

# 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 accept 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