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### **A1 DAVID'S REPLACEMENT OF SAUL AS KING 1 - 5**

#### **B1 The Death of Saul 1**

- C1 An Amalekite's account of the defeat of Israel and his mercy-killing of the dying Saul 1:1-10
- C2 David and his men's mourning over the deaths of Saul and Jonathan and the fallen of Israel 1:11-12
- C3 David's execution of the Amalekite for killing Yahweh's anointed 1:13-16
- C4 David's lament-song over the deaths of Saul and Jonathan 1:17-27

#### **B2 David's Anointment as King over Judah 2:1-4a**

- C1 David's move to Hebron by Yahweh's direction 2:1-3
- C2 David's anointment as king over Judah by the men of Judah 2:4a

#### **B3 David's Thwarted Attempt to Become King of Israel 2:4b-11**

- C1 David's overtures to the men of Jabesh-Gilead to support him as king over all Israel 2:4b-7
- C2 Abner's installation of Ish-bosheth ben Saul as king over all Israel excluding Judah 2:8-11

**B4 Civil War and Intrigue 2:12 - 4:12**

C1 Military struggles 2:12 - 3:1

D1 The initial battle 2:12-32

E1 The meeting of the opposing armies of Israel and Judah at Gibeon 2:12-13

E2 The inconclusive representative contest 2:14-16

E3 The synopsis of the ensuing battle: Judah defeats Israel 2:17

E4 Abner's killing of the pursuing Asahel 2:18-23

E5 Joab's calling off his troops at Abner's request 2:24-28

E6 The return of the troops to their respective capitals 2:29-32

D2 David's advances in the long war between his house and the house of Saul <sup>1</sup> 3:1

C2 The children born to David by his various wives while he was at Hebron 3:2-5

D1 Amnon, by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess 3:2

D2 Chileab, by Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite 3:3

D3 Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur 3:3

D4 Adonijah the son of Haggith 3:4

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<sup>1</sup> Patience is an important part of spiritual development. Having promised David the throne of Israel when the latter was but a youth, God delivered His promise only after years of frustration and persecution, and only in partial segments. Even when he was finally crowned king, he was over only a fraction of the nation (Judah). And to gain the full crown took years of struggle in battle and some Divinely-engineered movements in history.

Application: For me to become all that God has sovereignly planned may require years of frustration and struggle!

- D5 Shephatiah the son of Abital 3:4
- D6 Ithream, by David's wife Eglah 3:5
- C3 Deadly power struggles 3:6 - 4:12
  - D1 Centering around Abner 3:6-39
    - E1 Abner's transfer of loyalty from Ish-bosheth to David 3:6-11
      - F1 Abner's self-serving loyalty to the house of Saul 3:6
      - F2 Ish-bosheth's accusation against Abner of treasonous immorality 3:7
      - F3 Abner's angry decision to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul to David 3:8-11
    - E2 David's acceptance of Abner's offer to make David king over all Israel on condition of the return of his wife Michal 3:12-16
    - E3 Abner's urging the elders of Israel to make David king over all Israel 3:17-19
    - E4 Abner's agreement with David to gather all Israel together to covenant David as king 3:20-21
    - E5 Joab's allegation to David of Abner's deception 3:22-25
    - E6 Joab's cold-blooded murder of Abner in retaliation for the death of Asahel 3:26-30
    - E7 David's abject mourning at the funeral of Abner 3:31-39
  - D2 Centering around Ish-bosheth 4
    - E1 Ish-bosheth's dismay at the news of Abner's death 4:1
    - E2 Ish-bosheth's murder by two of his generals, Baanah and Rechab 4:2-8
    - E3 David's execution of the two generals 4:9-12

**B5 David's Anointment as King over All Israel 5:1-16**

- C1 All Israel's royal covenant with David and anointing him as king over all Israel 5:1-5
- C2 David's conquering of Jerusalem for the royal capital 5:6-10
- C3 David's realization in his palace of yahweh's establishment of himself as king over Israel 5:11-12
- C4 Additional children born to David by additional wives and concubines 5:13-16

**B6 David's Military Victories 5:17-25**

- C1 David's defeat of the Philistines at Baal-Perizim by the hand of Yahweh 5:17-21
- C2 David's defeat of the Philistines at Rephaim by the audible hand of Yahweh 5:22-25

**A2 DAVID'S EFFORTS TO PROVIDE A SUITABLE DWELLING FOR THE GOD OF ISRAEL 6 - 7**

**B1 By Bringing Up the Ark of God 6**

- C1 David's assembly of a huge contingent at Baale-judah (Kiriath-jearim) to bring up the ark of God to Jerusalem 6:1-5
- C2 David's fearful, angry scuttling of the attempt to bring up the ark because of yahweh's killing of the irreverent Uzzah 6:6-11
- C3 David's dancing, joyful bringing up of the ark by Levitical bearers to the city of David 6:12-19
- C4 David's rebuking of Michal for despising his dancing before Yahweh 6:20-23 <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> According to *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, David separated from her, and thus she remained childless. According to *The Ryrie Study Bible*, Yahweh condemned her to childlessness.

