

FIRST DAY:

- **Review the lecture, Read the notes and the references**

SECOND DAY:**Read 2 Samuel 5:1-16****David Becomes King Over Israel**

[5:1] All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood. [2] In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.'"

[3] When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a compact with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

[4] David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. [5] In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David Conquers Jerusalem

[6] The king and his men marched to Jerusalem to attack the Jebusites, who lived there. The Jebusites said to David, "You will not get in here; even the blind and the lame can ward you off." They thought, "David cannot get in here." [7] Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of Zion, the City of David.

[8] On that day, David said, "Anyone who conquers the Jebusites will have to use the water shaft to reach those 'lame and blind' who are David's enemies." That is why they say, "The 'blind and lame' will not enter the palace."

[9] David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the supporting terraces inward.

[10] And he became more and more powerful, because the LORD God Almighty was with him.

[11] Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, along with cedar logs and carpenters and stonemasons, and they built a palace for David.

[12] And David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

[13] After he left Hebron, David took more concubines and wives in Jerusalem, and more sons and daughters were born to him. [14] These are the names of the children born to him there: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, [15] Ibhaz, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, [16] Elishama, Eliada and Eliphelet.

Question 3

1 Samuel 16:11-13; [11] So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered, "but he is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

[12] So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one."

[13] So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.

THIRD DAY**Read 2 Samuel 5:17-25 and Psalm 68****David Defeats the Philistines**

[17] When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, they went up in full force to search for him, but David heard about it and went down to the stronghold. [18] Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim; [19] so David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?"

The LORD answered him, "Go, for I will surely hand the Philistines over to you."

[20] So David went to Baal Perazim, and there he defeated them. He said, “As waters break out, the LORD has broken out against my enemies before me.” So that place was called Baal Perazim.

[21] The Philistines abandoned their idols there, and David and his men carried them off.

[22] Once more the Philistines came up and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim; [23] so David inquired of the LORD, and he answered, “Do not go straight up, but circle around behind them and attack them in front of the balsam trees. [24] As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, move quickly, because that will mean the LORD has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army.” [25] So David did as the LORD commanded him, and he struck down the Philistines all the way from Gibeon to Gezer.

Psalm 68

[68:1] May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him.

[2] As smoke is blown away by the wind, may you blow them away; as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.

[3] But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.

[4] Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds — his name is the LORD — and rejoice before him.

[5] A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

[6] God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

[7] When you went out before your people, O God, when you marched through the wasteland,

Selah

[8] the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.

[9] You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance.

[10] Your people settled in it, and from your bounty, O God, you provided for the poor.

[11] The Lord announced the word, and great was the company of those who proclaimed it:

[12] “Kings and armies flee in haste; in the camps men divide the plunder.

[13] Even while you sleep among the campfires, the wings of [my] dove are sheathed with silver, its feathers with shining gold.”

[14] When the Almighty scattered the kings in the land, it was like snow fallen on Zalmon.

[15] The mountains of Bashan are majestic mountains; rugged are the mountains of Bashan.

[16] Why gaze in envy, O rugged mountains, at the mountain where God chooses to reign, where the LORD himself will dwell forever?

[17] The chariots of God are tens of thousands and thousands of thousands; the Lord [has come] from Sinai into his sanctuary.

[18] When you ascended on high, you led captives in your train; you received gifts from men, even from the rebellious — that you, O LORD God, might dwell there.

[19] Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.

Selah

[20] Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death.

[21] Surely God will crush the heads of his enemies, the hairy crowns of those who go on in their sins.

[22] The Lord says, “I will bring them from Bashan; I will bring them from the depths of the sea,

[23] that you may plunge your feet in the blood of your foes, while the tongues of your dogs have their share.”

[24] Your procession has come into view, O God, the procession of my God and King into the sanctuary.

[25] In front are the singers, after them the musicians; with them are the maidens playing tambourines.

[26] Praise God in the great congregation; praise the LORD in the assembly of Israel.

[27] There is the little tribe of Benjamin, leading them, there the great throng of Judah's princes, and there the princes of Zebulun and of Naphtali.

[28] Summon your power, O God ; show us your strength, O God, as you have done before.

[29] Because of your temple at Jerusalem kings will bring you gifts.

[30] Rebuke the beast among the reeds, the herd of bulls among the calves of the nations. Humbled, may it bring bars of silver. Scatter the nations who delight in war.

[31] Envoys will come from Egypt; Cush will submit herself to God.

[32] Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord,

Selah

[33] to him who rides the ancient skies above, who thunders with mighty voice.

[34] Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the skies.

[35] You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!

