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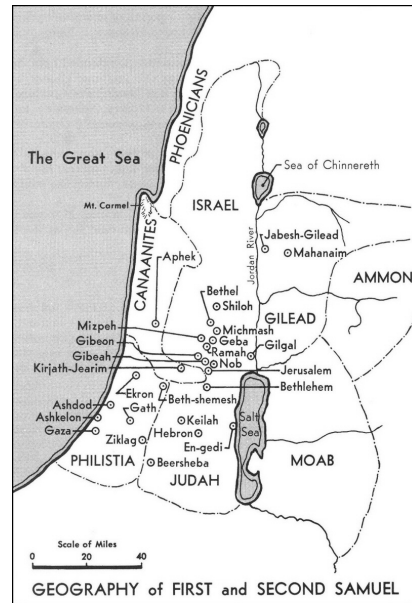
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[2 Samuel Chart](#) from Charles Swindoll

## TIMELINE OF THE BOOKS OF SAMUEL, KINGS & CHRONICLES

1107	1011				971	931	853	722	586
1 Samuel	2 Samuel				1 Kings	1 Kings	2 Kings		
31	1-4	5-10	11-20	21-24	1-11	12-22	1-17	18-25	

1Chr 10		1 Chr 11-19	1 Chr 20-29	2 Chronicles 1-9	2 Chronicles 10-20	2 Chronicles 21-36
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**Legend:** B.C. dates at top of timeline are approximate. Note that 931BC marks the division of the Kingdom into Southern Tribes (Judah and Benjamin) and Ten Northern Tribes. To avoid confusion be aware that **after the division** of the Kingdom in 931BC, the Southern Kingdom is most often designated in Scripture as "**Judah**" and the Northern Kingdom as "**Israel**." Finally, note that 1 Chronicles 1-9 is not identified on the timeline because these chapters are records of genealogy.



Map of David's Kingdom-[ESV Global](#)

Map of Cities in 2 Samuel

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**Explanation** - The following list includes not only commentaries but other Christian works by well known evangelical writers. Most of the resources below are newer works (written after 1970) which previously were available only for purchase in book form or in a Bible computer program. The resources are made freely available by archive.org but have several caveats - (1) they do not allow copy and paste, (2) they can only be checked out for one hour (but can be checked out immediately when your hour expires giving you time to read or take notes on a lengthy section) and (3) they require creating an account which allows you to check out the books free of charge. To set up an account click [archive.org](http://archive.org) and then click the picture of the person in right upper corner and enter email and a password. That's all you have to do. Then you can read these more modern resources free of charge! I have read or used many of these resources but not all of them so ultimately you will need to be a Berean (Acts 17:11+) as you use them. I have also selected works that are conservative and Biblically sound. If you find one that you think does not meet those criteria please send an email at <https://www.preceptaustin.org/contact>. The resources are listed in alphabetical order by the author's last name and some include reviews of the particular resource.

[David, a Heart for God](#) by Briscoe, D. Stuart [1 rating](#)

[The Communicator's Commentary: 1, 2 Samuel](#) by Chafin, Kenneth (Now published as The Preacher's Commentary)

**James Rosscup** says this is part of "A 12-vol. set done by 12 men selected for unusual ability to show the Bible is alive in biblical exposition, with spiritual refreshment and insight. The authors seek to combine scholarship on biblical meaning, illustrations to spark applications, and outlines."

**Cyril Barber** - Pastoring a church with a good seminary library close by enabled Chafin to have access to the finest literary resources available. His treatment of the lives of Samuel, Saul, and David is helpful, even if it lacks depth that a thorough knowledge of human personality would enhance. In spite of this, preachers will find these chapters clearly outlined and their contents ably articulated.

[First and Second Samuel](#) by Laney, J. Carl,

**James Rosscup** - Laney, an assistant professor of Biblical literature at Western Conservative Baptist Seminary and more widely known for his volume *The Divorce Myth*, traces the lives of Samuel, Saul and David. This 1982 update for Moody Press's *Everyman's Bible Commentary Series* is a surprisingly resourceful paperback. Laney argues tersely for a 722 B. C. date for the Fall of Samaria. Thus, he prefers a time of writing for I & II Samuel sometime during or immediately following David's lifetime. He dates the dividing of the kingdom as 931 B. C. Regarding textual matters, Laney does not overlook the lacuna of I Samuel 13:1 as he states that great benefit can be gleaned from the LXX in a study of these two books. One interesting sidelight is his citation of the "dynastic defense" motif evident in I Samuel 15 and II Samuel 8, a setting apparently not unlike 13th Century Hittite tradition. Laney's discussion of God's will in I Samuel 8:21, 22 is quite helpful. In I Samuel 28 the treatment of the Witch of Endor is thorough. He concludes that God caused Samuel himself to appear. In II Samuel 7, Laney sheds light on the covenant by picturing its threefold nature. Laney's maps and graphics are well-placed and worthwhile. His treatment in 2 Samuel 24 of the two-sided nature of David numbering God's people is also worthy of attention. This is a well researched and supported volume. There are few volumes on I and II Samuel which could rightly claim to be more helpful on expositional matters.—Jan Sattem

[First and Second Samuel](#) by Johnson, Frank,

[1 & 2 Samuel](#) by Gordon, R. P

**James Rosscup** - This generally highly-regarded work **offers much assistance verse by verse**, using the RSV. The author comments a lot on the Hebrew text as to exegesis, word study, dealing with problems, etc.

