

2 Samuel



Background

- Review the background and content of 1 Samuel.
- How did the story end at the conclusion of 1 Samuel?

Outline

- What are the two main sections of Second Samuel? What does each section generally cover? What does this tell us about the overall content of this book? How does this help us to read, understand, and apply 2 Samuel?
- Why is the second section not titled “David’s Negative Reign”? What does this tell us about David’s kingship? How is this contrasted with Saul’s reign? What does this tell us about God?

Content

- What are the key verses of 2 Samuel? What does each highlight? What does each tell us about the overall content and message of 2 Samuel? What does each tell us about God’s plan for His people?
- How did David react to the promise of the Davidic Covenant? What can we learn from this? How does it apply?
- What started David’s downfall? Why is this significant? How should we respond?
- What was God’s evaluation of David’s actions? Why did the author state it in the way he did?
- Why was the capture of Jerusalem significant?
- Describe each of the promises contained in the Davidic Covenant. How was each promise fulfilled in history? What does this tell us about the larger Old Testament story? How does this apply to current Christian life?
- How did David complete the conquest? Why is this significant? What does this tell us about Israel at that point of history?
- What was David’s sin and why did he commit it? What should we learn from this? How should we apply it? How was contrast faithfulness demonstrated in this episode?
- How did David respond when he was confronted with his sin? What consequences did he suffer? How is this significant?
- Describe what happened in David’s family after his sin. How were these things related to David’s sin? How did David’s guilt handicap his ability to deal with these things rightly?
- What is the evaluation the Lecture gives of David’s reign? What point is made about the kind of king Israel needed? How does that apply to us today?
- How did David’s rule end? How does that prepare for what will follow?

Themes

- Explain each of the theological themes in your own words. What does each tell us about the content, message and significance of 2 Samuel? How should each idea be applied in current life?
- How is Deuteronomistic Theology demonstrated in 2 Samuel? What difference does this make?
- How is character connected to leadership in 2 Samuel? How does this apply?

- Why is Jerusalem significant in this story? How does this prepare for later Old Testament history?
- What is the significance of the Davidic Covenant for larger Biblical history and theology? How was it ultimately fulfilled?
- How should we respond to the theme of forgiveness and consequences?

Review

Review the two major sections of 2 Samuel and work toward committing this to memory.

Review the key themes of 2 Samuel and work toward committing them to memory.