

# King David & Solomon

A harp-playing shepherd boy trusted God's timing and became king: the life of David is recorded in 1 & 2 Samuel and 1 Kings. David defeated the Philistines, united the Northern and Southern tribes and composed many of the Psalms we use in worship today. He lived around 1000 BCE and was succeeded by his son Solomon.

Mediterranean Sea



**1**

**1 Samuel 8:4-11,16-20**

The people of Israel gather at Ramah to ask Samuel to choose a king.

**2**

**1 Samuel 15:34-16:13**

Although Saul is king, Samuel visits Jesse and his sons in Bethlehem and anoints David as king.

**3**

**1 Samuel 17:32-49**

David visits his brothers at the battlefield in Socoh. He fights and defeats the Philistine giant, Goliath.

**4**

**2 Samuel 1:1,17-27**

In Ziklag, David hears that King Saul and his son Jonathan are dead. David mourns and writes a poem.

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**2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10**

At Hebron, the elders of Israel anoint David king over all Israel. He was already king of Judah.

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**2 Samuel 6:1-5,12b-19**

David dances and celebrates God as he brings the Ark of the Covenant from Baale-judah to Jerusalem.

**7**

**2 Samuel 7:1-14a**

God makes covenant promises to David and his descendants.

**8**

**2 Samuel 11:1-15**

David sins against God and Bathsheba. Then he arranges to have Uriah, Bathsheba's husband, killed.

**9**

**2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a**

The prophet Nathan confronts David about his sin.

**10**

**2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33**

David's son, Absalom, tries to take over the kingdom, so David flees. Absalom is killed in the Forest of Ephraim and David weeps for his son.

**11**

**1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14**

Solomon, David's son, becomes king after David dies. He asks God for wisdom to lead well.

**12**

**1 Kings 8:22-30,41-43**

King Solomon builds and consecrates the Temple in Jerusalem and the glory of God fills the Temple.