[1, 2 Samuel : Bible study commentary](#) by Vos, Howard Frederic,

**James Roscup** - Vos was Professor of History and Archaeology, King's College, Briarcliff Manor, New York, In this conservative work he gives a long outline at the outset, then incorporates this in his survey of I and 2 Samuel. For many Bible teachers, preachers, and lay people the exposition helpfully sums up what is said and some implications. It offers brief explanation of some main problems, such as the number judged at Beth Shemesh in I Samuel 6:19ff. and how to fill in the number of Saul's years in 13:1.

[Samuel](#) -1 & 2 Samuel by Payne, David

[The Birth of a Kingdom : Studies in I-II Samuel and I Kings 1-11](#) - John James Davis

[Israel : from conquest to exile : a commentary on Joshua-2 Kings](#)- John James Davis

[David: God's man in faith and failure](#) by Getz, Gene (This book corresponds for the most part to his book "Men of Character: David")

[When you feel like a failure : take a lesson from David](#)by Getz, Gene

[Bible Exposition Commentary - Old Testament](#) - Warren Wiersbe - Always worth checking

[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe - chapter by chapter summaries

[Wiersbe's expository outlines on the Old Testament](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W

"Even the most difficult Scriptures come alive as Warren Wiersbe leads you book-by-book through the Old Testament and helps you to see the "big picture" of God's revelation. In this unique volume, you will find: • Introductions and/or outlines for every Old Testament book • Practical expositions of strategic chapters • Special studies on key topics, relating the Old Testament to the New Testament • Easy-to-understand expositions that are practical, preachable, and teachable If you have used Dr. Wiersbe's popular BE series, you know how simple and practical his Bible studies are, with outlines that almost teach themselves. If not, you can now discover a wonderful new resource. This work is a unique commentary on every book of the Old Testament. It contains new material not to be found in the BE series.

[2 Samuel](#) by Barron, Robert, Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible

[The Second book of Samuel : commentary](#) and [The first book of Samuel](#) by Ackroyd, Peter -

James Rosscup - An attempt to meet general readers' needs. The approach is mildly critical. Ackroyd has a clear writing style and often is of help on the reading of a given text, historical setting, customs and

explanation of the passage. The work is cursory.

[Desiring God's own Heart](#) -1 & 2 Samuel/1 Chronicles by Arthur, Kay

[1 & 2 Samuel : a self-study guide](#) by Jensen, Irving

[1 & 2 Second Samuel - Shepherd's Notes](#) by Bergen, Robert D - Not very detailed but occasional interesting insights.

[1 & 2 Samuel - New American Commentary](#) Bergen, Robert D.

**James Rosscup** on Bergen's more extensive commentary in the New American Commentary - The commentator is a professor at Hannibal-La Grange College, Hannibal, MO. He argues for the accurate, reliable, relevant Word of God. His excellent work reflects wide knowledge of biblical literature in the text and in footnotes. The writing flows with lucid vitality, and Bergen invests much from word study, grammar, customs, geographical details, etc. His appraisal of Eli is arresting (69), as are comments on Saul's excuses of 1 Sam. 15 and David's fight with Goliath. Bergen's careful weighing of views about how Saul died ends with his harmonizing view that Saul fell on his sword (1 Sam. 31), but in his final moments the Amalekite hastened his death (2 Sam. 1). This is a fine grappling with main details in the two books.

[The Prophets of Israel](#) - Leon Wood - 405 pages (1979)

**James Rosscup** - A thoroughly conservative work, very clearly written, in two sections, prophetism and the prophets. Wood under the first division goes into the identity, meaning of "to prophesy," function, the Holy Spirit and prophecy, and other aspects. In the second, **he discusses in some detail prophets before Samuel, Samuel, monarchy prophets, and the writing prophets from the ninth century to post-exilic days.** This is a fine book that gives the student or pastor a much better, integrated understanding of the prophets behind the prophetic books.

[KJV Bible Commentary](#) - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT - no restriction on length of time one can use it. No copy and paste. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. [User reviews](#) - it generally gets 4/5 stars from users.

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective (pre-millennial) [user reviews](#)

The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

[NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H. Wayne; Very helpful notes. Conservative.

[ESV Study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) by MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages

Dr. John MacArthur, Jr. - "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen."

Warren Wiersbe - "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word."

[The MacArthur Study Bible](#) - John MacArthur. Brief but well done notes

[The David Jeremiah study bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[Disciple's Study Bible : New international version](#) Not that helpful for verse by verse study. Focuses on application of Christian doctrines. 10,000 annotations; doctrinal summaries, "Life Helps" section relate doctrine to everyday discipleship.

