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## *Christ in Every Chapter*

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## **II Samuel 1 - 24**

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### **CHAPTER 1**

Verse 26: **“I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.”** So, our love to Christ should be beyond that of earthly relationships.

### **CHAPTER 2**

Verses 4-7: Like David, when Jesus becomes King, He shows kindness to those who are worthy of far less.

Verse 17: **“And there was a very sore battle that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.”** So Jesus will get victory over His enemies.

### **CHAPTER 3**

Verse 1: **“Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.”** This is very similar to what John the Baptist said about Jesus in John 3:30: **“He must increase, but I must decrease.”**

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Verse 36: “. . . whatsoever the king did pleased all the people.” So Jesus Christ is a good and fair Lord and Saviour today, and He will be a good and fair King when He returns. It will be as Mark 7:37 says, “. . . He hath done all things well . . .”

## CHAPTER 4

Verses 8-12: David’s men misunderstood the true spirit in which they were to serve him. So it is with many Christians: **“And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.”** (Luke 9:54-56)

## CHAPTER 5

Verse 1: **“Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh.”** The fact that David’s men were of his own “bone” and “flesh” points us straight to Ephesians 5:30: **“For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.”**

Verse 2: David’s leading “out” and bringing “in” Israel as a “captain” points us to the work of Christ the “captain” of our salvation who is the “good shepherd” that leads His people in and out: **“I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.”** (John 10:9)

## CHAPTER 6

Verse 3: **“And they set the ark of God upon a new cart . . .”** So man, the vehicle of God’s ministry, must become a *new* creature in Christ in order for God to indwell and use him (II Cor. 5:17).

Verses 6-7, 10-11: God didn’t have to have man stabilize His ark. So Christ doesn’t need the world; it is the world that needs Christ.

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## CHAPTER 7

Verse 9: **“And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth.”** So God the Father makes the name of Jesus Christ a great name in the earth (Acts 4:12; Philip. 2:9).

Verses 12-16: This is a foreshadow of Christ’s coming kingdom. Also see Psalm 89:20-37.

## CHAPTER 8

Verse 6: **“... And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.”** So the Father preserved Jesus whithersoever He went, and He didn’t die until He willingly gave up His own life (John 10:17-18).

Verse 15: **“And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment and justice unto all his people.”** Jesus Christ will do the same: **“Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”** (Isa. 9:7)

## CHAPTER 9

This whole chapter is rich in grace with David’s kindness toward Mephibosheth, typifying the grace of God shown to us through the Lord Jesus Christ. We’ll point out just a few of the stronger points.

Verse 1: **“And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”** We received the gift of eternal life for *Jesus’* sake.

Verse 3: Mephibosheth being “lame on his feet” pictures the lost sinner who is spiritually lame and cannot walk with the Lord. He walks only after the lust of the flesh. This lame condition can only be cured through the new birth offered in Jesus Christ.

Verse 7: **“... thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.”** So the newborn Christian eats the bread of God’s word continually at the Lord’s table (Mat. 4:4).

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Verse 11: **“... As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons.”** Likewise, all who have experienced the saving grace of God are “sons” of the King (John 1:12).

## **CHAPTER 10**

Verses 18-19: Under David's leadership, Israel's enemies are defeated and they establish peace with Israel. The same is accomplished under the future reign of Jesus (Isa. 9:6-7; 19:23).

## **CHAPTER 11**

Verse 8: **“... there followed him a mess of meat from the king.”** So Christ the Good Shepherd feeds His sheep.

Verse 9: **“But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.”** This indicates that Uriah felt secure near the king as all Christians should feel secure near Jesus Christ.

## **CHAPTER 12**

Verse 30: **“And he took their king's crown from off his head, the weight whereof was a talent of gold with the precious stones: and it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance.”** So Christ will one day be crowned to rule over all nations, even nations that had formally been ruled by unbelieving gentiles (Rev. 11:15).

## **CHAPTER 13**

Verse 21: **“But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth.”** The king was angered over the rape of Tamar because he was a righteous king who hated sin, obviously a type of Christ.

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## CHAPTER 14

Verse 20: King David was wise enough to detect the hand of Joab in this woman's speech. She then acknowledges David's wisdom by praising him with words that make a perfect fit for Jesus Christ Himself: **"... my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth."** In fact, Jesus is called an "angel of God" in Galatians 4:14 and in Acts 27:23.

