

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

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24:10-14	<p><b>David's Heart Troubles Him</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v10. "I have sinned greatly." Humility is what God looks for, but sometimes there are still consequences to pay. But Why?</li> <li>• Isn't God more willing to Forgive, Restore, &amp; Forget than to Punish, Destroy, and Scatter? YES – Sometimes                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Other times, His Holy Name is at stake, so there can be a very steep price to pay .....<a href="#">Ezek 36:22-23; 43:8</a>; ...and leaders are judged to a higher standard..... <a href="#">James 3:1</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
24:15-17	<p><b>David Reaps Pestilence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• David becomes a good shepherd again, and stands between an avenging God and His sheep – "Punish me, not them"</li> </ul>
24:18-25	<p><b>David Buys Property &amp; Builds an Altar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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"> <li>♦ God will accept the sacrifices of His obedient people, but His house is 1<sup>st</sup> a House of Prayer.....<a href="#">Prov 15:8; Isa 56:7</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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?"