

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 03 Jun 2018.....	2Sam 1-2.....	Respected
2) 10 Jun.....	2Sam 3-4.....	Crowned
3) 17 Jun.....	2Sam 5-6.....	Celebrated
4) 24 Jun.....	2Sam 7-8.....	Established
5) 01 Jul.....	2Sam 9-10.....	Valued
6) 08 Jul.....	2Sam 11-12.....	Accountable
7) 15 Jul.....	2Sam 13-14.....	Grieved
8) 22 Jul.....	2Sam 15-17.....	Deposed
9) 29 Jul.....	2Sam 18-19.....	Restored
10) 05 Aug.....	2Sam 20.....	Averted
11) 12 Aug.....	2Sam 21.....	Resolved
12) 19 Aug.....	2Sam 22-23.....	Thankful
13) 26 Aug.....	2Sam 24.....	Disciplined

INTRODUCTION

- One more time, David is seen making a selfish decision. This time it is going to get 70,000 killed.
 - ♦ Why do innocent sheep have to die for the King's behavior? Or were they innocent sheep?
 - ♦ And WHY did God entice David to number the people in the first place? And was it God who enticed him?

Passage	Comments
2Samuel 24:1	<p>God, Once Again, Is Angry at Israel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did Israel do? We must speculate about what God might be angry about. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Maybe it was to destroy the Israelites who supported Absalom & Sheba in their rebellion against King David ♦ Other possible reasons? • Scripture is clear here that God incited David to do something against Israel, and that was to number them <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ BUT WAIT – 1Chron 21:1 says Satan inspired David to take the census! ♦ How do we answer this contradiction? • Consider this. Satan only tempts what God permits, and what God permits, in essence, God takes ownership for it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Note 1. Though God does not cause or entice anyone to sin (Jms 1:13-15) He does test His people, so they would fear Him & not sin (Ex 20:20). It works sometimes, sometimes it doesn't. ♦ Note 2. Exodus 30:12-16 gives specific requirements how a census was to be conducted, and David's census did not follow God's directions ♦ Note 3. Was God entrapping David to discipline him for his pride and then to punish the rebels? Possibly ♦ Note 4. But the drama is just getting started. The purpose for recording this event is revealed later.
24:2-9	<p>David's Pride Gets in the Way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v2. David's pride comes out, "I want to know the number" • v3. Joab challenges David to no avail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 1Chron 21:6 – But Joab didn't number Levi or Benjamin, cause David's command was abhorrent to him ♦ Was Joab's actions biblical? ♦ When is it appropriate not to be faithful to God's elders/leaders?

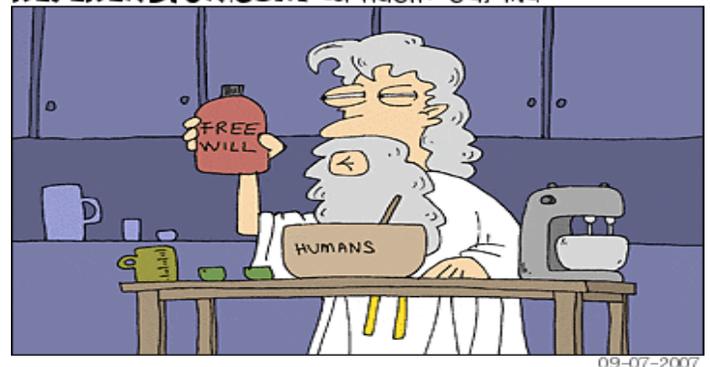
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24:10-14	<p>David's Heart Troubles Him</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v10. "I have sinned greatly." Humility is what God looks for, but sometimes there are still consequences to pay. But Why? • Isn't God more willing to Forgive, Restore, & Forget than to Punish, Destroy, and Scatter? YES – Sometimes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Other times, His Holy Name is at stake, so there can be a very steep price to payEzek 36:22-23; 43:8; ...and leaders are judged to a higher standard..... James 3:1
24:15-17	<p>David Reaps Pestilence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70,000 from "Dan to Beersheba" died – from the extreme North to South! Were they innocent or guilty since they were from all throughout Israel? Most probably there was collateral damage of innocents • David becomes a good shepherd again, and stands between an avenging God and His sheep – "Punish me, not them"
24:18-25	<p>David Buys Property & Builds an Altar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v18. Who was Araunah or Ornan the Jebusite? Just a simple land owner who was supposed to get wiped out, but he apparently accepted the God of the Jews • v25. God is appeased with the "prayer for the land." Who prayed? Was God appeased with the sacrifices made? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ God will accept the sacrifices of His obedient people, but His house is 1st a House of Prayer.....Prov 15:8; Isa 56:7

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- The purpose for actually recording this event along with [1Chron 21's](#) perspective, was to show God's providential ability to judiciously acquire the property on which 5 temples would eventually be built on it:
 1. Solomon's Temple..... [2Chron 3:1](#)
 2. Ezra's Temple after the Babylonian captivity
 3. Herod's Temple (Ezra's temple greatly expanded)
 4. Tribulation Temple to be built during the 1st 3.5 yrs
 5. Ezekiel's Temple to be built during the Millennial

NEXT WEEK: Galatians 1. Paul doesn't use political correctness with the Galatians. He's bold & blunt and calls the baby ugly to turn things around quickly.

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EVER WONDER IF GOD HAD ANY SECOND THOUGHTS?
"SHOULD I MAKE 'EM ROBOTS OR MAKE 'EM INTERESTING?"