

A King is Crowned

2 Samuel 5:1-25

- Who wrote 2 Samuel (2S)? Possibly Nathan and Gad, 1 Chronicles 29:29, possibly around 950BC during the reign of Solomon.
- 1S and 2S were originally one long book; divided to make study easier, divided c250BC in LXX.
- Events in 1S and 2S occurred c1050-961BC.
- Key term: David – over 200x.

Ch. 5-10 – 7 Major Events (this chapter's events are in **bold**.)

- 1. Conquest of Jerusalem**
- 2. 2 victories over Philistines**
3. Bringing Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem
4. God's prophecy that of D's posterity one would arise to build God a 'house'
5. D's victories
6. D's kindness to the son of Jonathan
7. Victories over Ammonites & Syrians

1. Crowned King – v. 1-5

- 1: all came – representatives/elders, cf. v. 3
- 3: covenant: don't know content > pleasing. 3rd anointing. Before the Lord: solemn religious ceremony accompanied the making of the covenant between D & elders.
- 4: 30 years old – interesting chronological statement
- 5: reigned 40 years – 70 at end of reign
- Barnes: early years of S's reign silent, 1S 13-31 did not occupy a period of more than 10 years. If D was 20 years old when he slew Goliath, 4 years in S's service, 4 years of wilderness wandering, 1 year 4 months in Philistine country, a few months after S's death makes D thirty years old.

2. Captures Jerusalem – v. 6-10

- Jerusalem: spiritual capital of the World for all major religions: Christianity, Judaism, Islam
- 6: Jebusites so conceited they claimed even the blind and lame could ward off attackers
- 8: water shaft: had a protected water supply that went to a spring at the Eastern foot of the ridge; D overcame by sending men up

- 9: D eliminated a Jebusite fortress that had cut his kingdom in two
- Millo: many fortifications in Palestine, one of them in Shechem, Judges 9:6, 20

3. Cedar House – v. 11-12

- 11: Hiram also mentioned in 1K 9:10-14; Tyre known for cedar logs, Gentile territory
- Coffman: “No more desirable timber from which a house may be built.” Hostile to all kinds of insects & creeping things for years.
- 12: D’s selfishness is evident in next point. All blessings were directed to the good of God’s people.

4. More Concubines – v. 13-16

- Note: no daughter names; low status in soc.
- Shammua: same name as one who heads up spies, Num. 13:1
- DeHoff: “This was one of the mistakes D made.” (II, p. 191) Coffman: “gross and ridiculous sin.”
- Violation of DT. 17:17; 6x in Hebron, Michal, plus ones here: 15/20! Opens up for Solomon
- D had 19 sons total: 6 born in Hebron and 13 born in Jerusalem

5. Philistine Conquest – v. 17-25

- 17: Philistines go up, D goes down, possibly to cave of Adullam
- 18: Valley of Rephaim: possibly SW of Jerusalem
- 21: 1 Chr. 14:12 D’s men burned idols of the Philistines as commanded in DT. 7:5,25
- 22-25: God achieved this victory; marching in balsam trees like Gideon in Judges 7:15-25

Lessons:

1. We have no earthly king to worship. Instead, Jesus Christ sits on His Throne and reigns, 1 Tim. 6:15.
2. Although we worship God at the “church house,” He does not live there like He dwelt in the Tabernacle or Temple. We worship God in Spirit & Truth, John 4:24.
3. Polygamy has always been a sin in God’s eyes, and it does not matter if we are the Lord’s anointed king – that does not make it acceptable in God’s eyes! Sin is sin is sin!

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