

## “The Book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel” (Route 66)

All right... Let’s turn in our Bibles, this morning, to **2ND Samuel**... Last week saw the END of the Period of the JUDGES, and the BEGINNING of the MONARCHY, in Israel—the TIME OF THE KINGS...

Now—in our study—we FOCUSED LARGELY on THREE CHARACTERS from 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel—Samuel, Saul, and David... And—where we left off, last week...

David was SET-UP to SIT ON THE THRONE over Israel... And, this morning, we’ll SEE him DO that, along with some of the HIGHS & LOWS of his reign...

David’s a REMARKABLE CHARACTER in scripture... David Guzik calls him: “*one of the **greatest** men of the Bible, mentioned more than 1,000 times – more than Abraham, or Moses...*” – He says: “*It is no accident that Jesus was not known as the ‘Son of Abraham’ or the ‘Follower of Moses,’ but the Son of David.*”

FB Meyer said: “*Abraham [may] have excelled him in faith... Moses in... fellowship with God, Elijah in [miracles]... But none of them was so many-sided as the richly gifted son of Jesse.*”

He’s the ONLY PERSON in scripture to be CALLED a “**man after God’s heart**”... And yet, DAVID ISN’T PERFECT... as we’ll see from this morning’s study...

Now, this book OPENS where we left off... In the LAST CHAPTER of 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel, Saul and his SONS have been killed... David LEARNS this, in 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel Chapter 1...

Verse 11 says David: “[**tore**] **his... clothes and... mourned and wept and fasted...**” – And then, he ISSUES a TREMENDOUS LAMENT called ‘*The Song of the Bow*,’ where he says:

**“The beauty of Israel is slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen! – Saul and Jonathan were beloved and pleasant in their lives... O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul... How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle!”**

And, I can’t HELP but point-out the fact that—in Verses 6—10—the MAN who actually TOOK SAUL’S LIFE was an AMALEKITE... You say, “*Why is that important?*”

Well, because—LAST WEEK—Saul had been commanded to “**utterly destroy**” the Amalekites, and he DIDN’T DO IT... which MEANS... If SAUL had OBEYED the voice of the Lord FULLY... this Amalekite WOULD NOT HAVE SURVIVED to TAKE HIS LIFE...

When God tells us to COMPLETELY DEAL WITH A SIN, we need to DEAL with that sin... so that THAT sin does not come back and DESTROY US...

But, this **BRINGS TO AN END** the “official reign” of Saul, and it **MOVES DAVID** toward sitting on the throne in Israel... Now, this transition **IS NOT IMMEDIATE**...

To **BEGIN** with, David **ONLY RULES** in Judah... while one of SAUL’S SONS—ISHBOSHETH—is set on the throne in ISRAEL... Verse TEN of Chapter 2 says Ishbosheth “**reigned two years. Only the house of Judah followed David.**”

Now, what follows are some **PARTICULARLY BLOODY PASSAGES**... Chapter 3, Verse 1, says: “**there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. [and yet] David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.**”

By Chapter 5, we read: “**all the tribes of Israel came to David... and [said], ‘We are your bone and your flesh.’ – “And King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And,”** we read: “**they anointed David king over Israel.**” – Verse 4 says: “**David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.**”

The **END** of Chapter 5 **FINALLY** sees the Philistines defeated... And Chapter SIX sees David bringing THE ARK OF THE COVENANT **BACK** INTO JERUSALEM...

Now, A LOT of this book is dedicated the David’s **ADMINISTRATION**... Chapter 8 does a good job of **SUMMARIZING HIS CONQUESTS**, and it **CONCLUDES** by saying that: “**David reigned over all Israel; and [he] administered judgment and justice to all his people.**”

Now... As with 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel, there’s a **LOT**... we could talk about from this book... There is **ACTION**, and **DRAMA**, and **BETRAYAL**, and **PASSION**, and **MURDER**... As we **SEE** the **FAMILIES** of—and those **LOYAL** to—SAUL and David **OVERLAP** and **COLLIDE**...

