

SHADOWS

GLIMPSES OF JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

David

Week 7 | 2 Samuel 7:1-29

All throughout the Old Testament, we see story after story of faithful yet flawed men and women whose lives reflect glimpses of the **glory** of the coming King, Jesus Christ.

After the age of the judges, Israel strayed further from the Lord. They were led by a prophet, but the people rejected God as their king, and instead asked the prophet to raise up for them a human king, so that they could be like all of the other nations of the world. God provided for Israel a man named Saul, who was exactly the kind of king that Israel was seeking: tall, handsome, and a gifted military leader. But he did not love the Lord, nor lead Israel to follow the Lord, which is what the people needed more than anything. The Lord allowed Saul to reign as king, but he began to raise up another—a man faithful to the Lord: David.




BEFORE YOU START

Pray for God to illuminate his word, guide the conversation, and stir our souls.

If you became the monarch of your own nation, what would your first law be?

Read **2 Samuel 7:1-29**.

Summarize the passage in your own words. What stands out to you?

-  How did David's well-intentioned plan differ from God's plan and desires? How was God's plan ultimately better?
-  How does David respond to the Lord's "no"? Is this similar to how you respond to him?
-  What can you learn from David about prayer and surrender? How can you implement these ideas this week?

 How is Jesus the true and better David?

BEFORE YOU'RE SENT

What is God teaching you? What are you going to do about it? How can we help?

How can we pray for you? For your neighbors?