[New Bible Commentary](#) - (1994) [See user reviews](#)

[Explore The Book - Judges to Esther](#) J.Sidlow Baxter:

[The Experiencing God Study Bible : the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#) - Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK

THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page! Read some of the

[Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - Charles Pfeiffer - 1560 pages (1962). Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary.

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M. Excellent notes for well known creationist.

[Life application study Bible](#) : New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes. [4.445 ratings](#)

[Compact Bible commentary](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H Wayne, et al - 954 pages. Multiple contributors to the comments which are often verse by verse. The comments are brief but meaty and can really help your study through a given book. A sleeper in my opinion.

[The Holman illustrated study Bible](#) Includes the excellent Holman maps but otherwise of little help in serious study.

[The Lion handbook to the Bible](#) - (1999) 822 pages. This resource is absolutely loaded with very nice color pictures and charts.

[NIV archaeological Study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

[NIV cultural backgrounds study Bible. bringing to life the ancient world of scripture](#) Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors (2017)

[The NIV study Bible](#) by Barker, Kenneth L; Burdick, Donald W (1995) 2250 pages. Note this is the first edition. [Here is a link to the 2011 version of the NIV Study Bible](#) Note that this resource has been fully revised in 2020.

[The Ryrie study Bible](#) - Charles Ryrie (1978) 2142 pages. Conservative.

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages. [User reviews.](#)

[Harper study Bible : the Holy Bible. Revised Standard Version](#)

[The Jewish Study Bible](#) - Only OT - Interesting Jewish perspective.

[The student Bible : New International Version](#)

[Hebrew-Greek key word study Bible : New international version](#)

[Key word commentary : thoughts on every chapter of the Bible](#) by Water, Mark

[Eerdmans' family encyclopedia of the Bible](#) (1978) 344 pages

[Eerdmans' handbook to the Bible](#) (1983) 688 pages

[Tyndale handbook of Bible charts & maps](#) by Wilson, Neil

[Bible handbook and A-Z bible encyclopedia](#)

[International children's Bible field guide : answering kids' questions from Genesis to Revelation](#) by Richards, Larry

[The illustrated guide to Bible customs & curiosities](#) by Knight, George W. (George William),

[Today's handbook of Bible times & customs](#) by Coleman, William L

[The Shaw pocket Bible handbook](#) - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

[The new Unger's Bible dictionary](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909-

[Survey of the Bible : introductory insights. background studies. book-by- book survey](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick

[The Hodder Bible handbook](#) by Unger, Merrill

[Nelson's expository dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill

[Kregel Bible handbook : a full-color guide to every book of the Bible](#) by Kerr, William [3 ratings](#)

[The new encyclopedia of Christian quotations](#) by Water, Mark

[Zondervan handbook to the Bible](#)

[Dictionary of deities and demons in the Bible \(DDD\)](#) - 950 pages (1995) Read some of the [65 ratings](#) (4.8/5 Stars). A definitive in depth resource on this subject. Very expensive to purchase.

## WORD STUDIES IN OLD TESTAMENT

[Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words](#) - pdf. The old standby. You can also borrow [Vine's complete expository dictionary of Old and New Testament words](#)

[Theological wordbook of the Old Testament](#) by Harris, R. Laird - [229 ratings](#) (5/5 Stars) One of the best OT lexicons for laymen.

[Here is another link to the TWOT](#) which has **no time limit on use** and **does allow copy and paste**. Can be downloaded as PDF.

[Hebrew honey : a simple and deep word study of the Old Testament](#) by Novak, Alfons, (332 pages) Indexed by English words. No Strong's numbers to help you determine if you are researching the correct Hebrew word. Here is a "work around" - go to page 289 and see if there is an annotation of the Scripture you are studying. E.g., say you want to see if there is anything for "heart" in Ezek 11:19. In the Scripture list find an entry for Ezek 11:19 with the English word "Heart." Now go look up "Heart" (on page 123). It does take some effort, but you might glean an insight not described in other Hebrew lexicons.

[Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill. Indexed by English word and then any related Hebrew nouns or verbs. Definitions are solid and geared to the lay person.

[Zondervan NASB exhaustive concordance](#) - 1589 pages

[Analytical concordance to the Holy Bible](#) : containing about 311,000 references, subdivided under the Hebrew and Greek original with the literal meaning and pronunciation of each by Young, Robert,

[Girdlestone's Synonyms of the Old Testament](#) - [click](#) for list of 127 entries

## MORE COMMENTARIES AND SERMONS

### DON ANDERSON Verse by Verse Teaching Notes Life of David

- [David Lectures - Mp3's](#) - Link to list of 24 lectures See below for Scriptures covered in each study
- [David Study Guide](#)

**David Teacher Notes - See above for Scriptures covered in each study**

- [David study 9](#) 2 Samuel 1:1-2:32

**David Study Notes - over 700 pages of notes**

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### PAUL APPLE 1 Samuel Commentary 189 page Pdf