But, at the **HEART** of this book, there’s **REALLY, TWO MAIN PASSAGES**, I believe... One is the **PASSING** of God’s **COVENANT** with Abraham **TO** David... And the **OTHER** is David’s **INFIDELITY** with a woman named **BATHSHEBA**...

Now, let’s take these in **REVERSE ORDER**, to end on something of a **POSITIVE NOTE**...

In Chapter 11, we read that: “**It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David...**” – the **END** of Verse 1 – “**remained at Jerusalem.**”

Verse 2 says: “**One evening... David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king’s house. And from the roof [David] saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold.**”

Now, this is **RIGHT** at the **HEIGHT** of David’s **CAREER**... But—from the beginning of this account—we see that David is somewhere he is **NOT** supposed to be...

And—as is OFTEN the case when we are somewhere we’re NOT supposed to be—David ends up **DOING** something he is NOT supposed to be DOING...

Verse 3 says: “**David... inquired about the woman. And someone said, ‘[This is] Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?’**” – By the way, this is one of David’s Mighty Men (we learn that from Chapter 23)...

Verse 4 says: “**David sent messengers, and took her...**” – Now, we could MAKE THE CASE that David... falls for the **SAME THREE THINGS** that Satan tempts you and I with today...

1<sup>st</sup> John 2, Verses 15—17 say: “**Do not love the world or the things in the world... For all that is in the world...**” – And then, John breaks it down into THREE CATEGORIES...

“**The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.**” – You can FEEL GREAT... you can LOOK GREAT... or you can BE GREAT... Those are the THREE MAIN TEMPTATIONS we’ll encounter...

In Matthew 4, when Satan TEMPTS JESUS, Jesus has “**fasted forty days and... [and] He was hungry.**” – We read: “**The tempter came to Him, he said, ‘If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.’**” – See, that’s the LUST OF THE FLESH... You can FEEL GREAT... Satisfy your hunger...

NEXT, we read: “**The devil took Him up... on the pinnacle of the temple, and said... ‘If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down.’**” – For, God will: “**Give His angels charge over you... Lest you dash your foot against a stone.**”

Bible Commentator David Guzik writes: “*[The pinnacle of the temple was] some 200 feet [high]... A leap from there—and the appearance of the promised angelic protection—would be a remarkable spectacle.*” – You can LOOK GREAT... That’s the LUST OF THE EYES...

Finally, Satan “**took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world... And said, ‘I will give You [all these things] if You... fall down and worship me.’**” – You can BE GREAT... That’s the PRIDE OF LIFE...

In the GARDEN—in Genesis Chapter 3—the serpent TEMPTS Eve, we read: “**When the woman saw that the tree was good for food**”—that’s the lust of the FLESH... “**That it was pleasant to the eyes**”—that’s the lust of the EYES...

“**And a tree desirable to make one wise**”—that’s the PRIDE OF LIFE... We read “**she took of its fruit and [she] ate...**” – Notice the PATTERN: The woman SAW the FRUIT... she WANTED the fruit... and she TOOK the fruit...

David did the EXACT SAME THING... He **SAW** BATHSHEBA... he **WANTED** Bathsheba... and he **TOOK** BATHSHEBA...

Verse 4 says: “**she came to him, and he lay with her.**” – And Verse 5 says: “**the woman conceived... and... told David: “I am with child.”**” – Never let it be said that a person can’t get pregnant with “JUST ONE TIME.”

Now, Verse 6 says David called for URIAH... Bathsheba’s husband... (One of his MIGHTY MEN)... So, what’s this??? – Is the MAN AFTER GOD’S HEART going to REPENT... Is he gonna COME CLEAN, and CONFESS, and MAKE THINGS RIGHT??? – Well...

