

DAVID: A MAN OF PASSION & DESTINY
NEW KING, NEW THRONE, SAME LORD
SELECTED SCRIPTURES



The Heart of the Matter

Most of us have known the experience of being given a raise or a promotion in our employment. We've also known the experiences connected with starting a new job—one we *never* thought we would have. But no one reading these words has ever known the experience of being promoted from a fugitive to a king overnight. Think of it! One day, you're on the bottom—the next, on the top. It happened only once in Scripture—to David. With wisdom and humility, the new king took over a new throne because he had the same Lord.



Discovering the Way

1. Panoramic View of David's Life (Psalm 78:70–72)

David began his life as a lowly village shepherd, experienced an anointing by Samuel, and went on the run as a fugitive—all before becoming king over Israel.

2. From Fugitive to Monarch (2 Samuel 5:4–5)

With his reign starting humbly in Hebron, David eventually gained power over all Israel, ruling from Jerusalem, with accomplishments and disappointments along the way.

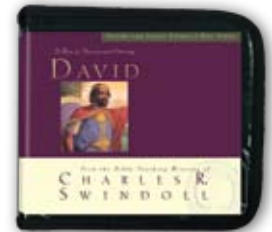


Starting Your Journey

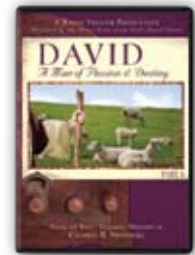
Two truths we can all hang on to from this bird's-eye view of David's life: no personal pursuit is more important than the cultivation of godliness, and no character trait needs more attention than genuine integrity.



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DAVID'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY	
Children Born to David in Hebron, Age 30–37 (2 Samuel 3:2–5, 13–14; 13:1; 1 Chronicles 3:1–4)	
Wives	Children
Ahinoam →	Ammon
Abigail →	Chileab (Daniel)
Maacah →	Absalom and Tamar
Haggith →	Adonijah
Abital →	Shephetiah
Eglah →	Ithream
Michal	
Children Born to David in Jerusalem, Age 37–70 (2 Samuel 5:14–16; 12:25; 1 Chronicles 3:5–8; 14:4–7; 2 Chronicles 11:18)	
Wives	Children
Bathsheba →	Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon (Jedidah)
Other wives →	Ibhar, Elishua (Elishama), Eliphelet, Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, Elishama, Eliada (Beeliada), Eliphelet, Jerimoth

The total size of David's immediate family was twenty sons and one daughter (1 Chronicles 3:9). This excludes concubines and their offspring, who are not named in Scripture; see 2 Samuel 5:13; 15:16; 1 Chronicles 3:9.

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