- [2 Samuel Commentary](#)

### ALBERT BARNES- Commentary

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

### BELIEVER'S CHAPEL

**BRIAN BELL - Sermons - often has very helpful insights**

- II Samuel 2 [West Side Story](#)

## **BENSON BIBLE COMMENTARY**

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## **ROBERT BERGEN** - two resources that can be borrowed

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## **BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR**

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## **JIM BOMKAMP** - Sermons

- [2 Samuel 2-3 David Is Made King Over Judah. Then Civil War Breaks Out](#)

## **CAMBRIDGE BIBLE COMMENTARY**

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## **RICH CATHERS**

- [2 Samuel 1-3](#)

## **KENNETH CHAFIN** - BORROW

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- [The Communicator's Commentary: 1, 2 Samuel](#) Now published as The Preacher's Commentary

## **ADAM CLARKE** - Commentary

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## **THOMAS CONSTABLE** - Expository Notes

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## **W A CRISWELL**

- [2 Samuel 1-5 DAVID THRICE CROWNED](#)

## RON DANIEL

- [2 Samuel 1-2](#)

## DARBY BIBLE COMMENTARY

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## DALE RALPH DAVIS - colorful speaker, writer

- [Sermons on 2 Samuel \(MP3\)](#)

## JOHN JAMES DAVIS

- Borrow [The Birth of a Kingdom : Studies in I-II Samuel and I Kings 1-11](#) -
- Borrow [Israel : from conquest to exile : a commentary on Joshua-2 Kings](#)

## WILLIAM JOHN DEANE (AND THOMAS KIRK)

[Cyril Barber](#) "A pleasing exposition of the Biblical text." – In this treatment of the lives of Samuel and Saul, Samuel is shown to possess an inner Godward orientation that motivated all he did. Saul is revealed as being motivated by external considerations. These two men-contemporaries for a time-explain for us the dynamics of success from God's perspective. In explaining 1 Samuel, Deane and Kirk provide the kind of practical application that will delight every devout Bible student. Recommended.

- [Samuel and Saul: Their Lives and Times](#) (Or [Here](#)) - William Deane Publication Date: 1889 230 pp.

## BOB DEFFINBAUGH - Sermons

- [1. Introduction to 2 Samuel](#)
- [2. What an Amalekite is Dying to Tell David \(2 Samuel 1:1-27\)](#)
- [3. Two Bald Men, Fighting Over a Comb \(2 Samuel 2:1--3:39\)](#)
- [4. Waiting on the Lord \(2 Samuel 2:1-5:5\)](#)
- [5. A Place of One's Own \(2 Samuel 5:1-25\)](#)
- [6. When God Rained on David's Parade \(2 Samuel 6:1-23\)](#)
- [7. Building God's House \(2 Samuel 7:1-29\)](#)
- [8. War and Peace \(2 Samuel 8:1—10:19\)](#)

## DICTIONARIES

- Baker's Evangelical Dictionary: [Samuel, First & Second, Theology of](#)
- Holman Bible Dictionary: [Samuel, Books of](#)
- Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible: [Samuel, Books](#)
- McClintock and Strong: [Samuel, First and Second Books of.](#)
- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia: [Samuel, Books of](#)
- Kitto's Popular Cyclopedia of Biblical Literature: [Samuel, Books of](#)
- Bridgeway Bible Dictionary [Samuel, books of](#)
- Easton's Bible Dictionary [Samuel, Books of](#)
- Fausset Bible Dictionary [Samuel, the Books of](#)
- Smith Bible Dictionary [Samuel, Books of](#)
- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia [Samuel, Books of](#)
- The Nuttall Encyclopedia [Samuel, Books of](#)
- The Jewish Encyclopedia [Samuel, Books o](#)
- Saul means "demanded, lent, ditch, death" – [Hitchcock's Bible Names](#)
- Bridgeway Bible Dictionary [Saul, king of israel](#)
- American Tract Society [Saul](#)



- Easton's Bible Dictionary [Saul](#)
- Fausset Bible Dictionary [Saul](#)
- Holman Bible Dictionary [Saul](#)
- Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible [Saul](#)
- Whyte's Bible Characters [Saul](#)
- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia [Saul](#)
- Kitto Biblical Cyclopedia [Saul](#)
- McClintock and Strong [Saul](#)
- The Nuttall Encyclopedia [Saul](#)

#### JOHN DUMMELOW - COMMENTARY

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

#### EASY ENGLISH - Commentary

- [2 Samuel- the Great King of Israel](#)

#### CHARLES ELLICOTT

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

#### THEODORE EPP Devotionals 2 Samuel

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#### ESV STUDY BIBLE - BORROW

- [ESV Study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel

#### EXPLORE THE BIBLE 2 Samuel; 1 Chronicles DAVID- LESSONS ON FAITH & FRAILTY

- [2 Sa 1:1-2:7; 1 Chr. 10:1-12 Following God's Direction](#)
- [2 Sa 2:8-4:12; 1 Chr 3:1-4 Acting with Integrity](#)

#### EXPOSITOR'S BIBLE Commentary - William Blaikie

**D Edmond Hiebert** - A practical, warm-hearted exposition by a conservative scholar. Although written during the nineteenth century, it is rich in its interpretative contents, as, for example, on chapter 15.

