

## WEEK 15 — DAVID BECOMES KING

**Date:** from between roughly 1020 and 1011 BC to sometime after about 1003 BC

**The Story:** God, as in the past, again provides strong, godly leadership for Israel. As unfaithful Saul's leadership gradually fails, God raises up David, who grows increasingly powerful in spite of Saul's opposition. David eventually becomes king—but only of Judah, while the rest of Israel remains with Saul's surviving son. Soon, though, Israel's loyalty to Saul's family evaporates, and David accepts the throne over all Israel. As he rules faithfully, the Lord grants him a remarkable promise: the throne of Israel will belong to his family forever. This week's readings continue from 1 Samuel into 2 Samuel, touch on more of David's psalms, and bring us into the storyline of 1 Chronicles, which repeats some of 1 & 2 Samuel and adds to the story of David.

\* Kids' readings may not align with the daily full readings. Parents, see the content ratings on the back page.

### APRIL 10                      PSALM 54 • PSALM 63 • 1 SAMUEL 25-26

**Today's reading** begins with two more of David's psalms written while Saul pursues him. Notice his expressions of dependence on God during this time of fear and isolation. Returning to 1 Samuel, we read a pair of stories from this period: first, the account of a woman whose wisdom kept David from sinning and saved many lives; second, another story in which David declines to sinfully exert his own power, instead honoring his adversary Saul as God's anointed king.

**Date:** between roughly 1020 and 1011 BC

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** 1 Samuel 25-26

**Kids' Reading\*:** 1 Samuel 25

### APRIL 11                      1 SAMUEL 27-31

**Today's reading** brings Saul's story to an end. David flees to the Philistines to find safety from Saul.

Meanwhile, the Philistines mount an assault against Israel. Saul seeks help from God through, surprisingly, the prophet Samuel, who has died. But God no longer supports Saul, and Saul's rule comes to an end.

**Date:** about 1011-1010 BC

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** 1 Samuel 27-29 • 1 Samuel 31

**Kids' Reading\*:** 1 Samuel 26 • Psalm 2

### APRIL 12                      1 CHRONICLES 10-12

**Today's reading** bounces around chronologically as it tells of David's rise to the throne. See the chronological outline below. In Chronicles' telling of the story, the key theme is how God is bringing unity and security to Israel through David. He secures the nation against its enemies, and men from across Israel—even from Saul's own family—gradually rally to support him.

**Date:** about 1010-970 BC (1 Chronicles 11:10-47)

- *between roughly 1020 and 1011 BC:* 12:8-18 (as Saul hunts David, some Gadites and other Israelites abandon Saul to support David)
- *about 1011-1010 BC:* 12:1-7 (some relatives of Saul himself join David shortly before Saul is killed); 12:19-22 (also shortly before Saul's death, some men from Manasseh leave Saul to support David)
- *about 1010 BC:* Chapter 10 (Saul dies in battle)
- *about 1003 BC:* 11:1-9 (David receives the throne of all Israel); 12:23-40 (when David takes Israel's throne, a wide range of Israel's fighting men supports him)
- *about 1010-970 BC:* 11:10-47 (the greatest warriors from throughout David's reign)

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** 1 Chronicles 10-11

**Kids' Reading\*:** Psalm 4 • Psalm 54 • Psalm 63

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS — Summit View Church of Christ**

**APRIL 13                    2 SAMUEL 1-3**

**Today's reading** commences after Saul's death. Though Saul is gone, all is not well for David. He deals with the aftermath of Saul and Jonathan's deaths. David is anointed king, but only over Judah; civil war breaks out between Judah and the rest of Israel, which remains loyal to Saul's son, Ish-Bosheth. Intrigue ensues and alliances shift. Where is God? He is with David, who demonstrates justice and wisdom as the new king.

**Date:** about 1010-1008 BC (David becomes king of Judah in about 1010 BC)

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** 2 Samuel 2-3

**Kids' Reading\*:** 1 Samuel 28:3-25

**APRIL 14                    2 SAMUEL 4-7**

**Today's reading** finds David becoming king over all Israel at last. He quickly establishes Israel's military strength, capturing Jerusalem and defeating the Philistines. He honors God by bringing the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem—but tragedy mars that joyful event, at first. In one of the Bible's most important chapters, God covenants with David that one of David's descendants will always sit on Israel's throne.

**Date:** about 1008 to sometime after 1003 BC (David becomes king over all Israel around 1003 BC)

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** 2 Samuel 4:1 to 5:5 • 2 Samuel 6-7

**Kids' Reading\*:** 1 Chronicles 11:1-25

**APRIL 15                    1 CHRONICLES 13-16**

**Today's reading** repeats some of yesterday's reading from 2 Samuel, but adds the chronicler's own touches.

The mistake David made in his first attempt to bring the ark to Jerusalem is explained (15:2; see Deuteronomy 10:8). With the ark in Jerusalem, David appoints people to lead Israel's worship there.

**Date:** during or soon after 1003 BC (David becomes king over all Israel around 1003 BC)

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** 1 Chronicles 13-15

**Kids' Reading\*:** 1 Chronicles 13-14

**APRIL 16                    1 CHRONICLES 17 • 2 SAMUEL 8-9 • PSALM 2 • PSALM 4**

**Today's reading** begins in 1 Chronicles with a repeat of 2 Samuel 7. Then it returns to 2 Samuel for more stories of David's accomplishments. David continues to rule as a godly king. Today's reading closes with two undatable psalms of David. Psalm 2 is ascribed to David in Acts 4:25 and was viewed by the early church as a prophetic message about Jesus, descendant of David (see Hebrews 1:1-5).

**Date:** sometime after 1003 BC (1 Chronicles 17, 2 Samuel 8:1-2) • probably between roughly 1000 and 990 BC (2 Samuel 8:3-14) • about 1010-970 BC (2 Samuel 8:15-18) • from the period 1020-970 BC (Psalms 2, 4)

**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** 1 Chronicles 17 • 2 Samuel 8-9 • Psalm 2 • Psalm 4

**Kids' Reading\*:** 1 Chronicles 15

**Parents' Guide**

**PG** preview for young children

**1S** chapter 25 (T)

**1S** 27:8-11 (V)

**1S** 28:3-25 (T)

**1S** 30:1-2 (V), 17 (V)

**1S** 31:4 (C)

**2S** 1:1-16 (V), 19 (V), 20 (C), 22 (V), 25 (V)

**2S** 2:14-31 (V)

**2S** 3:7-8 (S), 14 (S, V), 27-30 (V), 37 (V)

**2S** 5:20 (V), 25 (V)

**2S** 6:6-7 (V)

**2S** 8:2-5 (V), 13 (V)

**1C** 10:4 (C)

**1C** 11:11-14 (V), 20-23 (V)

**1C** 13:9-10 (V)

**1C** 14:11 (V), 14-16 (V)

**Ps** 54:3-5 (V)

**Ps** 63:9-10 (V)

**PG-13** preview for under age 13

**1S** chapter 31 (V)

**2S** 4:6-12 (V)

**1C** 10:1-12 (V)

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none

C = Circumcision  
N = Nudity  
S = Sexuality  
T = Dark/Sensitive Themes  
V = Violence