

II Samuel 1-2 –7 April 2022

“What Kind Of King Do You Serve?”

Introduction

*1st & 2nd Samuel was written (around 930BC) as one book & split when translated to Greek

*I Samuel can be divided into 3 sections

*Instigation of kingship - Focus on Samuel

*Failure of earthly kingship - Focus on King Saul

*God’s man chosen & tried - Focus on David

*II Samuel – depicts the entire reign of King David

*David has been waiting about 15 years since his anointing by Samuel to be king of Israel

*Much of David’s character has been developed in these years of wondering, waiting and warring

*Now is God’s timing for David to use his character on the throne to influence the nations

***Today, we’ll see 4 aspects to what kind of king David will be**

1st aspect of David as king is he's a king that doesn't seek his own gain (Chap 1:1-16)

Read Chap 1:1-4 – *Begin w/ report of Saul's death*

1. God had kept David back from this battle
2. David's reputation in Israel remained
 - a. Men knew where to go to times of trouble

Read Chap 1:5-10

1. Seems to be true addition to the story recorded in I Sam 31, but what we know for sure is that he's taking the responsibility for killing Saul
 - a. Brought proof that he stood over Saul's body
2. Saul lived in the flesh & died in that condition
 - a. Saul was told to wipe out the Amalekites but didn't in I Sam 15 – they're pic of the flesh
 - b. Notice vs 8 – The last words Saul ever heard were, "I'm an Amalekite"
 - c. Saul lived, for his own gain, like an Amalekite & died like an Amalekite

Read Chap 1:11-12

1. Notice the mourning was b/c this effected (in order) Saul, his son, the people and all Israel
2. David's not mourning his lost, but other's loss
3. He's not lusting for throne, but mourning people

Read 13-16

1. This Amalekite thought he was gaining favor w/ David by saying he killed Saul, but he didn't know David's heart, nor the Lord's
 - a. David lived a content life
 - b. Willing to wait for the Lord's intervention, not man's intervention (I Sam 26:10)
2. Read II Sam 4:10 – Like all those in the flesh, this Amalekite was living for gain, not godliness

2nd aspect of David as king is he's a king that mourns the loss of his fellows (Chap 1:17-27)

Read Chap 1:17-18

1. Just b/c another book is mentioned in the Bible doesn't mean it's a "lost book of the Bible"
2. Jasher: book of poetry also mentioned in Joshua
3. Forthcoming is David's cry over the nation's loss

Read Chap 1:19-27

1. Notice he mourns for the loss of Israel's protectors (vs 22-23) & providers (vs 24)
2. A good leader recognizes that all loss of kinsmen is hard
 - a. Losing believers – Loses their blessed worship to God & labor towards others
 - b. Losing unbelievers – Loses the chance to influence them towards the Lord

3rd aspect of David as king is he's a king that demonstrates grace & peace (Chap 2:1-7)

Read Chap 2:1-3

1. Remember, David was a Judahite of Bethlehem
2. David always sought to be at peace w/ God by inquiring of God
3. God tells David to begin his kingdom in Hebron - The place of Abraham and the patriarchs

Read Chap 2:4a

1. David was anointed 3x (same as our baptism)
 - a. Spiritual Anointing: In secret by Samuel at which time no physical inheritance began
 - b. 1st Physical Anointing: At beginning of physical ministry and inheriting the kingdom
 - c. 2nd Physical Anointing: At the full revelation of inheriting the kingdom promised

Read Chap 2:4b-7

1. David tells Jabesh-Gilead that he wants the Lord to bless them and he is their friend this day

4th aspect of David as king is he's a king that fights on the side of truth (Chap 2:8-32)

Read Chap 2:8-9

1. Mahanaim (Levitical city) was in Gilead – East
2. Interesting that Abner is cowering away from the Philistines east of Jordan when God's best has always been west of Jordan (They're from Ben)
 - a. David in Hebron shows God's plan
 - b. Ishbosheth in Mahanaim shows man's fear

Read Chap 2:10-11

1. Many ways to solve the 2 or 7 yr question
 - a. Ishbosheth reigned 7 years also but only 2 were over “all Israel”
 - b. No king in Israel for 5 years, then he reigned for two years
2. Ishbosheth's birth name was Ish-baal
 - a. “Man of Baal” became “Man of shame”
 - b. Not exactly seeking the truth of God

Read Chap 2:12-17 – *Now Civil War between generals*

1. Small group could decide the fight but it became all out death leading to civil war that David advantaged

2. Had both sides only sought the mind of God, God would have revealed truth to Abner, as He did to David

Read Chap 2:18

1. David's nephews account for these 3 generals

Read Chap 2:19-24

1. Asahel pursues Abner, Abner asks him to stop, Abner turns and kills Asahel
2. Abner either feared or loved Joab to not want to kill Asahel – Joab will now hunt down Abner

Read Chap 2:25-26

1. Abner's argument is that civil war will leave forever scars
2. Abner's fighting a polite war, but none of that matters if you're not on the 'right' side of the war

Read Chap 2:27-29

1. As Abner's losing, he calls for peace w/ Joab and Joab grants the trumpet of retreat

Read Chap 2:30-32

1. Burying the dead for the 1st day of civil war

Conclusion

So David is the ancestor and prototype of our spiritual King...Jesus. Do you serve King flesh or King Jesus?

1. **Jesus is a king that doesn't seek His own gain**
 - a. He came to seek & save lost (Luk 19:10)
2. **Jesus is a king that mourns the loss of His fellows**
 - a. He “takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live” (Eze 33:11)
3. **Jesus is a king that demonstrates grace & peace**
 - a. He's the Prince of “Peace that has broken down the middle wall of partition between” former adversaries (Eph 2:14)
4. **Jesus is a king that fights on the side of truth**
 - a. Jesus dwelt among us (to fight the battle for us) & we beheld His glory...full of grace & truth (John 1:14)

Serve King Flesh & die an Amalekite's death.....or

Serve King Jesus & live under His glorious reign!