**Cyril J. Barber** - One of the finest devotional commentaries ever produced.

**Spurgeon** on Blaikie's related life of David: "Dr. Blaikie is a good writer. This Life of David has supplied a great lack." ([Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries](#))

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

#### EXPOSITOR'S DICTIONARY OF TEXTS

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

#### DON FORTNER

- [Sermons on 2 Samuel](#)

#### A C GAEBELEIN Annotated Bible

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## RALPH D GEHRKE - Lutheran commentator (1968)

- [Commentary on 1-2 Samuel - online](#)

## CHARLES GULSTON

- Borrow [David - Shepherd and King](#)

## GENE GETZ - short videos emphasizing application

- [2 Samuel 2:1-7:17](#); God's Sovereign Plan: Though our journey through life includes many human factors, we must remember that God's sovereign plan for each one of us continues to unfold. [Video](#)

## JOHN GILL - Commentary

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## BRUCE GOETTSCHKE

- [Bringing About a Smooth Transition](#) (1 Samuel 31- 2 Samuel 4)

## R P GORDON - BORROW

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- [1 & 2 Samuel](#) by Gordon, R. P

## GOSPEL COALITION

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## GOTQUESTIONS

- [Book of 2 Samuel - Bible Survey](#)
- [Why are there contradictory accounts regarding the death of Saul in 1 and 2 Samuel?](#)
- [What is the story of Abner and Joab?](#)
- [What is the story of David and Ish-bosheth?](#)
- [What should we learn from the life of David?](#)
- [How many wives did King David have?](#)
- [Why is Jerusalem known as the City of David?](#)

## L M GRANT - Commentary

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## J D GREEAR - Sermon notes

- [1 Samuel 28:13-20; 31:1-13 - The Tragedy of Dying Without God - The Search for a King](#)

## DAVE GUZIK - Commentary

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## ROBERT HAWKER - Poor Man's Commentary

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## MATTHEW HENRY - Commentary

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## F B HOLE - Commentary

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## HOLMAN PUBLISHING - BORROW - Editor Jeremy Royal Howard

- [HCSB Study Bible : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#) - (2010) 2360 pages. Conservative. Good notes. Include Holman's excellent maps. Borrow

## HOMILETICS

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## INTERNATIONAL CRITICAL COMMENTARY A Critical & Exegetical Commentary Henry P Smith (1904)

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## JAMIESON, FAUSSET, BROWN - Commentary

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## S. LEWIS JOHNSON Lessons from the Life of David Recommended

- [2 Samuel 2:1-32 David: The Shepherd King of Judah](#)

## KEIL AND DELITZSCH 1 Samuel Commentary

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## JOHN KITTO - PICTORIAL BIBLE WITH NOTES

**Spurgeon's Comments:** "Then, of course, gentlemen, you will economize rigidly until you have accumulated funds to purchase **Kitto's Pictorial Bible**. You mean to take that goodly freight on board before you launch upon the sea of married life. As you cannot visit the Holy Land, it is well for you that there is a work like the Pictorial Bible, in which the notes of the most observant travellers are arranged under the texts which they illustrate. For the geography, zoology, botany, and manners and customs of Palestine, this will be your counselor and guide....A work of art as well as learning."

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## JOHN KITTO - DAILY BIBLE ILLUSTRATIONS

**Spurgeon comments:** "Exceeding meritorious. Refer to it frequently....They are not exactly a commentary, but what marvelous expositions you have there! You have reading more interesting than any novel that was ever written, and as instructive as the heaviest theology. The matter is quite attractive and fascinating, and yet so weighty, that the man who shall study these volumes thoroughly, will not fail to read his Bible intelligently and with growing interest."

- [2 Samuel 2:1-7, 1 Samuel 31:11-13 David of Hebron](#)
- [2 Samuel - The Change](#)
- [2 Samuel 2:12-32 The First Blow](#)

## KJV BIBLE PARALLEL BIBLE COMMENTARY - Edward Dobson, Charles Feinberg, E. Hindson, W. Kroll - NO RESTRICTIONS ON USE

Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. [User reviews](#) - [372 ratings](#) - I have found the comments are very good but generally not in great depth. It is worth checking as you may glean additional insights on a passage. It is not strictly speaking verse by verse but does cover many verses.