Verse 7 says: “**When Uriah [came] to him, David asked how Joab was doing, and how the people were doing, and how’s the war going... David said to Uriah, “Go down to your house and wash your feet.” So, Uriah departed from the king’s house, [with] a gift of food from the king...**” – We read: “**Uriah slept at the door of the king’s house... and did not go down to his house.**” – So—in Verse 10—when they tell David, David AKS Uriah: “**Why did you not go down to your house?**”

You see, DAVID is SCHEMING to get URIAH to SLEEP with his wife... THAT way, it would look as though the CHILD was URIAH’S and David’s SIN would be CONCEALED...

But “**Uriah said to David,**” Verse 11... “**The ark and Israel and Judah are dwelling in tents, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are encamped in the open fields. Shall I then go to my house to eat and drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing.**” – And, these words must have been like SALT in an OPEN WOUND!

Remember where David IS... He’s IN JERUSALEM... but, it’s at a time when kings are SUPPOSED TO BE IN BATTLE... INSTEAD, David is SLEEPING with women...

And when he SUGGEST to Uriah that URIAH sleep with his OWN WIFE, Uriah is like: “*I can’t do that!*” – “*Not while the armies are off doing battle!*”

One commentator writes: “*David expected—and hoped—that Uriah would... be [a man] like himself... [but], [Uriah] proved to be a man of integrity, whose first loyalty was to the king’s interests rather than... his own pleasure.*” – So, does David give up?

Well, Verse 12 says: “**DAVID** said to Uriah, “**Wait here today... and tomorrow I will let you depart.**” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem ... [And] when David called him, [Uriah] ate and drank before him; and [David] made him drunk. And at evening [Uriah] went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.”

See, Uriah STILL won’t sleep with his wife! – So, David WRITES A LETTER... And he SENDS it to JOAB, his GENERAL... And—DIABOLICALLY—Verse 14 says the letter is DELIVERED to Joab “**by the hand of Uriah.**” – Uriah carries his OWN DEATH SENTENCE!

**“[David] wrote in the letter,” Verse 15, “saying, ‘Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest [part of the] battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die.’” – And—in verse 17—we read, INDEED, “Uriah the Hittite died.”**

Verse 26 says: **“When the wife of Uriah heard that... her husband was dead, she mourned for [him]... [But] when her mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.” – ABOUT this period of his life...**

It’s BELIEVED that David COMPOSED Psalm 32... a time he describes as: **“When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long... [for] Day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; [and] my vitality was turned into the drought of summer.”** – That’s what UNCONFESSED SIN does to us...

But—in Chapter 12—NATHAN confronts David... And, he TELLS him a PARABLE, and says: **“There were two men in one city, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had exceedingly many flocks... But the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup... it was like a daughter to him. And a traveler came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock... but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it [to eat] for the man who had come to him.”**

And DAVID SEES READ! – We read: **“David’s anger was greatly aroused... and said... ‘As the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! – He shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and... had no pity.’”**

And, I can imagine Nathan pointing one of his long, bony fingers at David and saying: **“YOU’RE THE MAN, DAVID!”** – God: **“anointed you king over Israel, and... delivered you from the hand of Saul. [He] gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives... and [He] gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more! Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD... You have killed Uriah the Hittite... [and] taken his wife to be your wife...”**

Now, LAST WEEK... we saw SAMUEL confront SAUL on more than ONE OCCASION... and SAUL had a TENDENCY to just make EXCUSES... And David COULD have done that here... But he DOESN’T...

