

SECOND SAMUEL

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INTRODUCTION

1. Covers approximately 40 years in history of Israel.
 2. Nearly all of David's reign.
 3. The author or authors of book cannot be determined with absoluteness.
 4. Many believe 2 Sam. Written by Nathan and Gad because of I Chron.29:29.
 5. Our purpose to show general theme and relation to rest of Bible.
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PROVERBS 17:5

- A. Though hounded, pursued and troubled by Saul, David would never hate his antagonist.
1. Twice David could easily have killed Saul.
 2. But he would not touch "God's Anointed."
 3. When he heard of his death he lamented that the mighty Saul had fallen.
- B. An Amalekite brought David the bracelet of Saul and claimed credit for his death.
1. He was surprised to see tears flood David's face.
 2. And was dismayed to hear David command the soldiers to kill him because he was not afraid to put forth his hand to destroy Jehovah's anointed.
- C. ISBOSHETH
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PROVERBS 17:17

1. Seldom had world seen a friendship equal to that of David & Jonathan.
 2. David did not forget Jonathan after his death.
 3. He inquired concerning the descendants of Jonathan and found that he had a lame son named Mephibosheth.
 4. David reserved a permanent place for him at the king's table.
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"What Might Have Been"

- A. Some poet has written "Of all the words of tongue and pen, The saddest are these, It might have been."
1. Sad to see one with the great potential of Absalom end ungloriously under a heap of stones in the forest of Ephraim.

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B. Absalom had: Wealth; Position, Family; Financial resources; etc.

1. Absalom had physical beauty. “There was none to be so praised as Absalom for his beauty.” Gained him ready acceptance.
2. Had Charm: He readily won the hearts of the people.
3. Had Intelligence: No ordinary man could have drawn away such a following. He knew how to flatter.
4. He was Energetic: Arose early and stood beside the gate to meet and talk with the people.

C. HOWEVER, ABSALOM HAD MAJOR FLAWS IN HIS CHARACTER.

1. Pride was his undoing.
2. Made a public spectacle out of his annual hair cutting.
3. 50 men ran before his chariot. ‘
4. He was willing to wade through blood...even his own father’s to get to the throne.

“O MY SON ABSALOM, MY SON, MY SON ABSALOM! WOULD I HAD DIED FOR THEE, O ABSALOM, MY SON, MY SON” 18:33.

Book Preserved Because

A. It teaches the folly of division and rivalry among brethren.

1. In the 7 yrs David ruled only in Judah - Ish-bosheth was the rival king...And Israel was weak. Later when David became king over all, they were strong.
2. Same effect when we have division among Christians. (Give Examples).

B. Lesson on consecration and devotion to God’s service.

1. David did much to advance the worship of God.
2. Moved the Ark to Jerusalem.
3. Wrote many Psalms.; Bought the threshing floor of Araunah.
4. Wanted to build a temple. “I dwell in a house of cedar, but the Ark of God dwelleth within curtains.” 7:2.
5. This would encourage us to “seek ye first the kingdom of heaven.”

C. Lesson on the weakness of the flesh.

1. All are familiar with story of Bathsheba. “Thou art the man” (12:7).
2. James 1:14,15. READ:

D. The lesson on God’s grace and mercy. (Psalms 51).
