

The Life and Lessons of King David

David as King

Reign of David

- David is born ~ 1035 BC
- Saul's death ~ 1000 BC (35 yrs old)
- Solomon Proclaimed King-In-Waiting ~ 962
 - David dies ~ 961 BC (74 yrs old)
 - I Samuel 31 – I Kings 2 (40 yrs)

The story of David's reign is the timeless story
of a family that rises to power and wealth and
struggles to maintain and pass on wealth and
power

Reign of David = Biblical and bloody version
of the Godfather

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- 1000BC David assumes control of Judah but not Israel (the Northern Kingdom) which falls to Ishbosheth (Abner) in 998BC
- David's sons: Amnon (Ahinoam); Kileab (Abigail, Nabal's widow); Absalom (Maacah); Adonijah (Haggith); Shephatiah (Abital); Ithream (Eglah)
- David has children by every wife except Michal – why?

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- 5½ yrs of civil war ensue between David and Ishbosheth
- After Ishbosheth accuses Abner of sleeping with one of Saul's concubines, Abner defects to David
 - Joab, David's general kills Abner
- David demands Michal's return (II Sam 3)*

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- 997 Ishbosheth is killed and David is anointed king over all the north and south (II Sam 5)
 - 993 David conquers and rebuilds Jerusalem
- 992 The ark is brought up to Jerusalem and David wants to build a temple to house the Ark
 - Nathan is sent from God with the *Davidic Covenant* instead (7:1-17; Ps. 96, 105)*

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- 982 Within a decade David has solidified his kingdom
- David names his sons (all under 18) as his royal advisers (8:15-18)*
- David honors his pledge to Jonathan through Mephibosheth (9)
- Ammon and Syria defeated by Joab and Abishai (10; Ps. 60)

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 - God sends Nathan to confront David
 - The child is born and dies
 - (11-12; Ps. 51)

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- 979 Solomon is born (12:24 v. I Chr 3:5)
 - “Now the Lord loved him”*
- 978 Amnon rapes Tamar his half-sister who is the sister of Absalom and David does nothing (13)
- 976 Absalom kills Amnon and is banished for 3yrs by David

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- 974 Amnon returns through Joab's intercession and the woman of Tekoa (14:14)*
 - Amnon is banished again for 2 more years
- 972 Absalom begins plotting against his father and the throne

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- 969 Absalom gains favor with the people (15-19)
 - David flees Jerusalem while being cursed (16:22; Ps. 3)
 - Absalom heeds Hushai's advice and does not pursue David immediately
 - David overtakes Absalom's army
- Absalom is caught by his hair in a tree (18:14) and is killed by Joab
 - 19:1 David mourns Absalom*

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- 969 Sheba's rebellion
 - Absalom's general, Amasa, is viewed as a threat to David
- David sends Amasa on a mission but orders him to be killed
 - Joab kills Amasa in Gibeon but Sheba escapes
 - Sheba is decapitated and his head given to Joab

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- 968 a 3 yr famine occurs because of the attack on Gibeon (21) for breaking the covenant (Josh 9)
- David slays seven descendants of Saul (21)*

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- 965 David's final battle with the Philistines
- David is almost killed by a giant and must leave the battle
- Four giants are killed by David's men and the Philistines are defeated (21:15-22)
 - David's Psalm of Praise (22; Ps. 18)
 - David's Eulogy

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- 964 David takes a displeasing census of the people despite being warned not to by Joab (24)*
 - God sends pestilence
- God instructs David to buy the threshing floor of Araunah for an altar (24:24*)
- David begins preparation for building the temple (Ps. 30) but is forbidden (I Chr 22)

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- 963 David charges Solomon with building the temple (I Chr 22)
 - David's health begins to fail
- Abishag, a young maiden, is brought to David to keep him warm
 - Adonijah, aided by Joab, attempts a coup

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- Nathan convinces Bathsheba to persuade David to name Solomon king
 - 961 David calls a national assembly and gives Solomon the plans for the temple, encourages the people to give, and anoints Solomon as king
 - David's advice to Solomon (I Kings 2:1-6)*
- 961 David dies naturally and is buried in Jerusalem

