

## 2 Samuel 24: All Things Working Together

### 2 Samuel 23 Review: Leadership

- Leaders and other Mighty People of God

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**1**Now again the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and it incited David against them to say, "Go, number Israel and Judah."

**2**The king said to Joab the commander of the army who was with him, "Go about now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and register the people, that I may know the number of the people."

**3**But Joab said to the king, "Now may the LORD your God add to the people a hundred times as many as they are, while the eyes of my lord the king still see; but why does my lord the king delight in this thing?"

**4**Nevertheless, the **king's word prevailed** against Joab and against the commanders of the army.

**1 Chronicles 21:1**Then **Satan stood up against Israel and moved David** to number Israel.

- **Players:** Israel, David, the LORD and Satan[adversary]
- **Goal:** Judgment of Israel
- **Means** to that end: David's pride
- **Sequence of events:** Israel in sin [Absolum/Sheba?], David's pride allows Satan to move him to count "his" military men, David is warned by God through Joab that this is wrong, David hardens his heart, God allows the census and both David and Israel are judged...**God has a purpose**

So Joab and the commanders of the army went out from the presence of the king to register the people of Israel. **5**They crossed the Jordan and camped in Aroer, on the right side of the city that is in the middle of the valley of Gad and toward Jazer. **6**Then they came to Gilead and to the land of Tahtim-hodshi, and they came to Dan-jaan and around to Sidon, **7**and came to the fortress of Tyre and to all the cities of the Hivites and of the Canaanites, and they went out to the south of Judah, to Beersheba. **8**So when they had gone about through the whole land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. **9**And Joab gave the number of the registration of the people to the king; and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand **valiant men who drew the sword**, and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men. **10**Now David's **heart troubled him** after he

had numbered the people So David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done But now, O LORD, please take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have acted very foolishly."

- **Confession:** A Soft heart will be in anguish

**Psalm 32:3** When I kept silent about my sin, **my body wasted away** Through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. Selah. 5 I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "**I will confess** my transgressions to the LORD"...

11When David arose in the morning, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, 12"Go and speak to David, 'Thus the LORD says, "I am offering you **three things**; choose for yourself one of them, which I will do to you.'" 13So Gad came to David and told him, and said to him, "Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' pestilence in your land? Now consider and see what answer I shall return to Him who sent me." 14Then David said to Gad, "**I am in great distress.** Let us now fall into the hand of the LORD for His mercies are great, but do not let me fall into the hand of man."

- 7 yrs famine, chased by enemies 3 months, or 3 days of pestilence [plague]
- **Mercy:** Not getting what we deserve
- **Census:** Not intrinsically evil; David's attitude and intent was evil: To glory in his might after all God had done in his life

### **Pestilence Sent**

15So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning until the appointed time, and **seventy thousand men** of the people from Dan to Beersheba died. 16 When the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the calamity and said to the angel who destroyed the people, "**It is enough! Now relax your hand!**"

- "**It is enough! Now relax your hand!**"...Mercy
- Same time, different place:

And **the angel of the LORD** was by the threshing floor of Araunah the

Jebusite. 17Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who was striking down the people, and said, "Behold, it is I who have sinned, and it is I who have done wrong; but these sheep, what have they done? Please let Your hand be against me and against my father's house."

- **"The Angel of the LORD"** : Jesus
- David takes **full blame**: Soft Heart

### **David Builds an Altar**

18So Gad came to David that day and said to him, "Go up, erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite." 19David went up according to the word of Gad, just as the LORD had commanded. 20Araunah looked down and saw the king and his servants crossing over toward him; and Araunah went out and bowed his face to the ground before the king. 21Then Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" And David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, in order to build an altar to the LORD, that the plague may be held back from the people." 22Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what is good in his sight. Look, the oxen for the burnt offering, the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood. 23"Everything, O king, Araunah gives to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God accept you." 24However, the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God which cost me nothing " So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. 25David built there an altar to the LORD and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. Thus the **LORD was moved by prayer for the land**, and the plague was held back from Israel.

### **So What?**

#### **David refused to live with a hard heart...many do**

**Proverbs 1:30** "They would not accept my counsel, They spurned all my reproof. 31"So they shall eat of the **fruit of their own way** And be satiated with their own devices.

- Concept of being **"given over"**...no more choice

**Romans 1:24** (Read) Therefore God **gave them over** in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored

among them. ...28And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, **God gave them over** to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

**Luke 8:18** "So take care how you listen; for whoever has, to him more shall be given; and **whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him.**"

- Responsible for what we hear [Calvary Station]
- After Moses asked Pharaoh to let the people go from Egypt, Pharaoh hardened his heart **6 times as Satan cheers him on**...God obliges

**Exodus 9:12** And the **LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart**, and he did not listen to them, just as the LORD had spoken to Moses.

- Holy Spirit: Hound dog of Heaven but not forever

**Revelation 22:10** (Read) And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for **the time is near.** 11"Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy."

- **God is speaking**...we are obligated to listen or we and others will suffer
- **Our hearts grow callous** every time we quench what God is saying through His Word, through circumstances and through Godly advice.

### **All Things Working Together: All in God's Plan**

**Romans 8:28** And we know that God causes **all things to work together for good** to those who **love God**, to those who are **called according to His purpose**

- This is true for David and us... if we are **true believers**
- **Threshing Floor:** Place of Judgment; Separating wheat from chaff, truth from falseness, believers from make-believers
- **Mount Moriah:** Where the LORD provides of Where the LORD appears
- **Famous Place:** Abraham offered Isaac, David saw the Angel of the Lord and offered sacrifice, Jesus is crucified there ...**and:**

**2 Chronicles 3:1** (Read) Then Solomon began to **build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David**, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

- **Through it all:** David and Goliath, David and Saul, David and Jonathan, David and Bathsheba, Absalom's rebellion, Bums and Bad guys, Betrayal, David's mercy, Gods mercy and judgment toward David, His victories and defeats...including everything that led up to buying this field...**God's purpose prevails**

**2 Samuel 7:8** (Read) "Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "**I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel.** 9"I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a great name, like the names of the great men who are on the earth. 10"I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly, 11 even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies The LORD also declares to you that **the LORD will make a house for you.** 12"When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. 13"He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom **forever.** 14"I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, 15but **My lovingkindness shall not depart from him**, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16"**Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.**" 17In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

*18Then David the king went in and sat before the LORD, and he said, "Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that You have brought me this far?"*

**Bye Dave...See ya soon**

*Nick*