

2 Samuel 23

God's Coming Kingdom

Last FORMAL SPEECH / Psalm of David / his Final Words are in 1 Kings

DAVID – Israel's Greatest King – WIDE EMPIRE, Many CITIZENS

Worldly King's END Lives with Monuments to Selves – LEGENDS > LIES

David's FINAL TESTAMENT is to the GRACE of GOD

Ch 22 David Looks BACK at God's COVENANT Faithfulness

Ch 23 Looks FORWARD to GREATER Kingdom: COVENANT Promises

the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you...And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.” 2 Samuel 7.11,12,16

David's EARTHLY Kingdom is just SHADOW of God's ETERNAL Kingdom

1. God's Coming Kingdom is Definite

vs. 1-3 Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, the son of Jesse, the oracle of the man who was raised on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the sweet psalmist of Israel: “The Spirit of the LORD speaks by me; his word is on my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken; the Rock of Israel

KING David is also a PROPHET > Speaks VERY WORD of God

SURE WORD – Oracle, Anointed, Spirit of the Lord SPEAKING by David

WORD > 3000 Yr Old ACCURATE, AUTHORITATIVE MESSAGE

v. 3 “God of Israel has spoken; the Rock of Israel has said to me”

How can DAVID be Sure about this PROMISED Future Kingdom?

He is in COVENANT with a God who SAVES and KEEPS His Promise!

v. 5 “For does not my house stand so with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. For will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?

David's House STANDS because of GOD'S Everlasting COVENANT

David is PROMISE BREAKER > Hands Covered with BLOOD

King David rose to his feet and said: "...God said to me, 'You may not build a house for my name, for you are a man of war and have shed blood.' Yet the LORD God of Israel chose me from all my father's house to be king over Israel forever.
1 Chronicles 28.2-4

God is PROMISE KEEPER > KINGDOM is Hope for all BELIEVERS

All of us – whether Ruled by Prime Minister – President – Premier – Princes

Whether they Came to Power by Ballot – Bullets - or Birth

ONE Thing in COMMON – Human Beings – will FAIL and FALL

If you DEPEND of them you will SOON be DISAPPOINTED

God of JACOB > Establish Coming Kingdom – Unrighteous will be Redeemed

CONVICTION that He is COMING > TRUE King and Everlasting Kingdom

David's MIGHTY Men > Examples of LOYAL Kingdom Service

v. 8 Josheb-basshebeth...wielded his spear against eight hundred whom he killed at one time.

v. 9,10 Eleazar...struck down the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clung to the sword. And the LORD brought about a great victory that day

v. 11 Shammah...took his stand in the midst of the plot (of lentils) and defended it and struck down the Philistines, and the LORD worked a great victory.

v. 18 Abishai... wielded his spear against three hundred men and killed them

vs. 20,21 Benaiah...a valiant man...doer of great deeds. He struck down two ariels of Moab. He also went down and struck down a lion in a pit on a day when snow had fallen. And he struck down an Egyptian, a handsome man. The Egyptian had a spear in his hand, but Benaiah went down to him with a staff and snatched the spear out of the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear.

Great WARRIORS are NEEDED to build a GREAT KINGDOM

STAND COURAGEOUSLY – Even ALONE – WIN the Battles ALONE

The LORD is their STRENGTH > BATTLE belongs to the LORD

Only People who DO NOT have their Kingdom need to Fight for It // ISLAM
NEW Covenant of King Jesus – Established by His BLOOD – Warfare Ended
He has CONQUERED Every ENEMY by His CROSS and RESURRECTION

NOW No Need to WIN Kingdom with WARFARE – It is DONE!

Now we MUST Witness to the Kingdom by Worship and Good WORKS!

Our Kingdom WORK is to PREACH His Gospel & Declare His GLORY

2. God's Coming Kingdom is Delightful

OT Kings were APPOINTED Not for Personal Power > to Exercise JUSTICE

God's True King: "the LIGHT of the WORLD" will ESTABLISH JUSTICE

DELIGHTFUL NOT Word we'd Use to describe our Nation's Gov't, Leaders

DISAPPOINTMENT – DISGUST? – Corruption, Abuse, Excessive Taxes

vs. 3,4 When one rules justly over men, ruling in the fear of God, he dawns on them like the morning light, like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning, like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth.

TRUSTWORTHY – FAITHFUL – CONSISTENT – HOLY – PURE

Pictures of REFRESHMENT – VITALITY – Sources of Joy & Blessing

Morning Light / Cloudless Skies / Life giving Rain

FREE to ALL – ABUNDANT – GRACIOUS

Coming KING – RENEWS and REFRESHES all He will RULE

And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. Revelation 22.5

Vs. 22-39 – DIFFERENT Men, Families, Tribes, Nations > UNITED under King

One NAME Missing – JOAB > Ruthless PATRIOT – NOT HONORED

PICTURE of GLOBAL Church – Every, Tongue, Tribe – Under King JESUS

Kingdom is DELIGHTFUL because the KING BRINGS DELIGHT

COMING – 1st Coming or 2nd Coming of Jesus? Which One? ANSWER – YES!!

