

# The Sins of the Fathers

(God's Love Pursues)

## Lesson Eleven

2 Samuel 1-19; 1 Kings 1-11;  
1 Chronicles 28, 29

Exciting adventures of David's rise to power and his role as king continue. Once again a man who loves God and is beloved by God makes a costly error. David commits a series of sins and will live with the consequences of his sins for the rest of his life. He repents of his sins and receives forgiveness, but the consequences remain.

Once David dies, his son Solomon becomes the king. Under Solomon, a magnificent temple is built for the Lord. Israel becomes a strong and wealthy nation. However, Solomon becomes disobedient to the Lord. After Solomon dies, the nation begins coming apart.

The books of 1 and 2 Kings cover the history of Israel from the reign of Solomon until the divided nation completely falls. About three hundred years of history are covered.

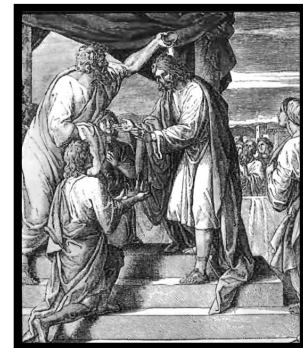
The books of 1 and 2 Chronicles cover the same time period as that contained in 2 Samuel and 1 and 2 Kings. That period of history is covered from a different perspective and for a specific audience and purpose. Chronicles was most likely written by Ezra. He wrote it for the restored community after the years of Babylonian captivity.

### DAVID BECOMES KING

2 Samuel 1-9

Saul is dead and the new king must be anointed. The transition from Saul to David is not smooth. In fact, it takes seven years for David to become the recognized king of all Israel.

**Read 2 Samuel 2:1-7** to see how the first step in this process goes. (Slide 1)



Where is David to go? Hebron

Who anoints David king? Men of Judah

Is David now king over all the tribes? no

This event occurred when David was thirty years old. He ruled over Judah for seven years and then over all of Israel for thirty-three years.

*And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites and took the stronghold of Zion and dwelt in the fort. 2 They called it the City of David. But when the Philistines heard that, they came up to seek David. David came and struck them down, for the Lord delivered them into his hand. After this he defeated Moab and the children of Ammon so that they became his servants and brought gifts. David got him a name for*

himself when he returned from defeating the Syrians, and all they of Edom became David's servants. The Lord preserved David wherever he went. David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand, and went with all the people to bring up the Ark of God from Kirjathjearim. **3** They brought up the Ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet **4** and set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle that David had put up for it in Jerusalem. David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord.

Is David successful in all his military and political endeavors? yes

To where do they bring the Ark? City of David (Jerusalem)

Even though Saul and his sons have been dead for quite some time, David does not forget his friend Jonathan. David will look after Saul's surviving relatives because of the friendship between Jonathan and himself. **Read 2 Samuel 9. (Slide 5)**

Who of Saul's household is left? A son of Jonathan

What is the name of the relative? Mephibosheth

What is wrong with him? Crippled in both feet

What two things will David do for him?

1. restore the lands that belonged to Saul

2. let him eat at the king's table

With the kingdom securely in his hands and Israel's enemies subdued, David begins to look toward how he can honor the Lord for everything the Lord has done for him.

*And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house and the Lord had given him rest round about from all his enemies, that the king said to Nathan, the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the Ark of God dwells within curtains." **6** Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart; for the Lord is with you." It came to pass in the night that the word of the Lord came to Nathan saying, "Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord. Shall you build a house for Me to dwell in? When the days be fulfilled, and you shall sleep with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you; and I will establish His kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever. I will be His Father and He shall be My Son.'"*

What does David want to do? Build a house for the Lord

Who inquires of the Lord for David? Nathan

What is the Lord's answer (in a word)? no

Who will build a temple for the Lord? One of David's sons

Through whom is the throne of the kingdom established forever? Jesus

## DAVID'S SIN AND REPENTANCE

2 Samuel 11, 12

As mentioned in the introduction to this lesson, David falls into sin. One sin leads to another and the consequences are with him for the rest of his life.

