

THE RISE AND FALL OF A NATION



Lessons from Israel's First Kings

David

A Life Well Lived



Acts 13: 36 “Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.



David served God's purpose in his life because
he lived every day for God

David's life had purpose and significance

- He took care of the sheep. (He trusted God in the fields)
- He fought the giant. (He trusted God for the victory)
- He played the lyre before Saul. (He worshipped God in the palace)
- He made a covenant with Jonathan (Friendship bound by God)
- He sinned and repented (Came back to God)
- He brought the ark back from the Philistines (Danced before God)
- He always was seeking God.. he was after God's heart!
- We too must seek God not for "success" but for purpose and significance



At the end of his life...

- **No Regrets:** David did everything he could do for God while living
- **Spiritual Legacy:** He encouraged his son, Solomon and all others to love God with all of their heart and follow the command of the Lord!
- **Passed the Baton:** He gave blueprints and his personal wealth for the construction of the Temple to Solomon





No Regrets!

1 Chronicles 28:1 David summoned all the officials of Israel to assemble at Jerusalem: the officers over the tribes, the commanders of the divisions in the service of the king, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of all the property and livestock belonging to the king and his sons, together with the palace officials, the warriors and all the brave fighting men. 2 King David rose to his feet and said:



Listen to me, my fellow Israelites, my people. I had it in my heart to build a house as a place of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, for the footstool of our God, and I made plans to build it. 3 But God said to me, 'You are not to build a house for my Name, because you are a warrior and have shed blood.' 4 Yet the Lord, the God of Israel, chose me from my whole family to be king over Israel forever. He chose Judah as leader, and from the tribe of Judah he chose my family, and from my father's sons he was pleased to make me king over all Israel.



When God said no to David, he didn't complain,
he reflected on all that God has done.

What has God put on your heart to do?

*Don't waste your last years
picking up seashells... serve God!*



Leaving a Spiritual Legacy

5 Of all my sons — and the Lord has given me many — he has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel. 6 He said to me: ‘Solomon your son is the one who will build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. 7 I will establish his kingdom forever if he is unswerving in carrying out my commands and laws, as is being done at this time.’”



9“And you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.”



The best legacy you can leave behind is...

*your example of following God with all your heart and
telling the next generation to do the same!*

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Passing the Baton



11 Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the portico of the temple, its buildings, its storerooms, its upper parts, its inner rooms and the place of atonement. 12 He gave him the plans of all that the Spirit had put in his mind for the courts of the temple of the Lord and all the surrounding rooms, for the treasuries of the temple of God and for the treasuries for the dedicated things.

1 Chronicles 29: 3 Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple.



1 Chronicles 29: 26 “David son of Jesse was king over all Israel. 27 He ruled over Israel forty years — seven in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. 28 He died at a good old age, having enjoyed long life, wealth and honor. His son Solomon succeeded him as king.”