- [KJV Bible Commentary](#). - 3119 pages - allow copy and paste function

#### **KJV STUDY BIBLE - General Editor - Edward Hindson - NO RESTRICTIONS ON USE**

- [The King James Study Bible Second Edition](#) 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple contributing editors. . [3,194 ratings](#). Pre-millennial. See [introduction on How to Use this Study Bible](#)

#### **STEVE KRELOFF**

- [2 Samuel - Mp3's - Messianic Pastor](#)

#### **PAUL E. KRETZMANN - Lutheran Perspective**

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

#### **LANGE'S COMMENTARY - J J VAN OOSTERZEE - Lange's Commentary on the Holy Scriptures**

**Spurgeon** writes "Oosterzee in Lange is excellent."

**D Edmond Hiebert** - In keeping with the series to which it belongs, the massive material is presented in three parts: exegetical and critical, doctrinal and ethical, and homiletical and practical. Conservative in viewpoint. Valuable for those willing to dig into its vast stores of material, much of which is definitely dated.

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

#### **CARL LANEY - BORROW - Everyman's Bible Commentary**

**James Rosscup** - Laney, an assistant professor of Biblical literature at Western Conservative Baptist Seminary and more widely known for his volume *The Divorce Myth*, traces the lives of Samuel, Saul and David. This 1982 update for Moody Press's *Everyman's Bible Commentary Series* is a surprisingly resourceful paperback. Laney argues tersely for a 722 B. C. date for the Fall of Samaria. Thus, he prefers a time of writing for I & II Samuel sometime during or immediately following David's lifetime. He dates the dividing of the kingdom as 931 B. C. Regarding textual matters, Laney does not overlook the lacuna of I Samuel 13:1 as he states that great benefit can be gleaned from the LXX in a study of these two books. One interesting sidelight is his citation of the "dynastic defense" motif evident in I Samuel 15 and II Samuel 8, a setting apparently not unlike 13th Century Hittite tradition. Laney's discussion of God's will in I Samuel 8:21, 22 is quite helpful. In I Samuel 28 the treatment of the Witch of Endor is thorough. He concludes that God caused Samuel himself to appear. In II Samuel 7, Laney sheds light on the covenant by picturing its threefold nature. Laney's maps and graphics are well-placed and worthwhile. His treatment in 2 Samuel 24 of the two-sided nature of David numbering God's people is also worthy of attention. This is a well researched and supported volume. There are few volumes on I and II Samuel which could rightly claim to be more helpful on expositional matters.—Jan Sattem

- [First and Second Samuel](#)

#### **LIFE APPLICATION BIBLE - BORROW**

- [Life Application Study Bible](#) - OT and NT study notes

#### **JOHN LIGHTFOOT - Commentary**

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

#### **JOHN MACARTHUR- verse by verse - probably the best expositor in the last 100 years -- very literal and conservative**

- **BORROW** [The MacArthur Study Bible](#)

#### **WILLIAM MACDONALD - BORROW**

**John MacArthur** - "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen."

**Warren Wiersbe** - "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word."

- [Believer's Bible Commentary](#) - This resource is always worth checking. commentary on whole Bible. Often has pithy, practical and devotional comments.

#### **ALEXANDER MACLAREN - sermons with a devotional bent**

- [2 Samuel 2:1-11 The Bright Dawn of a Reign](#)

#### **MAPS**

- [David's Rise to Power](#)
- [David in Conquest of Canaan](#)
- [David's Wars of Conquest](#)
- [Kingdom of David and Solomon](#)

#### **J VERNON MCGEE - Thru the Bible comments - often has pithy comments**

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

#### **EUGENE MERRILL - unfortunately some of margins slightly cut off but overall still usable.**

James Rosscup - Professor of Old Testament at Dallas Theological Seminary surveys both books with conservative expertise, dealing with Hebrew meaning, problems, customs, etc. He has a high view of inspiration and a good use of literature relevant in the area.

- [Bible Knowledge Commentary - Old Testament](#) - 1 Samuel by Eugene Merrill

#### **F B MEYER - Devotional**

- [2 Samuel 2](#)
- [2 Samuel 2:4](#)

#### **HENRY MORRIS - Defender's Study Bible Notes** - well-known creationist. Conservative. Millennial.

- **BORROW** - [The Defender's Study Bible](#)
- [2 Samuel 2:1 Hebron](#)
- [2 Samuel 2:4 anointed David king](#)
- [2 Samuel 2:5 sent messengers](#)
- [2 Samuel 2:10 reigned two years](#)
- [2 Samuel 2:13 pool of Gibeon](#)
- [2 Samuel 2:14 play before us](#)
- [2 Samuel 2:18 three sons of Zeruah](#)
- [2 Samuel 2:21 take thee his armour](#)

#### **TOMMY NELSON**

- [Click here for messages in his 2 Samuel Sermon Series](#)

#### **WILLIAM NEWELL**

- [1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings - Old Testament Studies- Being the Lessons Given at Various Union Bible](#)

## PHIL NEWTON Sermons South Woods Baptist Church

- [2 Samuel 2-4 Two Kingdoms Finding Unity](#)

## NET BIBLE NOTES - somewhat technical but you can find some practical "nuggets"

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## JAMES NISBET'S - Church Pulpit Commentary

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## NIV STUDY BIBLE - BORROW - notes are brief but helpful.