Almost the MOMENT Nathan speaks these words, David says—in Verse 13—**“I have sinned against the Lord.”** – And, REMARKABLY, the RESPONSE from Nathan is... **“The LORD... has put away your sin...”**

See, this was something SAUL never understood... That: **“If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”**

Saul was ALWAYS TRYING TO COVER-UP... David REPENTED... This is why it's been said: *“David wasn't just a man after God's own heart... he was a man after the heart of God.”*

And—again—this is when David composes Psalm 51, a **TREMENDOUS** PSALM OF REPENTANCE... **“Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin... Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow... blot out... my iniquities... Create in me a clean heart, O God... renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, uphold me by Your generous Spirit.”**

Again, the REASON I point-out when these Psalms are WRITTEN is because—NEXT WEEK—we're gonna LOOK at the Book of Psalms... Because so MANY of them were WRITTEN BY DAVID, and TIE-BACK to these KEY MOMENTS of his life...

And, God REDEEMS the whole situation with David and Bathsheba... Down in Verse 24, we read that she is the mother of SOLOMON, the next **KING** OF ISREAL, and—really—the next MAJOR FIGURE in the Biblical narrative...

In fact, the situation is **NOT COVERED UP**—in the geneology of Jesus in Matthew Chapter 1... we read: **“Boaz begot Obed by Ruth... Obed begot Jesse... Jesse begot David the king.”** – And, **“David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah.”**

You know, it would have been **EASY**... to just SKIP that detail... But, F.B. Meyer writes: *“Men and women, notorious for their evil character, [are included] in the direct line of [Jesus]... This was permitted, that He might fully represent our fallen race.”*

Now... DAVID IS **FORGIVEN**... But it DOES NOT MEAN that his ACTIONS are **WITHOUT CONSEQUENCE**... There is a **BIG DIFFERENCE**...

Back in Verse 10, Nathan TELLS David: **“The sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised [the Lord], and... taken the wife of Uriah... to be your wife.”** – **‘Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of [the] sun. You did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel...’**

And SO MUCH of what we **READ** in the FOLLOWING CHAPTERS... The DEATH of David's son... AMNON'S RAPE of TAMAR... the TREASON of ABSALOM... AHITHOPHEL'S SUICIDE... it all **STEMS** FROM... David's SIN with BATHSHEBA...

David Guzik writes: *“God warns David that because he troubled another man's house, God will allow trouble to come upon his **own** house – from **within** [his] house. In these judgments, David will reap what he has sown – with interest.”*

John Trapp says: “[In Chapter 16] Absalom abuses his father’s concubines... and [perhaps] on [the very] same terrace from [where David] first looked, and lusted after Bathsheba.”

Now, there’s some POSITIVE STUFF in here, as well... We’ve got **DAVID’S MIGHTY MEN** in Chapter 23... and the **GIANT KILLERS** of Chapter 21... But—BY FAR—the **CENTRAL PASSAGE** of 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel takes place in Chapter 7... Let’s look there together...

Now—AS you turn there—let’s **REMIND OURSELVES**... what the OLD TESTAMENT is about... God makes a PROMISE to a man named ABRAHAM in Genesis Chapter 15...

We call it ‘*The Abrahamic Covenant*.’ – God says: “**In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed...**” – And, this reference to Abraham’s SEED is a reference to JESUS... We KNOW this because Paul TELLS us in Galatians Chapter 3... Now...

This PROMISE passes SPECIFICALLY to Abraham’s son **ISAAC**... then, to Isaac’s son **JACOB** (whose name gets changed to ISRAEL)... then, to ISRAEL’S son **JUDAH**...

Who DAVID IS DESCENDED FROM... We KNOW **THAT** from Ruth Chapter 4... So, KEEP all of that in mind...

2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7 is a GOOD TIME in David’s reign... Verse 1 says: “**It came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from... his enemies all around, that the king said to Nathan the prophet, ‘See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains.’**”

So, David is LOOKING AROUND his house one day, and he’s like, “*Hey... I live in a NICE HOUSE... I’m gonna build GOD a NICE HOUSE!*” – And, David gets the idea to **build the TEMPLE** to replace the **TABERNACLE** that God had given MOSES instructions for...