Verse 26: **"... he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the king's weight."** The expression "after the king's weight" is instructive for it shows that there was one standard of weight. Any other standard would have been a false balance (Pro. 11:1). When men are one day weighed in the balance of God's justice, many will be "found wanting" (Dan. 5:27) because it will be God's balance. They will be judged "after the king's weight," not after the weak and unjust balances of men. It will be by Jesus Christ and Him only that God judges mankind: **"In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel."** (Rom. 2:16)

## CHAPTER 15

Verse 15: **"And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint."** Should this not be our attitude toward our King, the Lord Jesus Christ?

## CHAPTER 16

Verse 11: **"And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him."** David's grace toward Shimei reminds us of Christ's grace toward us.

## CHAPTER 17

Verse 8: **"... thy father is a man of war."** David is called a man of war, the exact title given to God in Exodus 15:3 and in Isaiah 42:13, and it matches the actions of Jesus Christ in Revelation 19:11.

Verse 22: David escapes the evil hands of Absalom much like Jesus often escaped the evil hands of those who sought to kill Him (John 10:39; 8:59).

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## CHAPTER 18

Verse 3: “... **thou art worth ten thousand of us.**” David was highly valued in the eyes of His men. Interestingly enough, the same terminology is used for Christ in Song of Solomon 5:10: “**My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand.**”

Verse 13: “... **there is no matter hid from the king** ...” See Romans 2:16.

## CHAPTER 19

Verse 10: “... **Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?**” Likewise, the last thing that anyone wants to talk about today is the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Verse 27: Again we see David compared to “an angel of God,” matching the references to Christ in Galatians 4:14 and Acts 27:23.

## CHAPTER 20

Verses 21-22: Though I wouldn't call Sheba a type of Christ, still, the incident in these verses pictures what Christ did. A woman informs the town people that their lives can be spared if Sheba's life is given. Today, the church (a woman) is in the business of telling sinners that they can be spared God's wrath by believing on Christ who gave His life for them.

## CHAPTER 21

Verse 7: “**But the king spared Mephibosheth** ...” Seven of Saul's sons are hanged, but Mephibosheth is spared because of David's covenant with Jonathan. As pointed out in chapter nine, this pictures the fact that Christians have been spared because of God's covenant with His Son.

Verse 10: “**And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.**” This lady kept the fowls and the beasts away from her sons who had been hung as a judgment for Saul's sins. Her example is a fine lesson for Christians, especially Christian parents. She took sackcloth, which speaks of self denial, and spread it on a rock, and then she remained there day and night keeping the wild animals away. Christian parents should build their families on the rock of Jesus Christ and

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practice self denial, rather than worldliness, as they labor day and night to keep the harmful influences of this world away from their children.

Verse 17: David is the “light of Israel,” and Christ is the “light of the world” (John 8:12), including Israel.

## CHAPTER 22

This chapter is filled with references to Christ, but we’ll limit ourselves to four comments and leave the rest for the gleaning of the reader.

Verse 2: “... **The LORD is my rock** ...” Christ is our Rock (I Cor. 10:4).

Verse 17-18: “**He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of many waters; He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me.**” Does this not match the Christian’s experience through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Verse 29: “**For thou art my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness.**” So Christ has done the same for us.

Verse 44: “**Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people, thou hast kept me to be head of the heathen: a people which I knew not shall serve me.**” The same is true of Christ. He will be the “head of the heathen,” and He will be served by the heathen (Psa. 2:8).

## CHAPTER 23

Verses 3-4: “**The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.**” These verses are loaded with references to Christ. The “Rock of Israel” has obvious reference, as we’ve seen many times. Christ will one day “rule” over men in the fear of God. He’s the “light of the morning, when the sun riseth” (Mal. 4:2). The expression “as the tender grass” is similar to Christ being “as a tender plant” (Isa. 53:2), and the expression “after rain” points us to the second coming references regarding the “latter rain” preceding the second advent of Christ (Psa. 68:9; Joel 2:23; James 5:7, etc.).

Verse 5: The “everlasting covenant” that David mentions is a type of the new covenant of grace that believers enjoy in Jesus Christ (Heb. 13:20).

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## CHAPTER 24

Verse 17: “. . . let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.” Here David pictures Christ in that he intercedes on behalf of the people and is willing to bear the punishment for sin. The type obviously breaks down when one considers that it is *David's* sin in view here, not the sins of the people, but his willingness to save them from the penalty makes a good picture of Christ.

Verse 24: “And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.” So Christ also paid a heavy price since our salvation could not be purchased with that which cost Him nothing. It's interesting that the price was “fifty shekels of silver.” Silver speaks of redemption in the Bible, and fifty is the number of liberty (Lev. 25:10). We've been redeemed and liberated by the sacrifice of Christ.