- [Zondervan NIV Study Bible](#) - (2011) 2570 pages - use the new edition if available.
- [The NIV Study Bible](#) by Barker, Kenneth L; Burdick, Donald W (1995) 2250 pages. Note this is the first edition. This resource has been fully revised in 2020.

## NKJV STUDY BIBLE - no restriction for use - Earl Radmacher, Ronald Allen, H. Wayne House

- [NKJV Study Bible](#)- 2345 pages. Allows copy/paste - notes are brief but conservative and well-done

## OUR DAILY BREAD

- [See also Onsite 2 Samuel Devotionals - Our Daily Bread](#)

## JOSEPH PARKER

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## DAVID F PAYNE

- [Kingdoms of the Lord. A History of the Hebrew Kingdoms](#) - 304 pages - (there are 27 total articles)

## PENINSULA BIBLE CHURCH - sermons

- [2 Samuel 2:1-32 Power Struggle](#) Paul Taylor

## PETER PETT - Commentary

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## ARTHUR PINK

- [2 Samuel 2- His Sojourn at Hebron](#)
- [2 Samuel 2- His Testing](#)

## MATTHEW POOLE - Commentary

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

## WIL POUNDS

- [1 & 2 Samuel - Israel's Greatest King](#)

## PREACHER'S HOMILETICAL - Commentary - Includes Germ Notes, Illustrations, Homilies

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

#### RAY PRITCHARD

- 2 Samuel 2-3- [Why God Makes It Hard When It Ought to be Easy](#)

#### PULPIT COMMENTARY

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

#### ALAN REDPATH - excellent insights and application based on his expository studies

- [The Making of a Man of God \(Life of David\) - 137 PDF book](#)

#### REFORMATION STUDY BIBLE - study notes

- [2 Sam 2:1](#)
- [2 Sam 2:2](#)
- [2 Sam 2:4](#)
- [2 Sam 2:5](#)
- [2 Sam 2:8–32](#)
- [2 Sam 2:8](#)
- [2 Sam 2:9](#)
- [2 Sam 2:11](#)
- [2 Sam 2:12](#)
- [2 Sam 2:13](#)
- [2 Sam 2:14](#)
- [2 Sam 2:18](#)
- [2 Sam 2:22](#)
- [2 Sam 2:26](#)
- [2 Sam 2:28](#)
- [2 Sam 2:30–31](#)

#### HENRI ROSSIER

- [2 Samuel Commentary Notes](#)

#### ROB SALVATO - Sermons

- [2 Samuel 2:1 - 4:12 The Ugly Years](#)

#### JOHN SCHULTZ - 150 page commentary - Well done

- [2 Samuel Commentary](#)

#### SERMONAUDIO - PDF's of sermons - Be aware there might be some variation in quality so be a Berean!

- [2 Samuel 2 Sermons in PDF](#)
- [Audio Sermons](#) Select 2 Samuel and chapter of interest

#### SERMON BIBLE COMMENTARY

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

#### CHUCK SMITH - Sermon Notes

- [2 Samuel 2](#) Commentary

- [C2000 Series on 2 Samuel 1-7](#)

#### C H SPURGEON - SERMONS

- [2 Samuel 2:1 Enquiring of God](#)

#### JOHN STEVENSON - Sermons

- [2 Samuel 1-4 A House Divided](#)

#### CHUCK SWINDOLL

- [David : a man of passion & destiny : Bible study guide](#)- 213 pages - Borrow
- [David : a man of passion & destiny : profiles in character](#)- 304 pages (Different from resource above) - Borrow

#### THIRD MILLENNIUM STUDY NOTES

- [David: David's Full Kingship - 2 Samuel 2:1-20:26](#)
- [David Under Divine Blessing - 2 Samuel 2:1-10:19](#)
- [David's Rise to Kingship - 2 Samuel 2:1-5:5](#)
- [David Becomes King Over Judah at Hebron - 2 Samuel 2:1-7](#)
- [David Becomes King Over All Israel - 2 Samuel 2:8-5:5](#)
- [Resistance From Saul's House - 2 Samuel 2:8-3:5](#)

#### DEREK THOMAS Sermons on 2 Samuel

- [2 Samuel 2:1-11 Will God's King Rule in Your Life - J Ligon Duncan](#)
- [2 Samuel 2:12 - 3:39 Resistance is Futile - J Ligon Duncan](#)

DAVID THOMPSON - sermons - average about 6 pages, verse by verse exposition. Literal. Conservative. [Audios are available](#) but only pdf's are listed)

- [2 Samuel 2:1-11](#)
- [2 Samuel 2:12-32](#)

#### TODAY IN THE WORD - devotionals

- [2 Samuel Study](#) - 40 page devotional
- [2 Samuel 2](#)

#### DAVID TSUMURA - BORROW - New International Commentary on the Old Testament

**Mathison** (Ligonier) - The best intermediate-advanced-level commentary on the first book of Samuel is now the commentary by David Tsumura in the NICOT series. It is very well written and very thorough. Tsumura's expertise in the languages of the ancient Near East is evident throughout.

