

# David the King II

His Decline and Troubles in His Kingdom  
2 Samuel 11:1–24:25

## The Decline of David (11:1–24:25)

- **David's Crimes (11:1–12:31)**
- **David's Conflicts in the Kingdom (13:1–20:26)**
  - The Rebellion of Absalom (13:1–19:8a)
  - Disorder in the Kingdom (19:8b–20:26)
- **David's Final Acts as King (21:1–24:25)**

## David's Crimes (11:1–12:31)

Begins and ends with a successful military action: the siege of the Ammonite capital

- **David Commits Adultery with Bathsheba** (11:1–13)
- **David Has Uriah Killed** (11:14–27a)
  - Uriah = “Jehovah is light”
    - Uriah may have been a Hittite (gentile) by lineage, but he seems to be converted to true Jehovah worship
- **Nathan Condemns David** (11:27b–12:15a)
  - **Parable of the Ewe Lamb** (12:1–6)
  - The Lord's Condemnation (12:7–14): “The sword shall never depart from thine house”
    - Amnon (13:23–29), Absalom (18:15), [Adonijah (2:25)]
- **Bathsheba's Child Dies** (12:15b–23)
- **Solomon is Born** (12:24–25)
- **The Ammonites Crushed** (12:26–31)

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## David's Fate

### Exposition

- “These things are on abomination in the sight of the Lord; yea, **most abominable above all sins save it be the shedding of innocent blood or denying the Holy Ghost.**” (Alma 39:5)
- “[David] hath **fallen from his exaltation**, and received his portion; and he shall not inherit them out of the world, for I gave them unto another, saith the Lord.” (D&C 132:39)
  - As an anointed king and perhaps a priest, David seems to have had a form of election and was to exalted in the celestial kingdom
- “Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For **thou wilt not leave my soul in hell.**” (Psalms 16:9–10)
  - He will eventually be redeemed but will not obtain celestial glory

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## The Rebellion of Absalom (13:1–19:8a)

### David's Conflicts in the Kingdom (13:1–20:26)

- Amnon and Tamar (13:1–22)
- Absalom Avenges the Violation of His Sister (13:23–38)
- Absalom Returns to Jerusalem (14:1–24)
- David Forgives Absalom (14:25–33)
- Absalom Usurps the Throne (15:1–12)
- David Flees from Jerusalem (15:12–31)
- Hushai Becomes David's Spy (15:32–37)
- Ziba helps David, Mephibosheth betrays him (16:1–4)
- Shimai (of Benjamin) Curses David (16:5–14)
- The Counsel of Ahithophel (16:15–17:4)
- The Counsel of Hushai (17:5–14)
- Hushai Warns David to Escape (17:15–29)
- The Defeat and Death of Absalom (18:1–18)
- David Hears of Absalom's Death (18:19–32)
- David Mourns for Absalom (18:33–19:8a)

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## Disorder in the Kingdom (19:8b–20:26)

### David's Conflicts in the Kingdom (13:1–20:26)

- David Recalled to Jerusalem (19:8b–18a)
- David's Mercy to Shimei (19:18b–23)
- David and Mephibosheth Meet (19:24–30)
- David's Kindness to Barzillai (19:31–40)
- Strife between "Israel" and Judah (19:41–43)
- The Rebellion of Sheba (of Benjamin, 20:1–26)

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## David's Final Acts as King (21:1–24:25)

- David Avenges the Gibeonites (21:1–14)
- Exploits of David's Men (21:15–22)
- **David's Song of Thanksgiving** (poem or psalm, 22:1–51)
- **The Last Words of David** (archaic poem or song, 23:1–7)
- David's Mighty Men (23:8–39)
- **David's census of Israel and Judah** (24:1–9)
  - Taking a census calls the men to active duty, where they are under increased ritual obligations and hence vulnerable to cultic dangers
  - Also suggests that David was relying on men rather than the Lord
- **Judgment on David's Sin** (24:10–17)
- **David's Altar on the threshing Floor** (24:18–25)
  - *Books of Samuel end with a reaffirmation of Jerusalem as the religious center of Israel, looking forward to Solomon's building of the temple*

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## David's Triumphs

David was a man after God's own heart (1 Sam. 13:14): committed to the will of God. God used David to perform mighty acts for His chosen people Israek

King of Judah (2:4)  
 King of Israel (5:3)  
 Conquers Jerusalem (5:7)  
 Transfers ark (6:12)  
 Davidic covenant (7:16)  
 Defeats Philistines (8:1)  
 Defeats Moab (8:2)  
 Defeats Ammon (10:16)  
 Defeats Syria (10:19)

## David's Troubles

### CAUSES:

Adultery (11:4)  
 Murder of Uriah (11:17)  
 Amnon's incest (13:14)  
 Absalom usurps throne (16:15, 16)  
 The census (24:2)

### EFFECTS:

Child out of wedlock (11:5)  
 Child dies (12:19)  
 Amnon murdered (13:28–29)  
 Absalom killed (18:14–15)  
 Plague (24:15)

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