

Life of David, part 2

Lesson 3

Text

2 Samuel 3:2 - 2 Samuel 4:12

Day 1 - Recall, Read, and Listen

1. Look back to the previous lesson or teaching. Write down a few things you learned from last week. This can include any facts or findings, something taught from the teacher, a life application that challenged you, or anything else related to the study.

2. Read and/or listen to this week's passage twice. If possible, use different translations. I highly recommend having the passage read to you. Many apps, including the Blue Letter Bible, have a feature that will read the Bible to you. Meditate and pray on the passage.

Day 2 - Unleashing the Text

3. Look at 2 Samuel 3:2-5 (also 1 Chronicles 3:1-4a). What obvious sin is David continuing to commit by looking at these verses? Look at the marriage to Maacah mentioned in verse 3. Based on the clues in this verse, why do you think he married her?

4. Last week we saw Abner install Ishbosheth as the king of Israel. What happens between Abner and Ishbosheth that leads to the deterioration of their alliance? What does Abner do as a result of how Ishbosheth reacted to this action by Abner? (**Extra Credit:** Why is Abner's action so problematic to Ishbosheth? Look at 2 Samuel 16:21-22 for another example of this happening with Absalom and David.)

5. Explain what happens in verses 22-30. Why did Joab take these actions?

6. Describe what happens to Ishbosheth in chapter 4? Who were the men that carried out the plot? How does David react to what these men did later in the chapter?

Day 3 - Reflecting on the Text

7. "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay" (Deuteronomy 32:35) is a verse that comes to mind when reading over the passage this week (and for many weeks to come). Think about Deuteronomy 32:35 in light of these 2 chapters. Write down any thoughts you have as you meditate on this.

Day 4 - Personal Response

8. Romans 12:17-21 expands upon "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay" as it says this:

Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

In light of the murder, vengeance, revenge, and deception in this week's passage is this verse in Romans. We are obviously not plotting to kill others like Joab did Abner, but what about ungodly thoughts you've had for others. Maybe it's a smarmy "thorn in your side" coworker that you've wished bad things for. Perhaps it's a family member that makes your life miserable. Reflect on this Romans passage with them in mind and write down any self-challenging thoughts or questions you have below.

Day 5 - Cross Reference

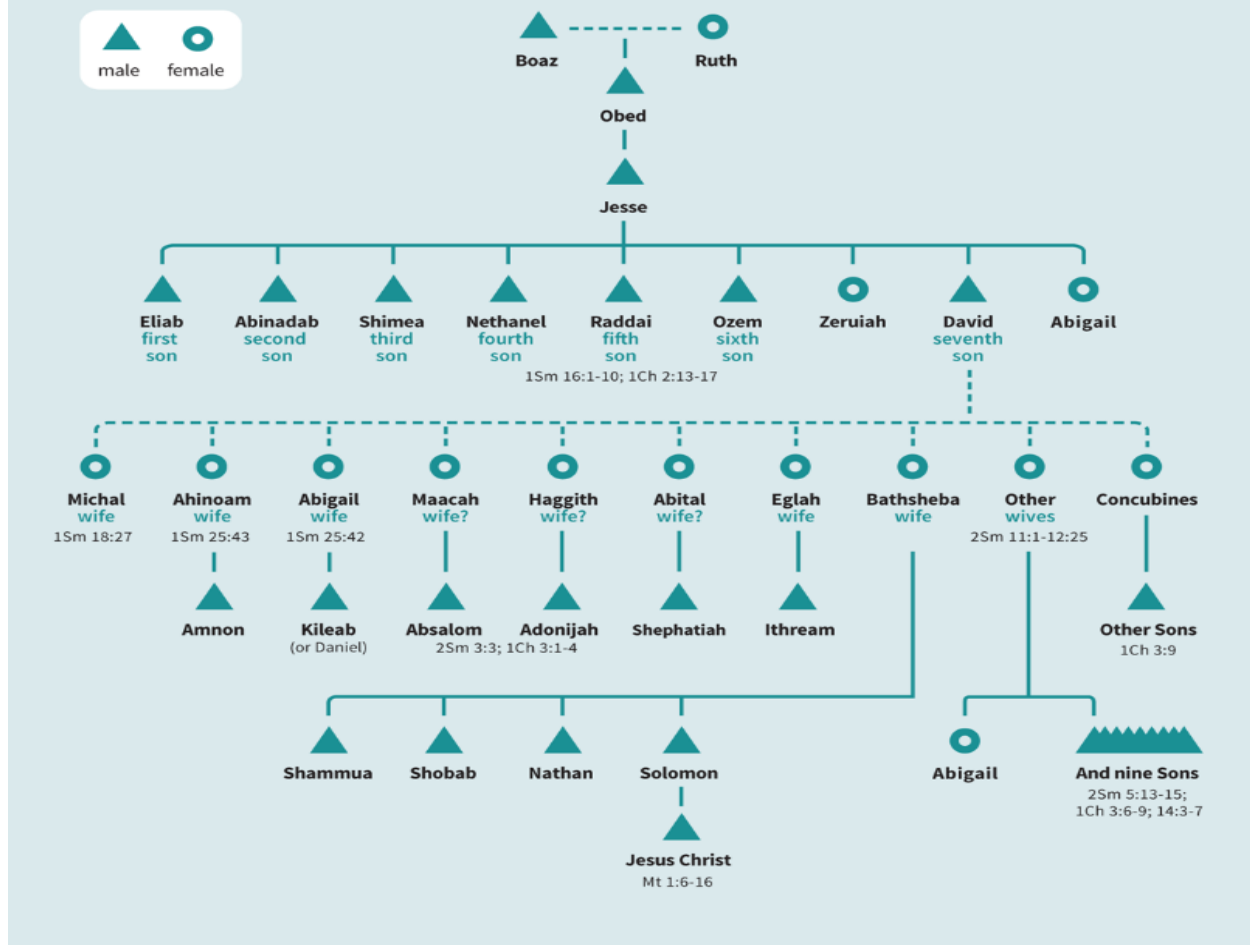
9. Read this passage in 1 Samuel 25:39-44 to recall David's marriage to his second and third wives. Read again 2 Samuel 3:2-5. Once done, review the 2 charts at the end of this study. God's design for marriage has always been between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:18-25). David is no exception to this rule. Polygamy for David will eventually catch up to him as well as cause turmoil within his family. We will see this more and more through 2 Samuel. As you study the 2 passages and the 2 charts, write down any thoughts or anything you learned in the space below. Be sure to share with your group.

