

II Samuel 22 – I Kings 2

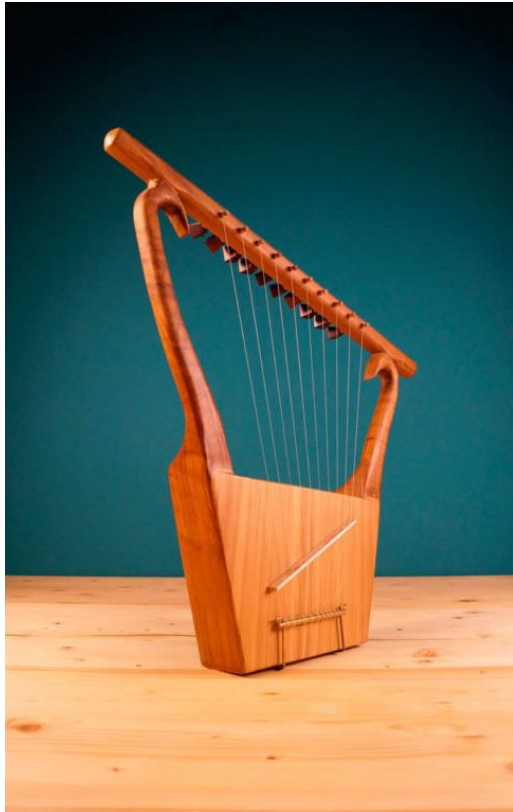
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II Samuel

Chapter 22

David's Song of Thanksgiving

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- Maybe David's "theme song"
- Almost identical to Psalm 18.
- Reese places it when David sought refuge in Gath in I Samuel 27:2-4
- Spurgeon suggests: "it was sung by David at different times when he reviewed his own remarkable history, and observed the gracious hand of God in it all."

Lyre of Megiddo



II Samuel

Chapter 23

David's Final Words

David's "Last Words"

- "The sweet psalmist of Israel"
- This is the final psalm written by David.
- It is not found in the book of Psalms.



The “Mighty Men”

- These 37 men are the backbone of David’s army.
- They had been with David since his days on the run from Saul.
- They were leaders in the military.



II Samuel

Chapter 24

David Numbers the People

Why Does This Happen?

- Combination of three reasons:
 - The Lord was angry at Israel and moved David to do it – II Samuel 24:1
 - Satan stood up against Israel and provoked David to do it – I Chronicles 21:1
 - David did it of his own free will.



What Is Happening?

- This is a military census.
- Israel had a very small standing army.
- When a great army was needed a signal was sounded, and men voluntarily answered.
- With a census, you knew who to expect to answer.



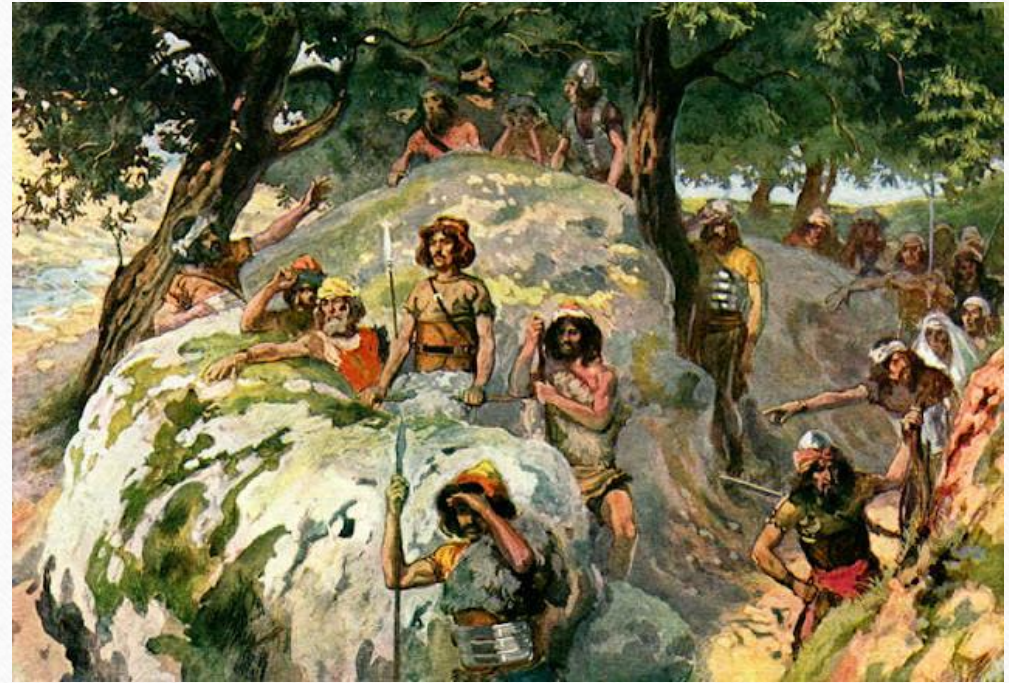
Why Is It A Sin?

