

Introduction to 2 Samuel

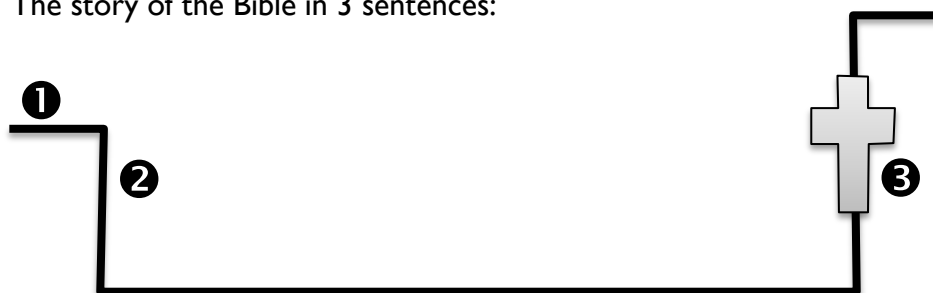
Central Focus 2013

How well do you know 2 Samuel?

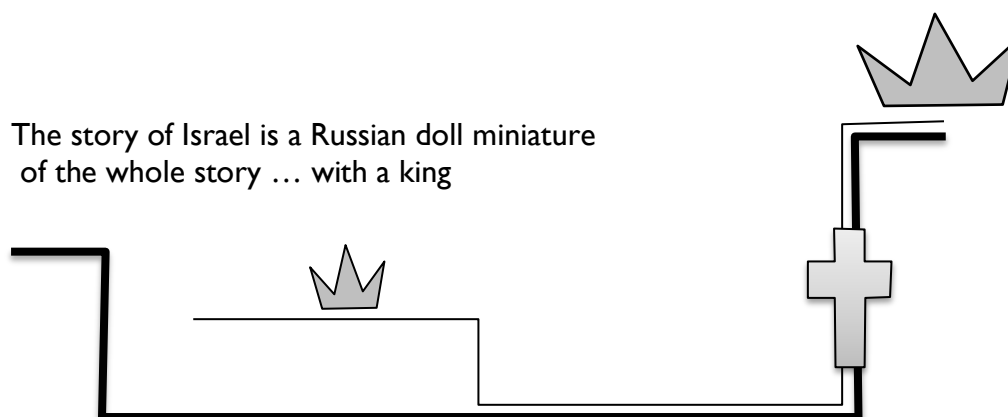
Absalom	Amnon
Mephibosheth	Michal
Nathan	Uriah
Ish-bosheth	Beniah the son of Jehoida
Hushai	David

Getting our bearings within the whole Bible

The story of the Bible in 3 sentences:



The story of Israel is a Russian doll miniature of the whole story ... with a king



How do we get from 2 Samuel to today?

The Bible Timeline Tool

The "Who am I?" Tool

IN GROUPS

How do the following New Testament passages guide us in applying lessons about King David? To whom do they apply?

Matthew 1:1; 21:9

Romans 4:6-8

Luke 24:27

A Survey of 2 Samuel

The Rise of David (chapters 1-8)

'And the LORD gave victory to David wherever he went' (8:6)

God consolidates David's Kingdom at Hebron (2:2 – 5:5)

God establishes David's Throne at Jerusalem (5:6 – 8:18)

God makes an amazing promise by the hand of Nathan the prophet

IN GROUPS

Can you think ways in which Western society is hostile to monarchical authority?

How might this distort someone's reading of this section of 2 Samuel? How might it diminish their enthusiasm for the news that 'Jesus is King'?

Pray that the positive portrayal of a kingdom under a godly king would change our thinking.

The Fall of David (chapters 9-20)

'Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house' (12:10)

"So David reigned over all Israel. And David administered justice and equity to all his people. Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army, and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder, and Zadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar were priests, and Seraiah was secretary, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and David's sons were priests." (8:15-18)

"Now Joab was in command of all the army of Israel; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was in command of the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and Adoram was in charge of the forced labor; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder; and Sheva was secretary; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests; and Ira the Jairite was also David's priest." (20:23-26)

David's Fall (9:1 – 11:27)

By the hand of Nathan the prophet

Chips off the Old Block (13:1 – 14:29)

As David lusted for Bathsheba, Amnon lusts for Tamar

As David murdered Bathsheba, Absalom murders Amnon

Absalom's Revolt (15:1 – 20:26)

Appendix (chapters 21-24): A caution for pessimists

David's prayer regarding the Gibeonites (21:1-14)

Annals of four heroes from Gath (21:15-22)

David's song of praise (22:1-51)

David's last words (23:1-7)

Annals of David's mighty men (23:8-39)

David's prayer regarding the plague (24:1-25)

Compare Hannah's prayer: horn, rock, deliverance

PRAY IN GROUPS