**B2 By Desiring to Build a Permanent Dwelling for God 7**

C1 David's desire 7:1-3

D1 David's desire to build a suitable house for the ark of God 7:1-2

D2 The approval of Nathan the prophet 7:3

C2 Yahweh's reward 7:4-17

D1 Yahweh's instruction to Nathan that David is not the one to build Him a house 7:4-5

D2 Yahweh's uncomplaining dwelling in a tent 7:6-7

D3 Yahweh's sovereign appointment of David as ruler of Israel; His intention to make David a great name, plant Israel in peace, and make a house for David 7:8-11

D4 Yahweh's intention to permit David's descendant to build a house and to establish David's house, kingdom and throne forever 7:12-17<sup>3</sup>

C3 David's worship 7:18-29

D1 David's praise of Yahweh for His future blessing of David's house and eternal blessing of Israel 7:18-24

D2 David's request to Yahweh to confirm His words forever and bless David's house even according to Yahweh's promise 7:25-29

**A3 DAVID'S SUCCESS AS A KING 8 - 10**

**B1 David's Conquests 8:1-18**

C1 David's defeat of the Philistines 8:1

C2 David's subjugation of Moab 8:2

C3 David's defeat of Hadadezer, king of Zobah 8:3-4

C4 David's defeat and subjugation of the Arameans of Damascus 8:5-6

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<sup>3</sup> The latter part of this great promise can be fulfilled ultimately only in Jesus the Messiah!

- C5 David's booty from Hadadezer 8:7-8
- C6 David's tribute, received from Toi, king of Hamath 8:9-12
- C7 David's obliteration of the Arameans and subjugation of the Edomites 8:13-14

**B2 David's Administration 8:15-18**

**B3 David's Loyalty to His Covenant with Jonathan 9**

- C1 David's desire to show kindness toward Mephibosheth, descendant of Saul 9:1-8
- C2 David's patronage of Mephibosheth; his decree of Ziba as servant of Mephibosheth 9:9-13

**B4 David's Defeat of the Ammonite Alliance 10**

- C1 Hanun the Ammonite's crude rejection of David's proffered sympathy 10:1-5
- C2 Hanun's enlistment of mercenaries from Aram, Tob and Maacah to fight David 10:6-8
- C3 Joab's successful strategy against the Aramean mercenaries and Ammonites 10:9-14
- C4 David's crushing defeat of the Arameans 10:15-19

**A4 DAVID'S AFFAIR WITH BATHSHEBA AND THE TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES 11 - 20**

**B1 The Affair 11:1-5**

- C1 David's sending troops to destroy Ammon 11:1
- C2 David's adultery with Bathsheba 11:2-5

**B2 The Murder 11:6-27**

- C1 David's unsuccessful attempt to implicate Uriah in Bathsheba's pregnancy 11:6-13
- C2 David's success in having Uriah killed in battle 11:14-17
- C3 Joab's report to David of Uriah's death 11:18-25
- C4 David's taking of Bathsheba as his wife 11:16-27

**B3 The Consequences 12 - 20**

- C1 The pronouncement of judgment upon David 12:1-15
  - D1 The prophet Nathan's story of a wealthy farmer who stole his neighbor's only ewe for food 12:1-4
  - D2 David's anger against the farmer 2:5-6
  - D3 Nathan's revelation of David as the culprit 12:7-9
  - D4 Nathan's pronouncement of judgment against David despite his confession 12:10-15
    - E1 Ongoing violence in his own house 12:10
    - E2 The public defiling of his own wives 12:12-12
    - E3 David's confession 12:13a
    - E4 David's reprieve from death 12:13b
    - E5 The death of David and Bathsheba's child 12:14-15
- C2 The death of Bathsheba's child as predicted 12:16-23
- C3 The continuance of grace and blessing 12:24-31
  - D1 Grace: The birth of God-beloved Solomon to David and Bathsheba 12:24-25
  - D2 David's successful conclusion of Joab's battle against Ammon 12:26-31



