

The Life and Lessons of King David

David as King

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

Reign of David

- Ishbosheth
- David's sons
- David has children by every wife except Michal
 - Joab
 - Nathan
 - Woman of Tekoa
 - Davidic Covenant

Reign of David

- Jonathan / Mephibosheth
 - Bathsheba / Uriah
 - Solomon
 - Amnon / Tamar
- Absalom's Rebellion

Reign of David

- 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

Reign of David

- 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)*
except Mephibosheth unnecessarily

Reign of David

- 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

Reign of David

- 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)

Reign of David

- 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

Reign of David

- 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

Lessons from King David...

- Stewardship of Authority
 - Neglect of Family
 - Unnecessary Violence
- Necessity of Wise Counsel
 - Overcoming Temptation
- Favor and Faithfulness of God
 - Danger of Abusing Grace