

# Correspondence Bible Study

## Lesson #11 – 2 Samuel

### PRAYER:

Read David's prayer of 2 Samuel 7:18-29. As you read it, make it your own.

### 2 Samuel Notes:

This Book centers on the reign of David. His reign would be remembered as the best time in the history of Israel. He united the nation. He was a great warrior. He also kept the spiritual needs of the nation as one of his top priorities. Of course, we also see his weakness. These help us to understand the Lord's patience and forgiveness. Once again, there is big trouble and heartache even within his family. I think you will learn a lot about human nature and our gracious Lord in 2 Samuel.

Time frame of David's reign 1010-970 B.C.

### Questions:

1. David was the King of the United Kingdom. Judah (south) readily accepted David (one of their own) as King. Israel (the tribes to the north) had strong ties to Saul. David had to win them over. What did he do in connection with:
  - Saul & Jonathan in 2 Samuel? (1)
  - Abner in 2 Samuel? (3)
  - Ish-Basheth in 2 Samuel? (4)
2. Chapter 5 & 6 – What did David do to make Jerusalem an important city for Israel?
3. Chapter 7 – David's mind must have been swimming with thoughts of Nathan's prophecy of vs. 5-16. What do you think David thought of vs. 16?
4. Chapter 11 – List the sins of David in connection with the story of Bathsheba.
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.

More?

5. Chapter 12 – Why do you think Nathan used a story about sheep to explain David's sins? Look at Psalm 51 to see David's sorrow.
  
6. Chapter 13-20 – Detail the lives and evil deeds of David's sons Amnon and Absalom. Once again, a great man of God has his own family reject the Lord's ways. What were the sins of:
  - Amnon –
  - Absalom –
  
7. Does David's reaction to the death of Absalom surprise you? (18:33-19:4)
  
8. What are the parallels between David's mourning for Absalom and Jesus' words in Luke 13:31-35?
  
9. Chapter 22 & 23 – Pick out a couple of statements that show David knew God had been with him during his lifetime.

Your questions on 2 Samuel ...

Begin reading 1 & 2 Kings.

(The next lesson will be over both 1 & 2 Kings.)