

The Book of 2 Samuel

Theme: God reveals his plan of salvation for his people through the anointed of Israel (sin and all)—culminating in the (sinless) anointed one to come: Jesus.

Context: [Refer to 1 Samuel's *Context* section] With the transition from Saul to David, God's chosen (anointed) king continues to establish a unified monarchy that will flow through the pages of the following books of 1 and 2 Kings. Regarding time, David's rule begins in the early 1000's and continues into the late 900's BC.

Connection: [Refer to 1 Samuel's *Connection* section] With those similar 1 Samuel connections in mind (from the 1 Samuel handout), 2 Samuel holds importance to the rest of Scripture, too. Thematically, 2 Samuel holds within its pages the covenant from God to David regarding an eternal throne. This "eternal reign covenant" directly reveals Jesus Christ not only in the text of 2 Samuel but in the later Old Testament prophets (and Psalms) on into the New Testament with Jesus himself remarking on this very theme (Psalm 110, Matthew 22:41-45). This theme holds in the rest of the New Testament as well with Peter, Paul, the author of Hebrews, and John all drawing on this promise (Acts 2:14-41; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28; Hebrews 1:5; Revelation chapters 4 and 5). Alongside this large thematic connection with the rest of Scripture are several other direct quotations and allusions, but the Davidic Covenant holds prominence in the connecting of this book with the rest.

Solid Rock Verses:

2 Samuel 1:14-16 (also, 4:5-12)—*How is it you were not afraid... Your blood be on your head...*

2 Samuel 2:4—*there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.*

2 Samuel 5:1-5—*they anointed David king over Israel...*

2 Samuel 6:16-23—*It was before the LORD... I will make merry before the LORD...*

2 Samuel 7*—*I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever...*

2 Samuel 8:1-14—*And the LORD gave victory to David wherever he went.*

2 Samuel chs. 11-12**—*Why have you despised the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight?*

2 Samuel 15:19-23—*Why do you also go with us... As LORD lives, and as my lord the kings lives...*

2 Samuel 16:5-14—*Shimei went along... and cursed... and threw stones at [David]...*

2 Samuel 22—*The LORD is my rock... Great salvation he brings to the king... to David... forever.*

2 Samuel 22:5—*For he has made with me an everlasting covenant...*

2 Samuel 24***—*Go through all the tribes... and number the people... I have sinned greatly...*

2 Samuel 24:17—*Behold, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly. But these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand be against me and against my father's house.*

*This chapter carries massive informative significance to the rest of Scripture in revealing the Gospel. It is a chapter to hold close to heart as we see Christ's forever-throne promised and established.

**Within these two chapters, one finds heinous sin, God's work in a "born again" man (a Christian man's response to sin), God's forgiveness of sin, God's blessing in the midst of sinful humanity, and God's salvation plan (the preservation of his people through the kingly line of David).

***This final chapter is a good reminder of the narrative style of 2 Samuel. As the events unfold, themes present themselves. Chapter 24 is like the rest of the book. Typically, in following the story one begins to pick up on large thematic emphases.