Now, this must have sounded like a **GOOD IDEA** to Nathan, because he SAYS to David—in Verse 3—“**Do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.**”

“**But it happened that night,**” Verse 4, “**that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying: ‘Go and tell My servant David,’... ‘Would you build a house for Me to dwell in?’ For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel... saying, ‘Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?’**” – In other words: God NEVER ASKED for David—or ANYONE—to BUILD HIM a HOUSE...

And—towards the END of Verse 11—Nathan SAYS to David (this is huge)... that: “**...the LORD tells you that He will make you a house.**”

Verse 12 says: “When your days are fulfilled, and you rest with your fathers...” – God says: “I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.” – David is BLOWN AWAY by this!

Verse 18 says: “David went in and sat before the LORD; and... said: ‘Who am I, O Lord GOD? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?’” – The REST OF THE CHAPTER is David POURING-OUT HIS HEART to God, because he UNDERSTOOD WHAT GOD MEANT when He said this!

Charles Spurgeon said: “The joy which filled David’s bosom was a spiritual one... he [now understood that the Messiah] would come of his [line], and that an everlasting kingdom would be set up in his person...”

We KNOW that David understood this prophecy from looking at the New Testament... At Pentecost—in Acts Chapter 2—Peter says: “Men and brethren, let me speak [to you] freely of the patriarch David... [who] being a prophet...” – “and knowing that God had sworn... that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, [David], foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ...”

In other words... when God TELLS David—in 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:12—“I will set up your seed after you...” – David UNDERSTOOD this to refer to RESURRECTION...

One author writes: “When God promised... an everlasting kingdom and [to] raise up one of David’s sons to sit on the throne... [God] was talking in one sense about [David’s son] Solomon... [but] in another sense, about the resurrection, ascension, and enthronement of Messiah. David was a prophet to whom God revealed these things; thus, [David] understood the double fulfillment aspect of [this] promise.”

So, this is what we call **THE DAVIDIC COVENANT**... this is where the promise of the **SEED OF ABRAHAM**... which became the **SEED OF ISAAC**, which THEN became the SEED OF JACOB... has NOW BECOME the **SEED OF DAVID**...

This is a **MAJOR DEVELOPMENT** in the OVERALL NARRATIVE of the Bible... And, this is ALSO where we start to make SENSE of a lot of OTHER passages in the Old Testament... that HAVE THEIR BASIS in God’s **COVENANT WITH DAVID**... For instance:

- Psalm 89:3: “I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: ‘Your seed I will establish forever...’”
- In Jeremiah 23:5, the Lord says: “The days are coming... That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness...”
- Jeremiah 30, Verse 9, God says: “They shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.”

- Isaiah 11:1: **“There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.”**

Here’s some we might recognize from CHRISTMAS every year... Isaiah Chapter 9... **“Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given... Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice...”**

In Luke Chapter 1, GABRIEL says to Mary... **“You will conceive... and bring forth a Son, and... call His name JESUS... and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David...”**

OVER FIFTEEN TIMES in the New Testament—Jesus is called the **“Son of David...”** – In fact, in Matthew 22—when Jesus is talking to the Pharisees—this is His **WHOLE POINT**...

He says: **“What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” [And] They [say], “The Son of David.”** – So, Jesus asks:

**“How then does David... call Him ‘Lord,’ saying: ‘The LORD said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool’”** – That’s a quote from Psalm 110...

Jesus asks: **“If David... calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?”** – **“And no one was able to answer Him a word, [and] from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.”**

But when **WE** READ 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel... and WE **UNDERSTAND** that God’s PROMISE TO ABRAHAM... has NOW PASSED TO DAVID... And God **PROMISES** TO DAVID’S **“seed”** that His **“throne [will] be established forever.”** – That’s **NOT** fulfilled in SOLOMON...

But it **IS** fulfilled on ONE of David’s **EVENTUAL** DESCENDANTS—the Lion of the Tribe of Judah—JESUS CHRIS! – 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel is an **IMPORTANT BOOK of the BIBLE!**

Now... it DOES end on something of a **BUMMER** note... Chapter 24, Verse 1 says that: **“The anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel, and He moved David... to... “Go, [and] number Israel and Judah.”** – In other words, to TAKE A CENSUS...