FOURTH DAY

Read 2 Samuel 6:1-11 and 1 Chronicles 13:1-14

2 Samuel 6

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

[6:1] David again brought together out of Israel chosen men, thirty thousand in all. [2] He and all his men set out from Baalah of Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim that are on the ark. [3] They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart [4] with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. [5] David and the whole house of Israel were celebrating with all their might before

the LORD, with songs and with harps, lyres, tambourines, sistrums and cymbals.

[6] When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. [7] The LORD's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down and he died there beside the ark of God.

[8] Then David was angry because the LORD's wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah.

[9] David was afraid of the LORD that day and said, "How can the ark of the LORD ever come to me?"

[10] He was not willing to take the ark of the LORD to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it aside to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.

[11] The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the LORD blessed him and his entire household.

1 Chronicles 13:1-14

Bringing Back the Ark

[13:1] David conferred with each of his officers, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds. [2] He then said to the whole assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you and if it is the will of the LORD our God, let us send word far and wide to the rest of our brothers throughout the territories of Israel, and also to the priests and Levites who are with them in their towns and pasturelands, to come and join us. [3] Let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we did not inquire of it during the reign of Saul." [4] The whole assembly agreed to do this, because it seemed right to all the people.

[5] So David assembled all the Israelites, from the Shihor River in Egypt to Lebo Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath Jearim. [6] David and all the Israelites with him went to Baalah of Judah (Kiriath Jearim) to bring up from there the ark of God the LORD, who is enthroned between the cherubim — the ark that is called by the Name.

[7] They moved the ark of God from Abinadab's house on a new cart, with Uzzah and Ahio guiding it.

[8] David and all the Israelites were celebrating with all their might before God, with songs and with harps, lyres, tambourines, cymbals and trumpets.

[9] When they came to the threshing floor of Kidon, Uzzah reached out his hand to steady the ark, because the oxen stumbled. [10] The LORD's anger burned against Uzzah, and he struck him down because he had put his hand on the ark. So he died there before God.

[11] Then David was angry because the LORD's wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah.

[12] David was afraid of God that day and asked, "How can I ever bring the ark of God to me?"

[13] He did not take the ark to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it aside to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. [14] The ark of God remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his house for three months, and the LORD blessed his household and everything he had.

Question 10

Exodus 25:10-22; [10] "Have them make a chest of acacia wood—two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high.

[11] Overlay it with pure gold, both inside and out, and make a gold molding around it. [12] Cast four gold rings for it and fasten them to its four feet, with two rings on one side and two rings on the other.

[13] Then make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. [14] Insert the poles into the rings on the sides of the chest to carry it. [15] The poles are to remain in the rings of this ark; they are not to be removed. [16] Then put in the ark the Testimony, which I will give you.

[17] "Make an atonement cover of pure gold—two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide.

[18] And make two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover. [19] Make one cherub on one end and the second cherub on the other; make the cherubim of one piece with the cover, at the two ends. [20] The cherubim are to have their wings spread upward, overshadowing the cover with them. The cherubim are to face each other, looking toward the cover. [21] Place the cover on top of the ark and put in the ark the Testimony, which I will give you.

[22] There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the Testimony, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites.

Numbers 4:5-6, 15; [4] "This is the work of the Kohathites in the Tent of Meeting: the care of the most holy things. [5] When the camp is to move, Aaron and his sons are to go in and take down the shielding curtain and cover the ark of the Testimony with it. [6] Then they are to cover this with hides of sea cows, spread a cloth of solid blue over that and put the poles in place.

[15] "After Aaron and his sons have finished covering the holy furnishings and all the holy articles, and when the camp is ready to move, the Kohathites are to come to do the carrying. But they must not touch the holy things or they will die. The Kohathites are to carry those things that are in the Tent of Meeting.

FIFTH DAY:

Read 2 Samuel 6:12-23 and 1 Chronicles 15:1-16:43

[12] Now King David was told, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." So David went down and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing.

[13] When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. [14] David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might, [15] while he and the entire house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

[16] As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.

[17] They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD. [18] After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty. [19] Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

[20] When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, “How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, disrobing in the sight of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!”

[21] David said to Michal, “It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the LORD’s people Israel—I will celebrate before the LORD. [22] I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor.”

[23] And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

1 Chronicles 15:1-16:43

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

[15:1] After David had constructed buildings for himself in the City of David, he prepared a place for the ark of God and pitched a tent for it. [2] Then David said, “No one but the Levites may carry the ark of God, because the LORD chose them to carry the ark of the LORD and to minister before him forever.”

[3] David assembled all Israel in Jerusalem to bring up the ark of the LORD to the place he had prepared for it. [4] He called together the descendants of Aaron and the Levites:

[5] From the descendants of Kohath, Uriel the leader and 120 relatives;

[6] from the descendants of Merari, Asaiah the leader and 220 relatives;

[7] from the descendants of Gershon, Joel the leader and 130 relatives;

[8] from the descendants of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the leader and 200 relatives;

[9] from the descendants of Hebron, Eliel the leader and 80 relatives;

[10] from the descendants of Uzziel, Amminadab the leader and 112 relatives.

