



COMING UP ... SEPT 24 2 Sam part 2 (ch. 5-6) OCT 1 2 Sam part 3 (ch. 7) OCT 8 2 Sam part 4 (ch. 8-10) OCT 15 2 Sam part 5 (ch. 11-12)

2 SAMUEL SUMMARIZED in a word or phrase: "Monarchy"

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A time of transition – from "no" king to "our" king (Saul) to "God's" king (David)

Saul is dead ... and so is his dynasty (1 Sam 15)

The kingdom has been turned over to God's king, David

But right now, Israel is a house divided ...

Some follow David ...

... while others follow Ishbosheth

LESSON THEME: No kingdom can tolerate two kings

The True King's Trials

An enemy's lie (1:1-16)

Executing an Amalekite, the Lord's enemy

A nation's funeral (1:17-27)

Heartfelt mourning for Saul and Jonathan

A king's challenger (2:1-11)

Ishbosheth, Saul's fourth son

A kingdom's civil war (2:12-5:3)

Caused by Abner and Ishbosheth's self-serving ambition and rebellion

The False King's Treachery

From Saul's terminated dynasty (1 Sam 15)

(see "Family Tree of Saul" chart, p. 3)

Ishbosheth and Abner reject God's king

David's reign and right to rule

They lay claim to a throne that isn't theirs

Ishbosheth, the puppet

Abner, the power behind the throne

The end is conflict, death and sorrow

A Tale Of Two Kings

The true king, David ...

Seeks unity and peace under his reign

Is obedient, righteous and compassionate

Waits patiently for "follower-ship"

The false king, Ishbosheth ...

Rejects God's Word and will for his own agenda

Claims what is no longer his

Rebels, promoting disunity, confusion and death

Asserts his pretend authority out of pride and need

APPLICATION: No kingdom can tolerate two kings

We're At "Civil War"...

When we give the Lord a *portion* of our heart, but retain another portion for "Ishbosheth"

When we grow complacent about our divided allegiance and tolerate having two kings (Jesus and ourselves) over the "land of Mansoul"

When we justify allowing things to remain outside of God's will ... even knowing one day they'll rebel and cause trouble

When "Ishbosheth" Is In Charge

In our private lives ...

Self-determination; self-reliance; prayerlessness

Self-indulgence (lust, materialism, etc.)

Live by the "when/then" principle

In our public lives ...

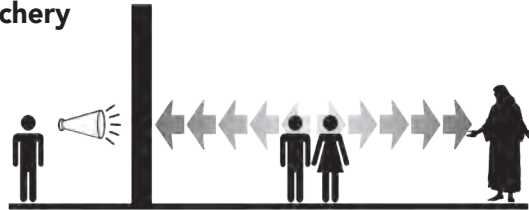
Focus on self-importance and self-promotion

Practice situational morality

Unbiblical mood, temper or words

Pretense ("to appear") and spiritual hypocrisy

The False King's Treachery



Romans 5-8

5	6	7	8
Justification	Sanctification		
Penalty	Power		
Position	Progress		
Christ died for us	We died with Christ to sin	We died to the Law	We walk in the Spirit
New position New standing	We died to sin as a master	We died to our own self-effort	We are transformed by the Spirit

When "David" Is In Charge

We obey God's Word by God's Spirit

We believe God's will for our lives is best

We live *all* of our life—in private as well as in public—in an "above reproach" manner

We pursue humility and unity everywhere

We pursue loyalty ... even if we've been rejected

We find strength in the Lord rather than trying to "strengthen" our own hand

Application

Who's the King of your heart today ... really? Would those closest to you agree or disagree?

Do you believe God's will for your life is *best*?

Are there any areas of your life you're withholding from "David" for "Ishbosheth?"

Are there any areas of your life you're allowing to remain outside of God's Word and will, knowing that one day those "inhabitants" will rebel and cause trouble?

"But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

FOR NEXT TIME: _____

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VIDEO + HANDOUTS ON CCBC WEBSITE: <https://ccbcfamily.org/sermon/old-testament-survey> PODCAST: <https://feeds.transistor.fm/old-testament-survey>



