



# The Life of David

2 Samuel 23

*David's Last Words and Mighty Men*



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a people that shall be born, th  
he hath done *this*.

**PSALM 23**  
A Psalm of David.

**T**HE LORD is my shepherd;  
1 I shall not want.  
2 He maketh me to lie down  
in green pastures:  
me beside the still  
3 He restoreth



# Structure of 2 Samuel 21-24

A – Consequences of Sin (Saul's Sin) – 21:1–14

B – Victories of David's Mighty Men – 21:15–22

C – Psalm of David – 22:1–51

C<sup>1</sup> – Last Words of David – 23:1–7

B<sup>1</sup> – Victories of David's Mighty Men – 23:8–3

A<sup>1</sup> – Consequences of Sin (David's Sin) – 24:1–25

You are  
here



# David's Last Words (23:1-7)

- Reflections on David (v1)
  - He was son of Jesse, of the tribe of Judah

**Genesis 49:8–10**<sup>8</sup>“Judah, your brothers shall praise you; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father’s sons shall bow down to you. <sup>9</sup>“Judah is a lion’s whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He couches, he lies down as a lion, And as a lion, who dares rouse him up? <sup>10</sup>“The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him *shall be* the obedience of the peoples.

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  - He was raised on high by God from humble beginnings

**Psalms 78:70–71** <sup>70</sup>He also chose David His servant And took him from the sheepfolds; <sup>71</sup>From the care of the ewes with suckling lambs He brought him To shepherd Jacob His people, And Israel His inheritance.

**2 Samuel 7:8–9** <sup>8</sup>“Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, “I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel. <sup>9</sup>I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a great name, like the names of the great men who are on the earth.”’”

# David's Last Words (23:1-7)

- Reflections on David (v1)
  - He was son of Jesse, of the tribe of Judah
  - He was raised on high by God from humble beginnings
  - He was anointed by God

**1 Samuel 16:12–13** <sup>12</sup>So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him; for this is he.” <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

# David's Last Words (23:1-7)

- Last Words from David (vv2-7)
  - The Lord spoke by me and to me concerning the ideal king (vv2-4):

**2 Peter 1:20–21** <sup>20</sup>But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**2 Timothy 3:16–17** <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; <sup>17</sup>so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

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**Matthew 22:43**<sup>43</sup>He said to them, “Then how does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying...

**Acts 2:29–31**<sup>29</sup>“Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David....<sup>30</sup>And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT *one* OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE, <sup>31</sup>he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ...

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    - He rules in the fear of God (v3c)

**Psalms 19:7–11** <sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. <sup>8</sup>The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup>They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup>Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward.



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    - His reign brings life and blessing to God's people
  - The Lord has done so with my house in an everlasting covenant (v5a)

2 Samuel 7:16<sup>16</sup> "Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever." ' "

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# David's Mighty Men (vv8-39)

- 'The Three', the top commanders (vv8-12)
  - Josheb-basshebeth, the chief (v8b)
  - Eleazar (vv9-10)
  - Shammah (vv11-12)
- Three(3) who risked their lives to get water for David (v13-17)
- Abishai, the most honored and commander of the 30 (vv18-19)
- Benaiah, honored among the 30 and over David's guard (vv20-23)
- The rest (vv24-39)

# Closing Thoughts

- God does what He says He will do
  - True for David
  - True for you
- Jesus Christ is the final and perfect king on the throne of David
  - He came first as Redeemer to deal with sin
  - He's coming again to rule and judge in power and righteousness