prefigures the eternal King and Kingdom
  - He also negatively prefigures the King and the Kingdom
- The enemy nations appear again in prophecy
David’s Victories

▶ Philistines (8:1)
  Metheg-Ammah – “Gath and its villages” (1 Chronicles 18:1)
  • Jeremiah 47 – prophecy of destruction by Egypt
  • Ezekiel 25:15-17; Amos 1:6-8; Zephaniah 2:4-5

▶ Moab (8:2)
  • Killed 2/3
  • Rules of warfare - Deuteronomy 20
    – Foreign city which does not surrender – destroy all men; plunder the city
    – David showed mercy – typical of Messiah
  • Tribute v. plunder for Israel
  • Balaam’s prophecy of the final Kingdom – Numbers 24:17
  • Isa 15-16, Jer 48 (v. 47); Ezekiel 25:8-10; Zeph 2:8-9
David’s Victories

‣ Syrians (8:3-8)
  • Hadadezer’s Syrians (Zobah) + Syrians of Damascus
  • Extended David’s dominion to Euphrates
    – Zobah – 60 miles north of Sea of Galilee
    – Gen. 15:18 – territory from Euphrates to Nile
  • Hadadezer lived to fight another day (10:16)
  • Syrians of Damascus defeated when came to aid of Hadadezer
  • Plunder: horses/chariots, shields of gold (7-8)
  • Garrisons set in Syria – permanent occupation
David’s Victories

- **Toi (Tou), king of Hamath (9-10)**
  - Joram (YAH is exalted) or Hadoram (Hadad is exalted) – 1 Chron 18:10
  - Bless David + articles of gold, silver, bronze

- **Dedicated spoils of war to the LORD (11-12)**
  - Edom, Moab, Ammon, Philistia, Amalek, spoil of Hadadezer, king of Zobah (same as Saul in 1 Samuel 14:47)
  - Wealth of nations: Isaiah 60:5, 11; 61:6; Zechariah 14:14

- **Edom (13-14)**
  - Valley of Salt – victory + occupation
  - Isaiah 34:5-17; Jeremiah 49:7-22; Ezekiel 25:12-14; Amos 1:11-12; Obadiah; Mal 1:4

- **The LORD gave victory to David . . . (6, 16)**
David’s Kingdom (8:15-18)

▪ All Israel

▪ Justice and equity – justice and righteousness
  • Character of God – Psalm 33:5; 99:4; Jer 9:24; Isa 9:7
  • Character of God’s people – Ps 106:3; Prov 21:3
  • Character of God’s leaders: Gen 18:19; Jer 22:15-16; 1 Kings 10:9
  • Coming Branch: Jer 23:5; 33:15
David’s Kingdom (8:15-18)

- Joab – Commander of the army
- Jehoshaphat – Recorder
- Zadok and Ahimelech Cf. 1 Chr 24:6
  - Zadok was a descendant of Eleazar (cf. 1 Chr 6:3–9)
  - Abiathar was a descendant of Ithamar, son of Eli (cf. 1 Sam 2:31)
- Seraiah – secretary
- Benaiah over the Cherethites and Pelethites
- David’s sons were priests
David’s Kindness to Mephibosheth (9)

- Mephibosheth (Merib-baal in 1 Chr 8:34; 9:40)
  - HESED (Hebrew), “loving-kindness; steadfast love; grace; mercy; faithfulness; goodness; devotion.”
    - Micah 6:8 – God desires justice mercy/kindness and walk humbly with God
    - Hosea 6:6 - God desires mercy and not sacrifice
  - Pledge to Jonathan: 1 Sam 18:3; 20:42; 23:18; 24:21–22
  - House of Machir (17:27)
  - Crippled in his feet
    - Disqualified from priestly service (Lev 21:18; Deut 15:21)
    - David excluded them from Zion (5:6-9) – kindness over-ruled decree
    - Messiah to minister to such (Zeph 3:19)
  - Note Mephibosheth’s response to David
Ammon & Syria (10:1-14)

- David’s kindness to Hanun, King of Ammon
- Hanun despises and dishonors David
- David’s kindness to his servants
- War with Ammon
  - Ammon hires Syrians
  - Joab walks into a trap
  - Syrians driven from the field
  - Ammonites defeated
Ammonite alliance gathers for battle

David’s forces attack the Ammonite alliance

Syrians beyond the Euphrates River attack at Helam

David’s forces defeat the Syrians at Helam
Syria (10:15-19)

- Syrian counter-attack (10:15-19)
  - Hadadezer recruited from beyond the Euphrates
  - David defeated the Syrians and their commander was killed
  - Peace with Hadadezer’s kingdom (Syrians)
  - Syrians’ fear
Ammon & Syria (10:1-19)

- Syria – Isaiah 17; Amos 1:3-5; Jeremiah 49:23-27
- Ammon – Ezekiel 25:1-7; Jer. 9:25-26; Zeph 2:8-11
The Promise

- David’s Kingdom predicts Christ’s Kingdom
- David cannot produce the Kingdom
- David’s rule calls out for a Greater Son