- Taking a census is not a sin – see Numbers
- Theory #1 – David did not collect the half-shekel tax – Exodus 30:11-16
- Theory #2 – David pride and/or fear led him to want to trust in his army instead of God.
- Not a “crime of passion” – took 10 months to complete!



Why Would David Fear?

- These events are likely tied to the events of II Samuel 21.
 - A three-year famine in the land.
 - Philistine incursions.
- David is physically and politically weak compared to his early days.



David's Sin

- “The sin was in the motive which prompted David to number Israel on this occasion.”
- It was not the census or how it was done is the sin.
- It is not *what* happened but *why* it happened.



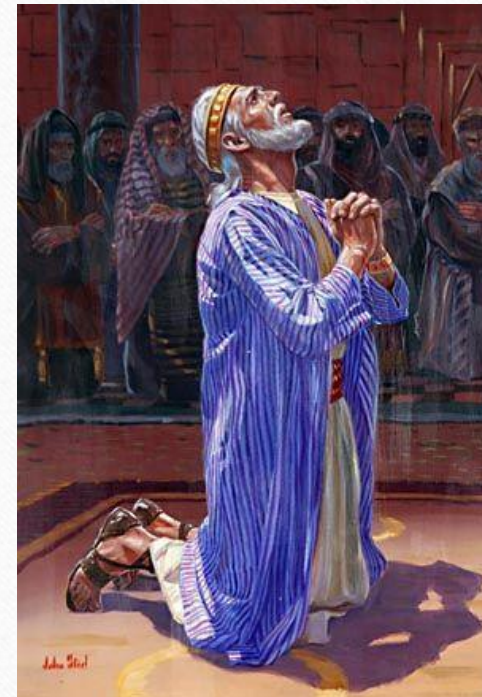
David's Choices of Punishment

- 7 years famine
 - I Chronicles 21:12 says 3 years.
 - I think this is a continuation of the famine of II Samuel 21:1.
- 3 months of military defeat
- 3 days of pestilence on the land



David's Repentance

- I do not think that David truly repents in vs. 10 before choosing his punishment.
- David chooses pestilence, and 70,000 people die.
- I think David finally repents after seeing this judgment, the vastness of it and that it was at his own doorstep.



David's Sacrifice

- David purchases Adaunah's threshing floor, implements, and oxen on Mt. Moriah.
- David builds an altar and offers sacrifices to God.
- The pestilence stops there.



TWO BOOKS DOWN



FOUR MORE TO GO

I Kings Chapter 1

Solomon Chosen

Abishag



- David's health is failing, and one malady is that he cannot stay warm.
- A young woman named Abishag is brought in to help.
- She is something of a wife/concubine/caregiver.

Adonijah

- Adonijah is the oldest living son of David.
- He plots to take the throne with the aid of Joab and Abiathar the high priest.

