

Outline of 2 Samuel

The book of 2 Samuel recounts the history of David, and continues the history of the Israelite monarchy started in 1 Samuel.

- I. David Secures the Kingdom over Southern and Northern Tribes.... 1:1-7:29
 - A. David's reaction to Saul's death..... 1:1-1:27
 - B. David made king over Judah; reigns in Hebron..... 2:1-7
 - C. David secures the kingdom against Saul's house..... 2:8-4:12
 - D. David made king over remainder of tribes; reigns in Zion 5:1-16
 - E. David secures the kingdom against the Philistines 5:17-25
 - F. The Ark brought to Zion 6:1-6:23
 - G. The Davidic Covenant; David's desire to build the temple 7:1-29

- II. David Extends the Kingdom 8:1-10:19; 12:26-31
 - A. War against Philistia, Moab, Syria, Ammon, Amalek 8:1-18
 - B. David shows kindness to Mephibosheth, Saul's son..... 9:1-13
 - C. War against Ammon, Syria 10:1-19; 12:26-31

- III. David's Sin with Bathsheba 11:1-12:25¹
 - A. Adultery and murder 11:1-27
 - B. David repents at the prodding of Nathan 12:1-14²
 - C. David and Bathsheba's first child dies..... 12:15-23
 - D. Solomon born 12:24-25

- IV. Absalom's Revolt Against David..... 13:1-19:14
 - A. Amnon rapes Tamar; Absalom takes revenge..... 13:1-33
 - B. Absalom flees from David and then returns..... 13:34-14:33
 - C. Absalom revolts against David; David flees 15:1-17:29
 - D. David defeats Absalom; Joab kills Absalom..... 18:1-19:14

- V. David Re-secures the Kingdom..... 19:15-24:25
 - A. Sheba's revolt and death 20:1-26
 - B. Saul's sons killed..... 21:1-14
 - C. David defeats Philistines 21:15-22
 - D. David's psalm of victory 22:1-51³
 - E. David's last words; his special forces/body guards 23:1-39
 - F. David numbers Israel 24:1-25¹

Notes

- ¹Among the egregious sins of David from which great difficulties came. Notice from chapter 13 on how David's house was torn apart. Sin has consequences, even if forgiven.
- ²This passage is parallel to Psalm 32 and 51.
- ³See Psalm 18 which is nearly identical.
- Key verses: 11:27b.
- Food for thought: Why does the Bible contain verses like 2 Sam 23:20?
- Notice 2 Sam 6:1-7 where the Ark is carried on a wagon; Num 7:1-9 and 4:4-6 clearly say that the Ark and the other furniture of the tabernacle was to be carried by hand by the Kohathites, and not on wagons.
- Notice the importance of 2 Sam 7 (Davidic covenant) throughout the rest of history