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DAVID REIGNS OVER ISRAEL

Chapter 4 Ishbosheth Is Murdered

Summary: Israel's king Ishbosheth is murdered by two of his captains. They bring his head to David, hoping for a reward (1-8). Instead David executes them for murdering an innocent man (9-12). David (1) exercises justice, not selfishness, and (2) looks to God for his promotion, not man (Ps 75:6-7). **Lesson:** *Do what is right and trust God for provision.*

Chapter 5 David Reigns Over Israel

Summary: In 1003 BC David begins his reign over Israel at age 37 (1-5). [Anointed as king by Samuel at about age 16, he has waited 21 years for this day, fulfilling God's promise through Samuel [1 Sam. 16:1].] He conquers Jerusalem (6-16), and then defeats the Philistines twice (17-25). **Lesson:** *David writes, "Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD! (Ps. 27:14)*

Chapter 6 The Ark Of God

Summary: David begins to move the ark of God to Jerusalem, but in the wrong way. It is touched by Uzzah, who is killed by God [see Num. 4:15]. David leaves the ark in Obed-Edom's house (1-11). He then moves the ark successfully to Jerusalem (12-15). He dances for joy at the ark's arrival (16-19), and argues with his wife Michal over his exuberance (20-23). **Lesson:** *Our way leads to sorrow; God's way leads to joy.*

Chapter 7 God's Covenant With David

Summary: David desires to build a house for God (1-3). But God replies to David: (1) I don't need a house (4-7); (2) I have made your name great (8-9); (3) I will give Israel peace (10-11a); and (4) I will give you an eternal dynasty [begun with Solomon and completed with Jesus] (11b-17). David replies with sincerest prayer and gratitude (18-29). **Lesson:** *God's promise of Jesus is for David and for all mankind.*