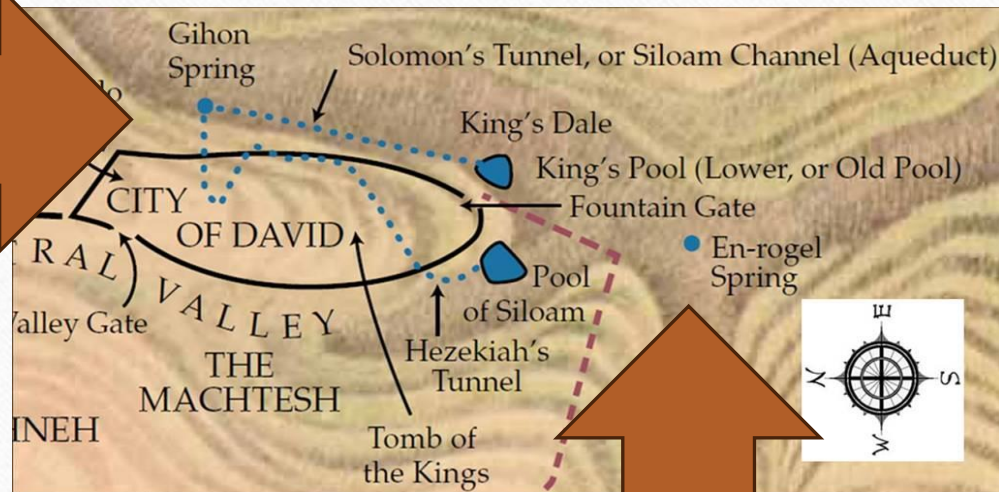


The Succession Plan

- The Jews did not strictly follow the law of primogeniture.
- Clearly, Solomon has been marked to be the next king.
- Nathan and Bathsheba intervene with David to secure Solomon's ascension.



Rival Princes and their Parties



- Adonijah is at Enrogel and Solomon is at Gihon.
- Solomon is anointed the next king.
 - He will be co-ruler with David for about a year.
- The shouting and celebration of Solomon's entourage echoes through the Kidron Valley.
- Adonijah's party runs away.

Adonijah's Submission

- Adonijah runs to Gibeon and grabs the horns of the altar (at Jerusalem?)
 - This is a peculiar way to beg for mercy which is unclear how it began.
- Solomon allows Adonijah to live, but he is dismissed from the royal court.

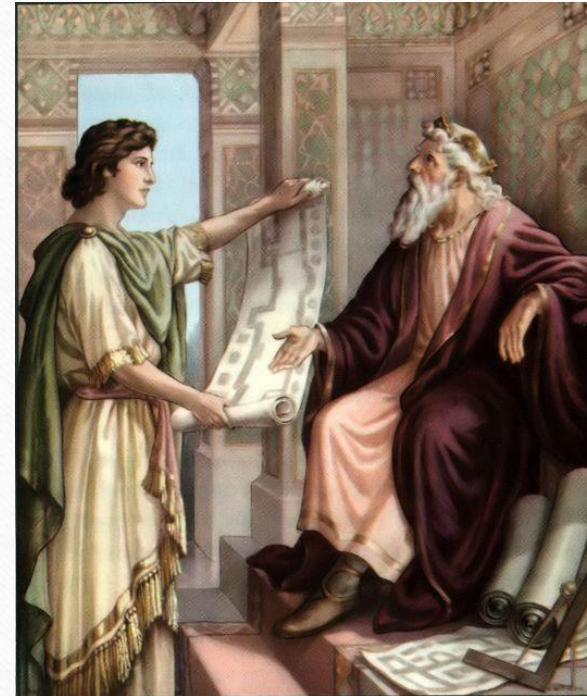


I Kings Chapter 2

Death of David

David's Charge to Solomon

- Vs. 2-4 – Practical
- 5-9 – Personal
 - Punish Joab
 - Bless Barzillai
 - Punish Shimei



Death of David

- With so much emphasis given to the rise and reign of David, his death is treated like a footnote.
- He is 70 years old.
- He reigned for 40 years.
- Solomon is now king at 20 years old.



Adonijah's Second Plot

- Adonijah moves while Solomon is still establishing himself on the throne.
- He asks for Abishag to marry, a clear move to strengthen his claim to the throne.
- It appears Joab and Abiathar are in on this scheme – vs. 22



Solomon's Justice

- Adonijah is executed.
- The High Priest Abiathar is deposed and retired, ending the line of Ithamar/Eli.
- Joab seeks mercy at the Tabernacle but is executed there.
- Shimei violates his house arrest and is executed.



Next Week...
MIDTERMS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
And
Solomon's Glory Days