- C4 Amnon's defilement of his sister Tamar 13:1-22
  - D1 Amnon's infatuation with his half-sister Tamar 13:1-2
  - D2 Cousin Jonadab's evil advice to Amnon to take advantage of Tamar 13:3-6
  - D3 Amnon's pretense of sickness to manipulate Tamar into his house 13:6
  - D4 Amnon's forcible rape of Tamar 13:7-14
  - D5 Amnon's subsequent humiliation of Tamar by refusing to marry her 13:15-19
  - D6 Absalom's consolation of Tamar and hatred against Amnon 13:20-22
- C5 Absalom's rebellion 13:23 - 20:26
  - D1 Absalom's revenge against Amnon 13:23-29
    - E1 Absalom's invitation of King David's sons to Baal Hazor 13:23-27
    - E2 Absalom's servants' murder of Amnon 13:28-29
    - E3 Jonadab's informing David of Amnon's death 13:30-33
    - E4 Absalom's flight to Geshur 13:34-39
      - F1 Sorrow over Amnon 13:34-37
      - F2 Sorrow over Absalom 13:38-39
  - D2 Joab's influencing of David to permit Absalom to return to Jerusalem 14:1-24
    - E1 Joab's obtaining the services of a wise woman of Tekoah 14:1-2
    - E2 The woman's posing to King David a story about one son murdering her only other son 14:3-7
    - E3 David's granting of her request to save the life of the murderous son 14:8-12

- E4 The woman's application of the story to David and Absalom 14:13-17
- E5 David's perception of Joab's participation in the request to restore Absalom 14:18-19
- E6 David's granting permission to Absalom to return to Jerusalem but without seeing the King 14:20-24
- D3 Absalom's manipulation of Joab to secure a return to King David's favor 14:25-33
- D4 Absalom's overthrow of David's government 15 - 17
  - E1 Absalom's conspiracy 15:1-12
    - F1 Absalom's manipulation of the men of Israel to obtain their favor and allegiance 15:1-6
    - F2 Absalom's devious request of David for permission to go to Hebron "to pay a vow" to Yahweh 15:7-9
    - F3 Absalom's cementing of a conspiracy in Hebron 15:10-12
  - E2 David's flight 15:13 - 16:14
    - F1 David's hearing of the insurrection 15:13
    - F2 David's flight from the palace 15:14-18
    - F3 David's passage over Kidron with Itai the Gittite 15:19-23
    - F4 David's asking Zadok the priest to stay in Jerusalem and report to David on Absalom's movements 15:24-29
    - F5 David's sorrowful request to Yahweh to undermine Ahithophel's counsel 15:30-31
    - F6 David's appointment of Hushai the Archite to be a false counselor to Absalom 15:32-37

- F7 David's rewarding of Ziba's support by awarding him Mephibosheth's property 16:1-4
- F8 Shimei's cursing of David 16:5-14
- E3 Thwarted counsel 16:15 - 17:23
  - F1 Absalom's move to Jerusalem 16:15
  - F2 Hushai's declaration of allegiance to Absalom 16:16-19
  - F3 Ahithophel's counsel to Absalom to violate his father's concubines 16:20-23
  - F4 Ahithophel's counsel to pursue David immediately and kill only the King 17:1-4
  - F5 Hushai's counsel to wait and gather the entire Israeli army together 17:5-14
  - F6 Hushai's warning to David to cross the Jordan immediately 17:15-22
  - F7 Ahithophel's suicide over his spurned counsel 17:23
- E4 Absalom's pursuit of David into the land of Gilead 17:24-29
- D5 Absalom's death 18:1 - 19:4
  - E1 David's deployment of troops against Absalom's men 18:1-5
  - E2 David's troops' defeat of Absalom 18:6-8
  - E3 Joab's killing of the trapped Absalom despite David's orders 18:9-15
  - E4 The burial of Absalom 18:16-18
  - E5 Ahimaaz' insistence on bearing the news to David 18:19-23