*David sent Joab and his servants with him and all Israel, and they destroyed the children of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. It came to pass that he walked upon the roof of his house and saw Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah. The woman was very beautiful to look upon. So he sent messengers and took her. David wrote a letter to Joab saying, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle and retire from him that he may be struck and die." 7 It came to pass when Joab observed the city, he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew that valiant men were. The men of the city went out and fought and there fell some of the servants of David. Uriah died also. Then Joab sent and told David. The wife of Uriah mourned for her husband. When the mourning was past, she became David's wife.*

What two sins does David commit? 1) adultery 2) murder



The Lord is very upset with David. In the course of time, the Lord sends Nathan to confront David. This does not happen immediately. Bathsheba has at this time given birth to a son. So at the very least, nine months have passed. **Read 2 Samuel 12:1-25** to get the details of this confrontation. (Slide 8, 9)

What is David's reaction to Nathan's story? anger

Who is the story about? David

What will David's punishment be? The son will die; also, violence in the family

Is David forgiven? yes

Will he die at this time? no

Who will die? The son

Who is the second son of David and Bathsheba? Solomon

What does the Lord want his name to be? Jedidiah

## ABSALOM'S REBELLION

2 Samuel 14-19

Absalom was one of David's sons. Although David loves him dearly, Absalom has little to do with his father. In fact, he tries to gain control of Israel and topple his father from power.

**Read 2 Samuel 14:25-26, 15:1-6** to find out more about Absalom and his efforts to overthrow David. (Slide 10)

What does Absalom look like? handsome

What does Absalom tell the people who have complaints? If I were judge, there would be justice for everyone

Is Absalom popular with the people of Israel? yes

After Absalom "stole the hearts" of the people of Israel, he took methodical steps to become king.

*Absalom went to Hebron and sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, 'Absalom reigns in Hebron.'" The conspiracy was strong for the people increased continually with Absalom.*

*There came a messenger to David saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom." David said to his servants, "Arise and let us flee, for we shall not else escape from Absalom." The king went forth and all his household after him. All the country wept with a loud voice as the people passed by. David passed over the brook Kidron and went up*



*Mount Olivet and wept as he went up. He had his head covered and he went barefoot. But Shimei, a man of the house of Saul, **11** came forth and cursed David and cast stones at him and said, "Come out, come out, you bloody man and you scoundrel!" David said, "Let him curse, for the Lord has bidden him." Absalom and all the men of Israel came to Jerusalem.*

Does David try to stop Shimei? no

Absalom is not the Lord's choice to succeed his father as king. Solomon will be the next king, so Absalom does not achieve his goal of becoming king. To find out what happens to him, **read 2 Samuel 18:1-15, 32-33.** (Slide 12, 13)

Does David go with his troops? no

What does David ask Joab to do? Spare Absalom

Who wins the battle? David's men

How does Absalom come to be captured? *Hair gets caught in a tree*

Who kills Absalom? *Joab*

What does David wish had happened? *He had died instead of Absalom*

## SOLOMON

1 Kings 1-11

1 Chronicles 28,29

Solomon is the son of David who will succeed him as king. The transition is fairly peaceful.

*Now when King David was old and stricken in years, **14** he caused Zadok, the priest, and Nathan, the prophet, to anoint Solomon as king over Israel. They blew the trumpet and all the people said, "God save King Solomon!" The days of David drew near that he should die, and he charged Solomon his son saying, "I go the way of all the earth; be strong therefore and show yourself a man. Walk in the ways of the Lord, your God, to keep His statutes, commandments, judgments, and testimonies that you may prosper in all that you do. Take heed now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary." Then David gave Solomon the pattern for the house of the Lord and of the chambers. Then the princes of Israel gave for the house of God gold, silver, brass, iron, and precious stones; with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord. David rejoiced with great joy and blessed the Lord. So David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David. Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was established greatly.*

What has the Lord chosen Solomon to do? *Build the temple*

Who provides the silver and gold for the temple? *The princes of Israel*

Solomon becomes king when he is about twenty years old. He realizes that he is young for such a responsible position. He lacks the experience to know best and to rule. He voices this concern to the Lord. **Read about what the Lord tells him in 1 Kings 3:3-15. (Slide 15)**

Is Solomon obedient to the Lord? *yes*

For what does Solomon ask? *A discerning heart to know right from wrong*

Does the Lord grant his request? *yes*

What else will the Lord give him? 1.) *riches* 2.) *honor*

What will happen if Solomon continues to obey the Lord and walk in His ways? \_\_\_\_\_

*Long life*

Solomon's gift of wisdom and discernment is soon put to use. **Read 1 Kings 3:16-28** for the details. (Slide 16)