Glimpses of Glorious Kingdom in GOSPELS & NT – First Coming of Jesus

FULLNESS of Kingdom Revealed at 2nd Coming – New Heaven, New Earth

We LONG for DELIGHTFUL Kingdom like David > Water from Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM – David’s HOMETown – FOND Memories of Joy & Blessing

Captive to HOSTILE Philistines > Eclipsed the Kingdom of God at that Time

DAVID’S Men – Kingdom Servants – Greatest Joy bring DELIGHT to the King

His WISH – David NEVER Asked or Ordered this – was Their COMMAND

Great RISK & DANGER, Fought INTO & OUT of Bethlehem > Carrying Water!

Vs. 14-17 David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then at Bethlehem. And David said longingly, “Oh, that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem that is by the gate!” Then the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate and carried and brought it to David. But he would not drink of it. He poured it out to the LORD and said, “Far be it from me, O LORD, that I should do this. Shall I drink the blood of the men who went at the risk of their lives?” Therefore he would not drink it. These things the three mighty men did.

Such DEVOTION was HUMBLING to David > UNWORTHY of Such LOVE

HONORED God and their DEVOTION by Pouring Water Out as WORSHIP

SACRIFICE of PRAISE to God for Their DEVOTION / God’s DELIVERANCE

Their DELIGHT in the King Empowered them to Face Great DANGERS

We are called to Take such RISKS for the GLORY of our TRUE KING

If David was Worthy of Their Life > How much MORE is David's Great SON!

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. Colossians 3.23,24

3. God's Coming Kingdom is Demanding

NOT Everyone will DELIGHT in Coming of the King – some will DREAD!

Righteous King coming to Establish Righteous Kingdom

This COMING Strikes FEAR & PANIC in Hearts of UNRIGHTEOUS

Delightful Kingdom like LUSH GARDEN – Plants, Flowers NOT THORNS

vs. 6,7 “But worthless men are all like thorns that are thrown away, for they cannot be taken with the hand; but the man who touches them arms himself with iron and the shaft of a spear, and they are utterly consumed with fire.”

Heavenly GARDNER remove all Obstacles, Dangers, Hindrances to Kingdom

THORNS Need to be Removed CAREFULLY > Iron Rake, Shaft of SPEAR

Either you PART of God's PROGRAM – Or you're Prepared for God's FIRE

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Matthew 13.41-43

THORNS – USELESS, DESTRUCTIVE, IMPAIR Fruit and Growth of Life

David: GREAT START – King after God's Heart v. 1 sweet psalmist of Israel

Life of DAVID was a DISASTER at the END > Bad Father > Failed King

List of 30 MIGHTLY MEN > FINAL NAME - URIAH the Hittite

v. 37-39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai of Beeroth, the armor-bearer of Joab the son of Zeruah, Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, Uriah the Hittite: thirty-seven in all.

Uriah LOVED David like Warriors who Risked Lives to get Bethlehem Water

Uriah LOYAL to David – too Loyal to Sleep at Home in Arms of Beautiful Wife

TRAGIC! David had this Beautiful Wife of his Loyal Soldier in HIS Arms!

David sent Loyal Uriah to Front Lines of Fighting > He went with Loyal ZEAL

David commanded Troops to PULL BACK and Leave Loyal Uriah to be Killed

Compared to KINGS of this World > David looks ABOVE AVERAGE

Compared to God: Sovereign, Righteous, Holy, Eternal King – David SINNER

Bible NOT HIDE our SINS: NAME **Uriah** Eternal Reminder: Adultery, Murder

David is NOT our Savior > David, like US, NEEDS a SAVIOR

...our Lord Jesus Christ...the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

1 Timothy 6.14-1

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great deeds. He struck down two ariels of Moab. He also went down and struck down a lion in a pit on a day when snow had fallen. ²¹ And he struck down an Egyptian, a handsome man. The Egyptian had a spear in his hand, but Benaiah went down to him with a staff and snatched the spear out of the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear. ²² These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and won a name beside the three mighty men. ²³ He was renowned among the thirty, but he did not attain to the three. And David set him over his bodyguard. ²⁴ Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, ²⁵ Shammah of Harod, Elikah of Harod, ²⁶ Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh of Tekoa, ²⁷ Abiezer of Anathoth, Mebunnai the Hushathite, ²⁸ Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai of Netophah, ²⁹ Heleb the son of Baanah of Netophah, Ittai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the people of Benjamin, ³⁰ Benaiah of Pirathon, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash, ³¹ Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth of Bahurim, ³² Eliahba the Shaalbonite, the sons of Jashen, Jonathan, ³³ Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite, ³⁴ Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai of Maacah, Eliam the son of Ahithophel of Gilo, ³⁵ Hezro of Carmel, Paarai the Arbite, ³⁶ Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite, ³⁷ Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai of Beeroth, the armor-bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah, ³⁸ Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, ³⁹ Uriah the Hittite: thirty-seven in all.