

## Lesson 7 – 2 Samuel 7-12

Text: 2 Samuel 7-12; 1 Chronicles 16-20

Main Characters: God, David, Nathan, Mephibosheth, Joab, Hanun, Bathsheba, Uriah

Key Passages:

- 2 Samuel 7:5-16 – God promised to build an everlasting house for David, alluding to Jesus.
- 2 Samuel 12:7-12 – Because of David's sin with Bathsheba, his life was to be forever changed.

Main Storyline:

As David continued to reign in Israel, God gave him peace from all of his enemies. He was in his house one day when he talked with Nathan about the fact that he had a great palace, but God continued to dwell in a tent. That night, God came to Nathan and reminded him that, if He had wanted a house to be built, he would have asked for it. However, God told Nathan that He would allow a temple to be built for Him, but it would be built by David's son. Beyond that, however, God promised an eternal kingdom for David (alluding to the reign of Christ and the promises made to the patriarchs).

David continued attacking and defeating Israel's enemies one by one. He attacked and subdued the Philistines and the Moabites. He also defeated the Syrians and their ally, King Hadadezer of Zobah. When David received tribute or took spoils from the nations he conquered, he dedicated it to the Lord. David continued to be victorious because the Lord was with him, preserving him wherever he went.

One day, David, remembering his covenant with Jonathan (1 Samuel 20:12-17), began searching for anyone left from Saul's family. One of Saul's servants, Ziba, revealed that a lame man named Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son, was still alive. David sent for Mephibosheth and had him brought to him in Jerusalem. When he arrived, he bowed and pledged his allegiance to David. David promised to take care of Mephibosheth, allowing him to eat even at his own table as one of his sons. David gave him all of Saul's land and possessions and commanded Ziba to serve Mephibosheth and his son always.

After the king of the Ammonites, Nahash (1 Samuel 11), died, David decided to send kindness to his son, Hanun, in return for the kindness Nahash had shown him in the past (not recorded). When David's servants arrived, Hanun's advisors told him that they believed the men were spies and were not truly there to honor his father. Hanun then dishonored David's servants greatly. When David heard what he had done, he sent Joab and the army, who defeated them and their ally, the Syrians.

One spring, instead of leading the people himself, he sent his commander, Joab, in his place. One evening, he went up on his roof and saw a beautiful woman, Bathsheba, bathing. He asked about her, and learned that she was married to one of his most trusted soldiers, Uriah. He sent for her and slept with her, conceiving a child. When he found out she was pregnant, he tried to cover it up, but his plans did not work. As a result, he resorted to purposely allowing Uriah to be killed in a battle (murder). When Bathsheba heard that Uriah had been killed, she mourned, but eventually became David's wife.

God was furious about David's sin and sent Nathan the prophet to rebuke him. Nathan told David that he had stolen Bathsheba and killed Uriah in the process. David confessed his sin, and as a result Nathan told him that he would not be killed (though that is what he deserved). However, there would still be consequences: there would not be peace in David's house, but instead there would be dissension and rebellion. Further, Bathsheba's child would die. David pleaded for the child, but, as God promised, it eventually died. Later, Bathsheba gave birth to a son, Solomon, whom the Lord loved.

Lessons/Applications:

- 1.) Attempting to cover up sin, instead of confessing and dealing with it, leads to more problems.
- 2.) Though we may be forgiven of our sins, they can have consequences which cannot be undone.