

"Other things may change us, but we start and end with the family."

--Anthony Brandt



David

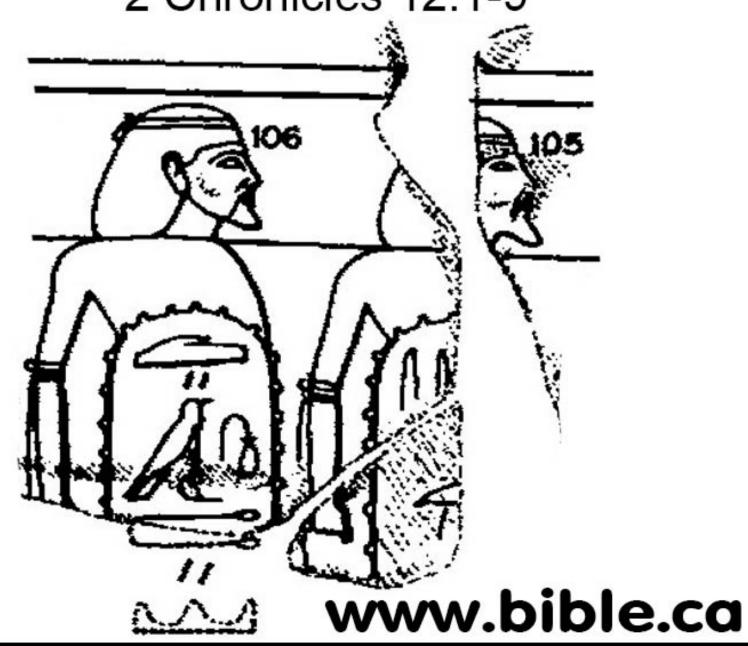
Shepherd, Warrior, Strategist, Poet, Musician, Politician



Highland of David

Shishak name-rings: 106/105 Karnak Temple relief of the 926 BC

Karnak Temple relief of the 926 BC campaign against Jerusalem and Israel 2 Chronicles 12:1-9





Why study David?

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(1) We find ourselves in him.

David is the first person in history whose tale is complete and vital, laced with passions, savagery, hesitation, betrayal, charisma, faith, family— the rich canvas of a large life. He is capable of great acts, expressions of lasting piety, and of startling cruelty. David's failings are not slight or endearing.

--David Wolpe



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(2) Everything about David pointed to Jesus.

David

Born in Bethlehem Brothers that mocked Enemies Shepherd King Wrote Psalms Longed to build Temple Longed for New Temple Had Solomon (Peace) Loved God's Word Sinned with Bathsheba & God redeemed

Jesus

Born in Bethlehem Brothers that mocked Enemies Shepherd King Cited Psalms Prince of Peace Loved God's Word Became sin & God redeemed



The Good Life According to David

(1) Pursue a Real Relationship with God

Psalm 140: 10 May burning coals fall on them; may they be thrown into the fire, into miry pits, never to rise.

Psalm 69: 3 I am worn out calling for help; my throat is parched.

My eyes fail, looking for my God.

Psalm 142: 2 I pour out before him my complaint; before him I tell my trouble.

God wants a real relationship with you; not a relationship we think we should have.

"We must lay before God what is in us, not what ought to be in us."

--CS Lewis



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(2) Use your two ears twice as much as your one mouth.

David listened...

to Samuel, God, Abigail, Nathan, priests, Joab, Bathsheba, etc.



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(3) Live an Upside-Down life.

John 2:15-17: Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world —the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. ESV



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(4) Give all of your life to God for the purpose of glorifying Jesus.

Romans 12: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Romans 12: 3 ...Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us...

9 Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Romans 12: 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Il Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Romans 12: 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one another.

We often hesitate to give God the bad, ugly, and sinful parts of our lives.

Psalm 51: I Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Psalm 51: 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. II Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Psalm 51: 16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.



Why do we know about David?

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We know about David because Jesus is the son of God.

JESUS REIGNS!