"Rechab and Baanah Bring the Head of Ish-Bosheth"
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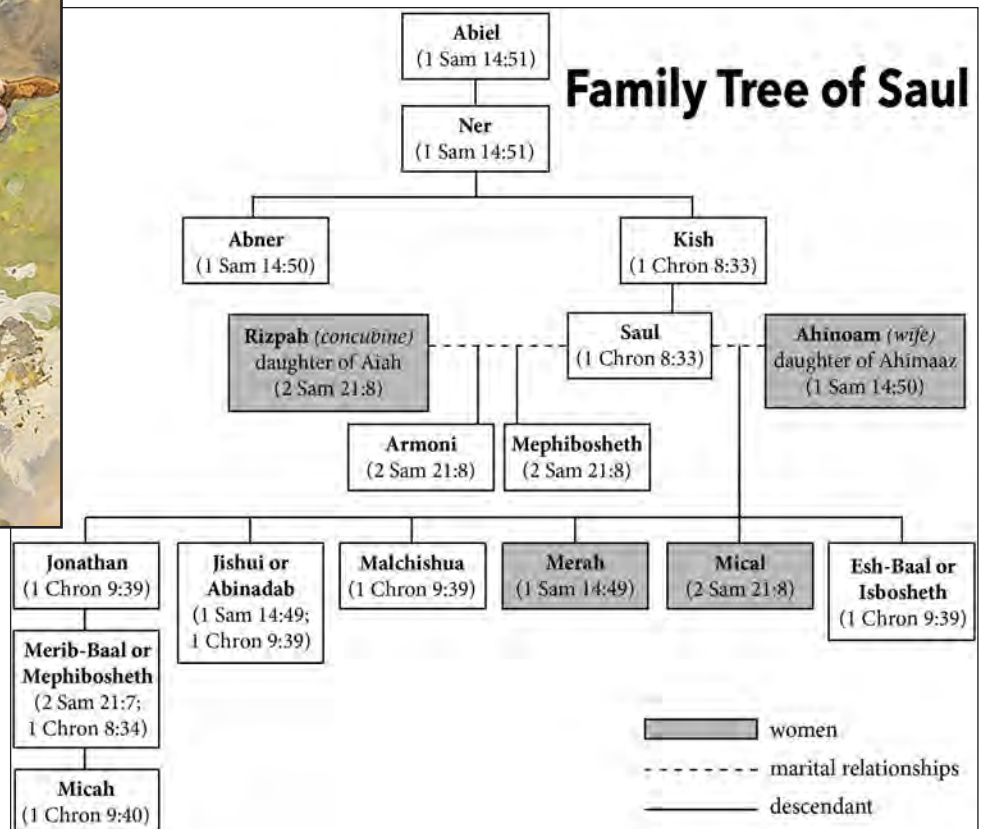
Hebron, located 30 miles south of Jerusalem in the historic area of Judah, is the largest city in the southern West Bank of the Palestinian Authority. It is one of the oldest cities in the world and is considered by Jews to be the second-holiest city after Jerusalem.



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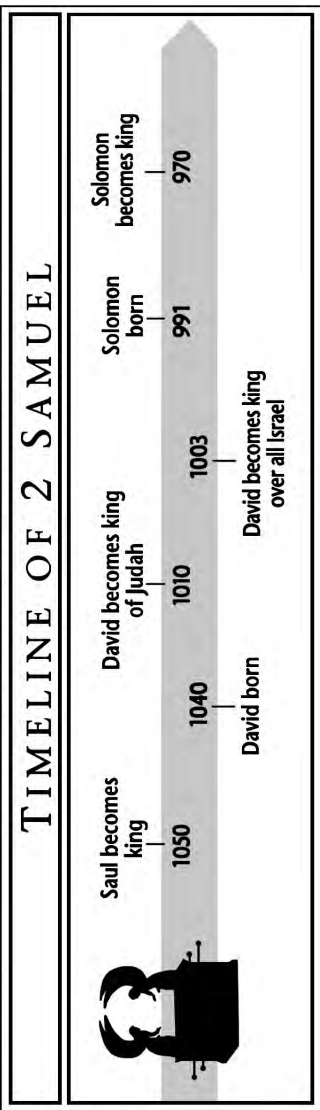


Civil War Between North and South

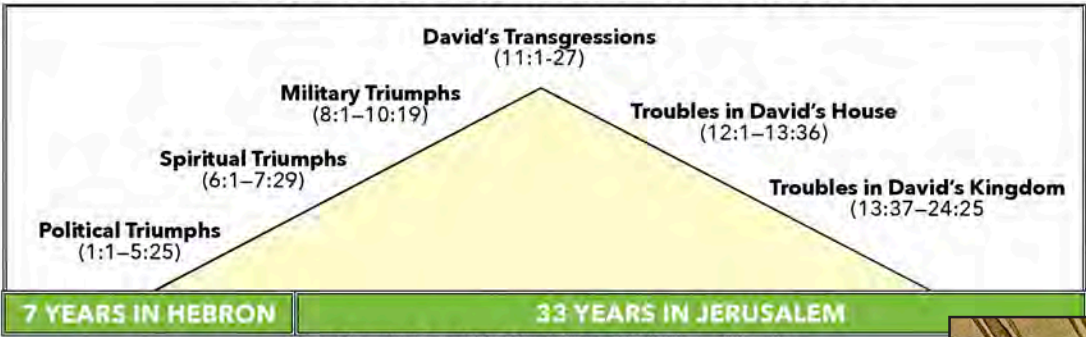
After the death of Saul, David did not immediately ascend to the throne of a united Israelite kingdom. First he was crowned king of Judah, which he ruled for seven and a half years from the city of Hebron (2 Sam. 2:1–7, 11). During much of this period, a civil war was fought between David and the heirs of Saul (3:1). One of these sons, Ishbosheth, (or Esh-Baal, 1 Chr. 8:33), pieced together a kingdom in the north, aided behind the scenes by Abner, one of Saul's generals (1 Sam. 2:8, 9). A great deal of blood was shed in determining whether David or Ishbosheth would ultimately rule Israel (2:12–4:12). This tragic period in the nation's history was a reflection of the people's earlier insistence on having a king (8:4–9, 19–22). Had they waited for God to appoint a ruler in His own good time, the heartache of Saul's reign might never have happened and the years of civil war after he died could have been avoided.



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David's Triumphs			David's Transgressions	David's Troubles		
success			sin	failure		
Political triumphs	Spiritual triumphs	Military triumphs	Sins of adultery and murder	Troubles in David's house	Troubles in David's kingdom	Six appendices on David's great kingdom
2:1 5:25	6:1 7:29	8:1 10:19	11:1 11:27	12:1 13:36	13:37 20:26	21:1 24:25