

*David in the  
Memory of Israel*

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# Advent Prayer

- Word of God: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13
- O God, we trust in your goodness and mercy. You have been with us from all time. You are the rock on which we stand firm. Bless our efforts to be light for the world, especially now as we wait for the coming celebration of the birth of your son, Jesus. Amen.

# Review Session 2

1. David's Sin w/ Bathsheba + Uriah → ***betrayal of kingly responsibilities***
  - David vs. Uriah
  - Nathan confronts David in Parable
  - Consequences → *"the sword shall never depart from your house"*
2. David's Family Problems → ***neglecting justice + morality***
  - Fostering justice w/ Amnon, Tamar, and Absalom
3. David's Census → ***investing in \$\$\$ and power***
4. Overview → David's pattern of "gift and grasp"
5. David's repentance → Psalm 51

# David Remembered

- “D walked before God w/ integrity of heart and uprightness” – 1 Kgs 9:4
- “D’s heart was wholly true to God” – 1 Kgs 11:4
- “D walked in the ways of God, did what was right in his eyes, and kept his statutes and commandments – 1 Kgs 11:38
- All other kings in Kings + Chronicles judged by David as the ideal

# David in 1 Chronicles

- Heavy reliance on 1-2 Samuel
- D's sins and family problems not mentioned
- D = idealized, untarnished, no "sword"
- No succession battle by D's sons
- Intent = underscore reconstruction of Israel's Temple, and priestly and liturgical functions
- Author sees Israel's future tied up with worship of God with David as a model of fidelity

## 1 Chronicles 28-29

- D's farewell address to Solomon and all Israel
- Focuses on the building of the Temple in Jerusalem
- Reminiscent of Moses in Deuteronomy
- D hands over written plans to Solomon – come from God (v 19, cf. Ex 25:9, 40)
- Plans include Temple design, priestly staffing, vessels etc.
- D's hymn of praise and thanksgiving – 1 Chron 29

# Israel's Exile

- Israel's Monarchy → 1020-587 BC
- After Solomon (922), kingdom splits into Israel (No/10 tribes) and Judah (So/2 tribes)
- 19 kings in Israel (all bad), 19 in Judah (4 deemed good)
- Temple destroyed by Babylonians → 587
- Deporting conquered peoples = destroy national identity
- Most influential removed from Israel to Babylon

# Life in Exile

- Life went on, some prospered
- Spiritually miserable! Psalm 137
- Synagogues appear, Torah study flourished,
- Historical Books of the Bible written/collected/edited during Exile
- Theological Questions →
  - ~ Did the God of Israel abandon us?
  - ~ What happened to that promise to David?
  - ~ What lies ahead in our future?
- Perspective → Hope for the future!

## A Hymn to David's Reign - Ps 89:20-38

- A liturgical meditation on the relationship of God to David and the promises God gave to him
- God as heavenly king gives David the earthly king a share of his royal sovereignty. D = mediator of God's reign
- Recalling 2 Sam 7, Psalmist exalts God's eternal covenant w/ David and his successors (v 29-30)
- Steadfast love/faithfulness = God's key characteristics
- God's pledge is unconditional

# Psalm 132 - The God/David Relationship

- V. 1-10 = what David has done for God
  - D's commitment to building a Temple
  - Procession w/ the Ark of the Covenant as God's throne
- V. 11-18 = what God has done for David
  - God proclaims confident hope in David's successors and in Zion
  - God promises a "horn" "lamp" for his anointed one representing divine power and presence
  - His gleaming crown will reflect the glory of God

# A Future King from the Line of David

- **Ezekiel 36:23-27** – “I will give you a new heart / spirit”
- **Jeremiah 31:31-34** – “I will make a new covenant... and write it upon their hearts”
- **Isaiah 9:5-6** – “a child is born to us... from David’s throne”
- **Jeremiah 23:5-6** – “raise up a righteous shoot to David”
- **Malachi 3:1, 23** – “I will send you Elijah the prophet before the day”
- **Isaiah 7:14** – “a virgin shall bear a son, ...Immanuel”
- **Micah 5:1** – “From you Bethlehem... shall come...”
- **Zechariah 12:10** – “I will pour out on the house of David...”

## A Messiah like David Isaiah 11:1-12

- David's lineage = a tree decimated, yet a new shoot will grow
- Future ruler anointed with oil + God's Spirit
- God's Spirit will allow this "messiah" to rule justly as never before
- He will render just judgments, speak truth, protect rights of the poor
- His kingdom will foster incomparable peace
- His kingdom will provide healing from evil of sin/shame
- A Vision of HOPE for a new King, a new Age, a new Kingdom of peace

# Advent Reflection

Based on your personal faith in Jesus Christ, how is this Messianic Vision from Isaiah 11 present today in your experience?

## Closing Prayer

O Jesus, Messianic King and Son of David,  
Prepare our hearts during these final days before your coming,  
Help us to share our faith in you with others,  
Assist us to radiate your precious truth to all,  
So the time of your birth might bring joy to the entire world.  
Amen