

David the King Notes
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Suggested Passages:

2 Samuel 5:8 – David hates the lame/blind

2 Samuel 1:13 – David killing messenger—why?

1 Samuel 18:29 – Archetypal leader jealous of subordinate

1 Samuel 18:7 – “Saul kills thousands, David kills ten thousands”

2 Samuel 1:13 – so many wives of David—how does this work in Bathsheba story?

2 Samuel 1:11 – takes off clothes in mourning

2 Samuel 7:22 – “No God beside you we haven’t heard about with our ears”—faith?

1 Samuel 17:49-51—David/Goliath story

2 Samuel 19 – Joab criticizing David’s reaction on the death of Absalom

Last Page – David passes on his revenge while on his deathbed

2 Samuel 6:20 – Michal mad at David’s dancing

General – Dysfunction of David’s family

Discussion:

> Hating the blind/lame:

- * Lame/blind- parents sin or a sin passed on by ancestors (deserving in some way)
- * Reasons for David getting rid of the lame/blind—to cleanse the city (getting rid of it)
- * Another reason for David hating the blind: was told that the lame/blind could repeal him if he were to try to get in the city.

> David killing the messenger:

- * Messenger lied to David about how Saul really died

> **THEME RECURRING:** leaders becoming jealous of subordinate

- * Saul showing jealousy toward David
- * Reasons: Saul went from being the chosen one to seeing David become the chosen one through God
- * 2 Samuel 7:15 – God promising David he “will not take my steadfast love” even if he messes up.
- * “Saul kills thousand, David kills ten thousands” – the women criticizing King Saul
- * Saul brought this upon himself- Gives David his army while sitting around. (Saul was hoping David would get killed)
- * Why can't Saul be happy? Saul and David both succeeded (Saul thinks David isn't good as him even if he is the chosen one)

> Aristotle 'Monarch' Idea:

- * Good Monarch: a leader who is so far above his subordinates there is no need to be jealous
- * Monarch: a leader who believes that his position could be taken over by his subordinates, which where the jealousy come into play.

>POWER:

- * Goal: self preservation of power of their monarch
- * The lifestyle that comes with being king, leader become accustomed to all the riches and power

> Saul should have simply have accepted David. It seems that David wouldn't go against Saul, but David has make mistakes morally.

> Bathsheba Story:

- *God didn't seem mad with David by basically committing adultery

> Stories about people's flaws

- * “Teaching them what to do, rather than teaching them how to do it”