

David Becomes King

1 Samuel 31 - 2 Samuel 7



The Story

After a battle with the Philistines, King Saul died. His son Jonathan died too. David, whom God had chosen to be the next king, was sad when he heard the news. He wrote a beautiful song to honor Saul and Jonathan.

Then David asked the Lord what to do. God told him to go to Hebron. The people poured oil on his head to show he was the next king. But he did not rule the whole land of Israel. He only ruled a part called Judah.

Ishbosheth, one of Saul's sons, became king of the rest of Israel. God did not want him to be king. There was a lot of fighting between David's army and Ishbosheth's army, but God was on David's side. David grew stronger and stronger, and Ishbosheth grew weaker and weaker. Then Ishbosheth died.

David could finally be king over the whole land. Oil was poured on him a second time. David wanted to make the city of Jerusalem part of Israel again. He also had to fight the Philistines two times. God helped his army win all these battles. A nearby king sent David wood and builders to make him a nice palace.

The Ark of the Covenant was not in Jerusalem. David decided to bring it there. The ark was a special

chest God told His people to build. It had golden angels on the top, and was kept in the tent where the people worshiped the Lord. Once it was in the city, David sacrificed sheep and oxen. He also danced with all his might to praise the Lord. The people of Israel shouted and played music. There was a big celebration.

David wanted to build a temple for the Lord, but God had Nathan the prophet tell David no. God said David's son, who would be a greater king, would build it. God also said the greatest king would come from David's family and rule forever. This king was Jesus. David prayed to God and thanked Him.

God did great things for David, just as He does for you.

The Lord richly blessed David as King of Israel.

Passages

Revelation 2:10 - Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Matthew 28:20 - Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

The Lord richly blesses us in our walk of life.

Hymn - TLH #391 v. 1

Blessed are the sons of God,
They are bo't with Christ's own blood;
They are ransomed from the grave,
Life eternal they shall have:
With them numbered may we be
Here and in eternity!

Prayer

Dearest Jesus, You are our Savior. You have promised to be with us until the end of the world. Deliver us from our many, many sins. Help us to live our life pleasing to You. Amen.