- [The First book of Samuel 30 ratings](#)

#### JOHN TRAPP - Commentary

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

BOB UTLEY 1 Samuel Commentary - brief notes but offers interesting insights including Hebrew words with frequent topic addendums

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

#### HOWARD VOS - BORROW



**James Rosscup** - Vos was Professor of History and Archaeology, King's College, Briarcliff Manor, New York, In this conservative work he gives a long outline at the outset, then incorporates this in his survey of I and 2 Samuel. For many Bible teachers, preachers, and lay people the exposition helpfully sums up what is said and some implications. It offers brief explanation of some main problems, such as the number judged at Beth Shemesh in I Samuel 6:19ff. and how to fill in the number of Saul's years in 13:1.

- [1, 2 Samuel : Bible study commentary](#) 1983. 166 pp.

#### DANIEL WHEDON 1 Samuel Commentary

- [2 Samuel 2](#)

#### WARREN WIERSBE - BORROW - Always worth checking for preaching/teaching points.

**Rosscup** - One of America's most appreciated staunchly evangelical Bible conference teachers gives diligent, refreshing expositions. These are all of his 23 separate, earlier books in the "Be" series on the New Testament. He strikes a particular appeal with lay people as he crystallizes sections, deals with some of the verses, handles certain problems and backgrounds and applies principles. He is premillennial.

- [Bible Exposition Commentary - Old Testament](#)
- [With the Word](#) - Excellent chapter summaries. Good ideas for preaching or teaching.
- [Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the Old Testament](#) - useful for preaching or teaching
- [Be successful \(1 Samuel\): Attaining Wealth That Money Can't Buy](#)

#### JOHN WHITCOMB AND JOHN J. DAVIS - Borrow - well done chapter summaries

- [Israel: from conquest to exile : a commentary on Joshua-2 Kings](#) - Saul: A Rejected King - see pages 212-222

#### WYCLIFFE BIBLE COMMENTARY - BORROW

- [Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - Charles Pfeiffer - 1560 pages (1962). Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary.

#### SERMONS BY VERSE - Older expositions

<a href="#">Inquiring of God</a>	<a href="#">G. Wood</a>	2 Samuel 2:1
<a href="#">The Bright Dawn of a Reign</a>	<a href="#">Alexander Maclaren</a>	2 Samuel 2:1
<a href="#">Divine Guidance</a>	<a href="#">B. Dale</a>	2 Samuel 2:1-4
<a href="#">Strength and Weakness</a>	<a href="#">H. E. Stone.</a>	2 Samuel 2:1-32
<a href="#">David's Reign At Hebron</a>	<a href="#">W. G. Blaikie, M. A.</a>	2 Samuel 2:3-4
<a href="#">Fresh Anointing</a>	<a href="#">F. B. Meyer, B. A.</a>	2 Samuel 2:3-4
<a href="#">David Anointed King of Judah</a>	<a href="#">B. Dale</a>	2 Samuel 2:4
<a href="#">Commendation</a>	<a href="#">B. Dale</a>	2 Samuel 2:4-7
<a href="#">Gratitude and Policy</a>	<a href="#">G. Wood</a>	2 Samuel 2:5-7
<a href="#">Attempts At Conciliation Defeated</a>	<a href="#">W. G. Blaikie, M. A.</a>	2 Samuel 2:5-32
<a href="#">Isbosheth and Abner</a>	<a href="#">A. Maclaren, D. D.</a>	2 Samuel 2:8
<a href="#">Opposition to the Divine Purpose</a>	<a href="#">B. Dale</a>	2 Samuel 2:8-12
<a href="#">Taking Sides</a>		2 Samuel 2:12-13
<a href="#">Fratricidal Strife</a>	<a href="#">B. Dale</a>	2 Samuel 2:13-17
<a href="#">The Untimely Fate of Asohel: to Young Men</a>	<a href="#">B. Dale</a>	2 Samuel 2:18-23

<a href="#">War</a>	<a href="#">B. Dale</a>	2 Samuel 2:24-29
<a href="#">A Sweet Beginning But a Bitter End</a>	Homilist	2 Samuel 2:26
<a href="#">Bitterness</a>	<a href="#">J. A. Norton.</a>	2 Samuel 2:26
<a href="#">Keeping the End in View</a>	<a href="#">J. Parker, D. D.</a>	2 Samuel 2:26
<a href="#">Longing for the Cessation of Wars</a>	<a href="#">G. Wood</a>	2 Samuel 2:26
<a href="#">Progressive Character of Sin</a>	<a href="#">T. Guthrie, D. D.</a>	2 Samuel 2:26
<a href="#">Death Comes Unawares</a>	<a href="#">Henry, Matthew</a>	2 Samuel 2:28
<a href="#">The Cost of Success</a>	<a href="#">J. Parker, D. D.</a>	2 Samuel 2:29
<a href="#">The Sorrows of Victory</a>	<a href="#">B. Dale</a>	2 Sam
<a href="#">The Break of Day</a>	<a href="#">J. Gasquoine, B. A.</a>	2 Samuel 2:32