[11] Then David summoned Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel and Amminadab the Levites. [12] He said to them, “You are the heads of the Levitical families; you and your fellow Levites are to consecrate yourselves and bring

up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel, to the place I have prepared for it. [13] It was because you, the Levites, did not bring it up the first time that the LORD our God broke out in anger against us. We did not inquire of him about how to do it in the prescribed way.” [14] So the priests and Levites consecrated themselves in order to bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel. [15] And the Levites carried the ark of God with the poles on their shoulders, as Moses had commanded in accordance with the word of the LORD.

[16] David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brothers as singers to sing joyful songs, accompanied by musical instruments: lyres, harps and cymbals.

[17] So the Levites appointed Heman son of Joel; from his brothers, Asaph son of Berekiyah; and from their brothers the Merarites, Ethan son of Kushaiah; [18] and with them their brothers next in rank: Zechariah, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom and Jeiel, the gatekeepers.

[19] The musicians Heman, Asaph and Ethan were to sound the bronze cymbals; [20] Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah and Benaiah were to play the lyres according to *alamoth*, [21] and Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, Jeiel and Azaziah were to play the harps, directing according to *sheminith*. [22] Kenaniah the head Levite was in charge of the singing; that was his responsibility because he was skillful at it.

[23] Berekiyah and Elkanah were to be doorkeepers for the ark. [24] Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah and Eliezer the priests were to blow trumpets before the ark of God. Obed-Edom and Jehiah were also to be doorkeepers for the ark.

[25] So David and the elders of Israel and the commanders of units of a thousand went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the house of Obed-Edom, with rejoicing. [26] Because God had helped the Levites who were carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD, seven bulls and seven rams were sacrificed.

[27] Now David was clothed in a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites who were carrying the ark, and as were the singers, and Kenaniah, who was in charge of the singing of the choirs. David also wore a linen ephod. [28] So all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouts, with the

sounding of rams' horns and trumpets, and of cymbals, and the playing of lyres and harps.

[29] As the ark of the covenant of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David dancing and celebrating, she despised him in her heart.

1 Chronicles 16

[16:1] They brought the ark of God and set it inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and they presented burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before God. [2] After David had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.

[3] Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each Israelite man and woman.

[4] He appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, to make petition, to give thanks, and to praise the LORD, the God of Israel:

[5] Asaph was the chief, Zechariah second, then Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-Edom and Jeiel. They were to play the lyres and harps, Asaph was to sound the cymbals, [6] and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests were to blow the trumpets regularly before the ark of the covenant of God.

David's Psalm of Thanks

[7] That day David first committed to Asaph and his associates this psalm of thanks to the LORD:

[8] Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

[9] Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

[10] Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

[11] Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

[12] Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

[13] O descendants of Israel his servant, O sons of Jacob, his chosen ones.

[14] He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

[15] He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations,

[16] the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.

[17] He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant:

[18] "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit."

[19] When they were but few in number, few indeed, and strangers in it,

[20] they wandered from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another.

[21] He allowed no man to oppress them; for their sake he rebuked kings:

[22] "Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm."

[23] Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day.

[24] Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

[25] For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

[26] For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

[27] Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place.

[28] Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength,

[29] ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

[30] Tremble before him, all the earth! The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

[31] Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

[32] Let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them!

[33] Then the trees of the forest will sing, they will sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

[34] Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

[35] Cry out, "Save us, O God our Savior; gather us and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, that we may glory in your praise."

[36] Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Then all the people said "Amen" and "Praise the LORD."

[37] David left Asaph and his associates before the ark of the covenant of the LORD to minister there regularly, according to each day's requirements.

[38] He also left Obed-Edom and his sixty-eight associates to minister with them. Obed-Edom son of Jeduthun, and also Hosah, were gatekeepers.

[39] David left Zadok the priest and his fellow priests before the tabernacle of the LORD at the high place in Gibeon [40] to present burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of burnt offering regularly, morning and evening, in accordance with everything written in the Law of the LORD, which he had given Israel.

[41] With them were Heman and Jeduthun and the rest of those chosen and designated by name to give thanks to the LORD, "for his love endures forever."

[42] Heman and Jeduthun were responsible for the sounding of the trumpets and cymbals and for the playing of the other instruments for sacred song. The sons of Jeduthun were stationed at the gate.

[43] Then all the people left, each for his own home, and David returned home to bless his family.

SIXTH DAY

Review 2 Samuel 5-6; 1 Chronicles 11:1-9; 12:1-16:43; Psalm 68

(See above scriptures)