What is the problem? One baby, two women claiming to be the mother

What does Solomon propose to do? Cut the child in half

How does Solomon know who the mother is? She is the one who would rather give him away than have him dead

## THE BUILDING OF THE TEMPLE AND SOLOMON'S DEATH

1 Kings 5-8

Solomon sent to Hiram, king of Tyre, saying, "Behold, I want to build a house to the name of the Lord. **17** Therefore command that they cut me cedar trees out of Lebanon, and I will pay your men their wages." Hiram gave Solomon cedar and fir trees. Solomon sent thirty thousand men to Lebanon. Solomon had seventy thousand that bore burdens and eighty thousand stonecutters in the mountains, beside the chief of Solomon's officers, three thousand three hundred, who ruled over the people that did the work. They brought stones and costly stones and cut the stones to lay the foundation. **18**



From where do the cedar and fir trees come? Lebanon

**Read 1 Kings 6:1-7** to get an idea of what the new temple will be like. A cubit is about 1.5 feet long.

How long has it been since the exodus from Egypt? 480 years

What are the dimensions of the temple in feet? 90 long, 30 wide, 45 high

Where are the rocks chiseled? At the quarry

Were hammers, chisels and iron tools allowed on the construction site? no

A special place is prepared for the Ark of the Covenant. **Read about it in 1 Kings 6:19-22.**

How big is the room? 30 X 30 X 30

The inside of the room and the cedar altar are overlaid with what? gold

Once the new temple is complete **19** it must be dedicated. This is an important event.

*All the men of Israel assembled themselves to King Solomon, and the priests brought in the Ark of the Covenant **20** of the Lord to its place in the Most Holy Place. When the priests came out of the Holy Place, the glory of God filled the house of the Lord. Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord and spread forth his hands toward heaven and he said, **21** "Lord God of Israel, behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain You; how much less this house! Yet have respect for the prayer of Your servant, that Your eyes may be open toward this house night and day. When Your people be struck down before the enemy; when the heaven is shut up and there is no rain; if there be in the land famine; if there be pestilence; whatever plague, whatever sickness there be; whatever prayer and supplication is made in this house, hear in heaven and forgive Your people that have sinned against You." Solomon arose from before the altar of the Lord and blessed all the congregation of Israel. Solomon offered a sacrifice **22** to the Lord, twenty-two thousand oxen and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. At that time Solomon held a feast and all Israel with him.*



What does Solomon ask the Lord to do for the people? 1.) hear

2.) forgive

What is the total number of oxen and sheep sacrificed? 142,000

Solomon was loved by God and blessed by God. Unfortunately, he did not remain faithful in his walk with the Lord.

*But Solomon loved many foreign women. When he was old, **23** his wives turned away his heart after other gods. Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord. The Lord was angry and said, "Forasmuch as you have not kept My covenant, I will tear the kingdom from you. Notwithstanding in your days I will not do it for David your father's sake." It came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem that the prophet Ahijah found him. Ahijah had dressed himself with a new garment, and they were alone in the field. And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him and tore it in twelve pieces; for thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, "Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to you."*

What is Solomon's sin? worshipping false gods

Will the kingdom remain in Solomon's family's hands? no

Why will God wait until after Solomon dies to take the kingdom away?

Because of David

Who will rule over ten of the twelve tribes? *Jeroboam*

**Read 1 Kings 11:42-43** to find out about Solomon's death.

For how long did Solomon rule? *Forty years*

Who is the new king? *Rehoboam*

## REVIEW

1. Which tribe is the first to anoint David as king? *Judah*
2. How many years does it take for David to become king of all Israel? *seven*
3. Who is Mephibosheth? *Son of Jonathan*
4. Is David good to him? *yes*
5. Is David allowed to build a temple? *no*
6. What are David's sins? *Adultery and murder*
7. Is David forgiven for his sins? *yes*
8. What is David's punishment? *Violence in his household, death of the child*
9. Which of David's sons tries to overthrow him? *Absalom*
10. Is he successful? *no*
11. Who succeeds David as king of Israel? *Solomon*
12. What task does David give Solomon to do? *Build the temple*
13. What gift does Solomon ask of the Lord? *Wisdom (discernment)*
14. Does the Lord come to the temple? *yes*
15. What sin does Solomon commit in his old age? *idolatry*
16. What will happen to Israel after Solomon's death? *It will be divided*
17. Who will rule over ten of the twelve tribes? *Jeroboam*
18. How old does Solomon live to be (approximately)? *Sixty years*