Day 6 - Closing Thoughts and Reflections

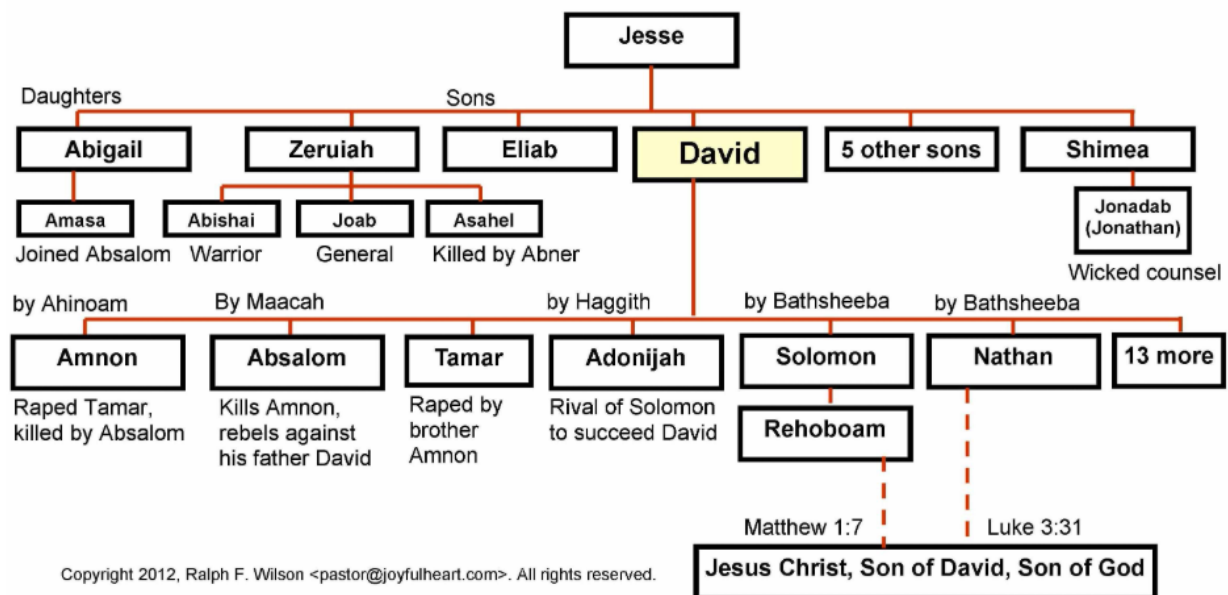
Notes from the Teaching

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David's Family



The House of David



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