*“In... ancient cultures, a man only had the right to count or number what belonged to him. Israel did not belong to David; [but] to God.”*

By the way: 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 21 says it was **“Satan [who]... moved David to number Israel.”** – So, WHICH IS IT? Was it GOD that moved David to Number Israel, or was it SATAN? – The answer is ‘YES.’

SATAN can ONLY do what **GOD** ALLOWS. – And, ULTIMATELY, he is ONLY allowed to do whatever will ACCOMPLISH GOD’S PURPOSES... We see this in the account of JOB, and JUDAS, and the ANTI-CHRIST...

MOST LIKELY—This was GOD **ALLOWING** SATAN to MOVE DAVID to NUMBER ISRAEL... [Incidentally, take NOTE of the fact that Satan can INFLUENCE our **FEELINGS**... That’s why we need to seek GOD’S **WORD** for the TRUTH]...

Now, JOAB—David’s General—KNOWS this is a BAD IDEA... He tries to TALK DAVID out of it, in Verse 3... **“Nevertheless,”** we read, **“[David’s] word prevailed... Therefore Joab and the captains of the army went out... to count the people of Israel.”**

1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 21:7 says: **“God was displeased with this thing; therefore He struck Israel. [And] So David said to God, ‘I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing...’”**

So, the LORD says to David—in Verse 12— **“I offer you three things; choose one of them for yourself...”** – **“Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or shall you flee three months before your enemies? Or shall there be three days’ plague in your land?”**

**“And David said,”** in Verse 14, **“let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies are great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man.”** So the LORD sent a plague [on] Israel... – And, **“seventy thousand men of the people died.”**

**“Gad came... to David,”** Verse 18, **“and said to him: ‘Go up, [and build] an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.’”** So David... went up as the LORD commanded.”

**“[And] Araunah... saw the king,”** Verse 20, **“and his servants coming toward him.”** – And he **“went out and bowed before the king with his face to the ground. Then Araunah [asked], ‘Why has my lord the king come to his servant?’** And David said, **‘To buy the threshing floor from you, to BUILD AN ALTAR to the LORD, that the plague may be [stopped].’”**

David BUYS this piece of land from Araunah... And the LAST VERSE of the Book—Verse 25—says that: **“David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So, the LORD heeded the prayers for the land, and the plague was withdrawn from Israel.”** – **BUT... WHY** this is so significant is because...

**THIS THRESHING FLOOR... BECOMES THE EXACT SPOT** where SOLOMON will later BUILD THE TEMPLE... We LEARN that from 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles Chapter 22...

Again, Bible Commentator David Guzik writes: *“2 Chronicles 3 tells us that the threshing floor of Araunah was on Mount Moriah—the same hill where Abraham offered Isaac... the site of Solomon’s temple... and the same set of hills where Jesus died on the cross.”* – Isn’t that amazing?

So, **THIS SETS-UP** where the Book of FIRST KINGS will take us... When we see SOLOMON—the SON from David's infidelity with Bathsheba... become the NEXT KING of Israel, the ONE WHO BUILDS THE TEMPLE... and the one TO WHOM the rulership of the kingdom passes... That's in FIRST KINGS...

But, as I mentioned—**BEFORE** we get there—NEXT SUNDAY, we're gonna INSERT AN OVERVIEW of the Book of Psalms...

Simply because DAVID COMPOSES SO MANY of the Chapters in that Book, and MUCH OF IT TIES-BACK to what we have read about this morning...

It's another AMAZING book of the Bible... But, it's very DIFFERENT from what we have looked at so far...

So—if you HAVE time—I encourage you to read ahead—at LEAST over certain PORTIONS of the Book of Psalms—and then join us next week... as Route 66 continues...