- E6 Ahimaaz' incomplete report on the battle 18:24-30
- E7 The Cushite's informing David of Absalom's death 18:31-32
- E8 David's desperate grief over the loss of his son Absalom 18:33 - 19:4
- D6 Sheba's rebellion 19:5 - 20:22
  - E1 The attempt to reconsolidate the kingdom under David 19:5-39
    - F1 Joab's warning King David to congratulate his troops or face greater danger 19:5-8
    - F2 Israel's ambivalence about bringing David back as king 19:9-10
    - F3 David's sending Zadok and Abiathar to Judah to have the Judeans bring him back as King 21:11-15
    - F4 David's mercy to the repentant Shimei 19:16-23
    - F5 David's mediation with regard to Mephibosheth 19:24-30
    - F6 David's invitation to Barzillai to accompany him to Jerusalem 19:31-39
  - E2 The crisis of petty jealousy 19:40 - 20:2
    - F1 The petty jealousy between the men of Judah and the men of Israel over bringing David back as king 19:40-43
    - F2 The withdrawal of Israel to follow Sheba son of Bichri 20:1-2
  - E3 The resolution of the new crisis 20:3-22
    - F1 David's return to the palace and disposition of his violated concubines 20:3
    - F2 David's appointment of Amasa to gather the troops of Judah 20:4-5

- F3 David's sending forth Abishai in lieu of the tardy Amasa to pursue Sheba 20:6-7
- F4 Joab's murder of Amasa 20:8-13
- F5 Joab's pursuit of Sheba to Abel Beth-maacah 20:14-15
- F6 A wise woman's arranging for the execution of Sheba 20:16-22

**A5 DAVID'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE KINGDOM 20:23 - 24:25**

**B1 A Summary of David's Officials 20:23-26**

**B2 David's Rectification of Saul's Violation of the Treaty with the Gibeonites 21:1-14**

- C1 Yahweh's revelation to David of Saul's anti-Gibeonite policy <sup>4</sup> as the cause of Israel's three-year famine 21:1
- C2 The Gibeonites' asking for the death of seven men of the house of Saul 21:2-6
- C3 David's delivery of seven sons of Saul into the Gibeonites' hands for execution 21:7-9
- C4 David's burial of the bemourned corpses; the propitiation of God 21:10-14

**B3 The Disposition of Goliath's Sons in Battle 21:15-22**

- C1 Aging David's near death in battle at the hands of Ishbi-benob ben Goliath; Abishai's rescue of David by killing Ishbi-benob 21:15-17
- C2 Sibbecai's killing of Saph ben Goliath 21:18
- C3 Elhanan's killing of Goliath ben Goliath 21:19
- C4 Shimei's killing of another giant son of Goliath 21:20-22

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<sup>4</sup> Evidently God holds nations responsible for pacts and treaties made hundreds of years earlier and broken under a different administration. I wonder what treaties America has broken that we are or will be paying for as a nation!

**B4 David's Psalm of Praise to God for Deliverance from His Enemies and Saul 22**

- C1 Introduction 22:1
- C2 The extolling of Yahweh as Deliverer and Savior 22:2-4
- C3 David's distress 22:5-6
- C4 David's cry to Yahweh 22:7
- C5 Yahweh's shaking heaven and earth to answer David's cry and deliver him from his enemies 22:8-20
- C6 The reason for Yahweh's willingness to deliver David: David's obedience to His commands 22:21-25
- C7 David's generalization of God's willingness to deliver any who are righteous 22:26-28
- C8 David's testimony of what he is able to do with God, whom he obeys, as his help 22:29-46
- C9 David's closing praise to Yahweh for His deliverance 22:47-51

**B5 David's Last Words 23:1-7**

- C1 The identity of the speaker: David, the anointed psalmist of Israel 23:1
- C2 The Divine origin of David's speech 23:2-3
- C3 The glorious nature of God 23:4
- C4 David's security within God's everlasting covenant with him 23:5
- C5 The destruction of the wicked 23:6-7

**B6 The Hall of Fame of David's Mighty Men 23:8-39**

- C1 Josheb-basshebeth: Killer of 800 in one battle 23:8
- C2 Eleazar: One of three who stood with David against the Philistines 23:9-10
- C3 Shammah: One who single-handedly defended ground against the Philistines 23:11-12

- C4 Three of the thirty chief men: Those who got water for David from Bethlehem 23:13-17
- C5 Abishai: Commander of the thirty and killer of 300 in one battle 23:18-19
- C6 Benaiah: Killer of the two sons of Ariel of Moab; killer of a lion in a pit on a snowy day; killer of an impressive Egyptian 23:20-23
- C7 Men listed by name only 23:24-39

**B7 God's Punishment of Israel and Judah through David's Sin 24**

- C1 Yahweh's angry inciting of David to number Israel and Judah 24:1
- C2 David's overruling of Joab to number the people 24:2-9
- C3 David's stricken conscience and confession 24:10
- C4 Yahweh's offering of three punishments from which David chose 24:11-14
- C5 The pestilential slaying of 70,000 by the angel of the Lord 24:15-17
- C6 David's purchase of Araunah's threshing floor and offering of sacrifices to stay the plague 24:18-25

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