

2 SAMUEL

Overview

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2 SAMUEL - BOOK STRUCTURE

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Rise of David's Kingdom
God gives victory, rest, covenant

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David's Kingdom inadequate
Sin's consequences & Human scheming fails

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Kingdom assessed
God is the source of hope

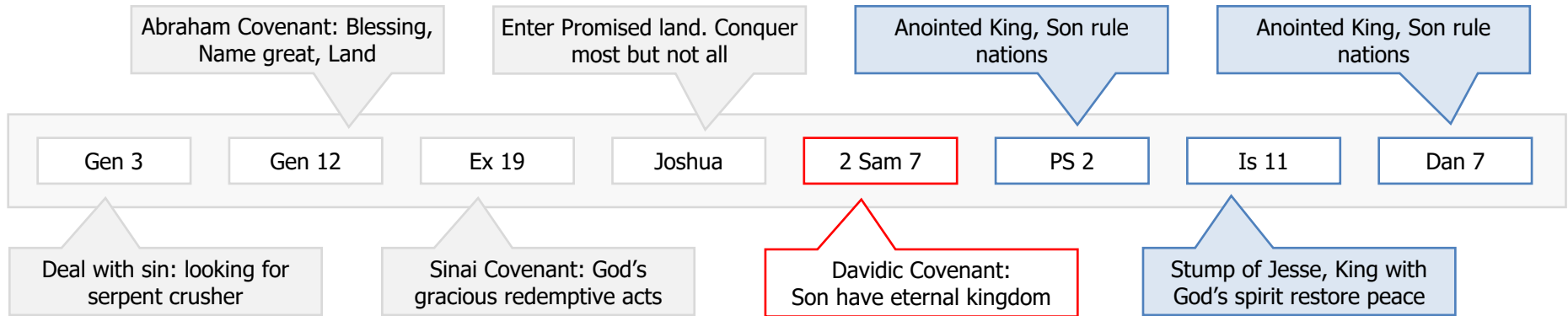
2 SAMUEL – RISE OF DAVID'S KINGDOM

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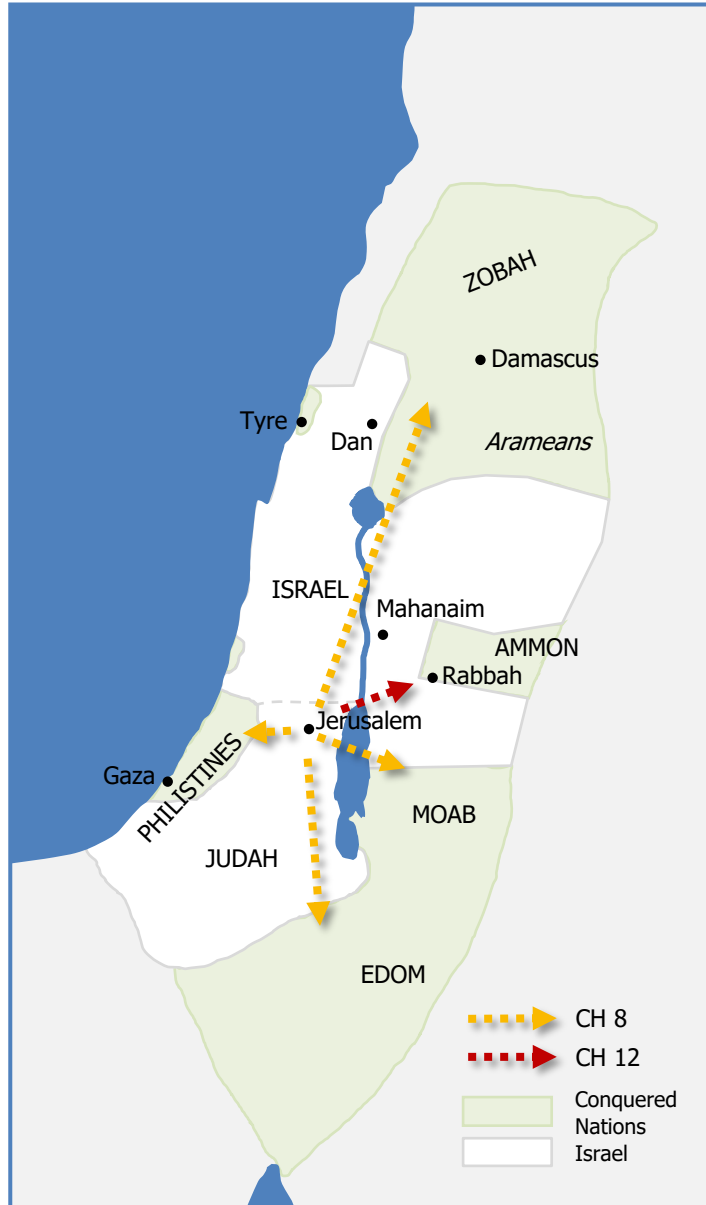
- David's transition to kingship takes time
- David acts appropriately in eyes of people and God
- Brings Ark to Jerusalem (after learning God is holy)
- Seeks to build 'house' for God, but God declares he will build a 'house' for David
- David shows kindness (hesed) – outworking of kindness shown him by God

2 SAMUEL 7 – Biblical Theology Context



- God's promises to Abraham will now be fulfilled through a Davidic King
- Old Testament prophets develop idea of King (offspring of David, but greater, son of God and of man, true king of God's kingdom)
- Jesus fulfils these expectations of king
 - ➔ Descendant of David (Matt 1)
 - ➔ God's son – loved (Mk 1:11)
 - ➔ Jesus refers to self as 'Son of man sitting at the right hand of the mighty one' (Mk 14:62 -> Dan 7)
 - ➔ Peter testifies that Jesus is the Davidic King and post resurrection now rules (Acts 2:29-36)
 - ➔ Paul reminds Ephesians that Jesus sits at God's right hand ruling over whole universe (Eph 1:20-23)

DAVID'S VICTORIES – Expansion of Israel



Observations

- 2 Sam 4:6 Defeats Jebusites, takes Jerusalem
- 2 Sam 7 God gives rest from all his enemies
- 2 Sam 8:14 God gave David victory wherever he went:
 - ➔ 8:1 Philistines to the West
 - ➔ 8:3 Zoab to the North (& Arameans)
 - ➔ 8:12 Moab to the East
 - ➔ 8:13 Edom to the South
 - ➔ 12:26 Rabbah of the Ammonites (Joab)

2 SAMUEL – DAVID’S KINGDOM INADEQUATE

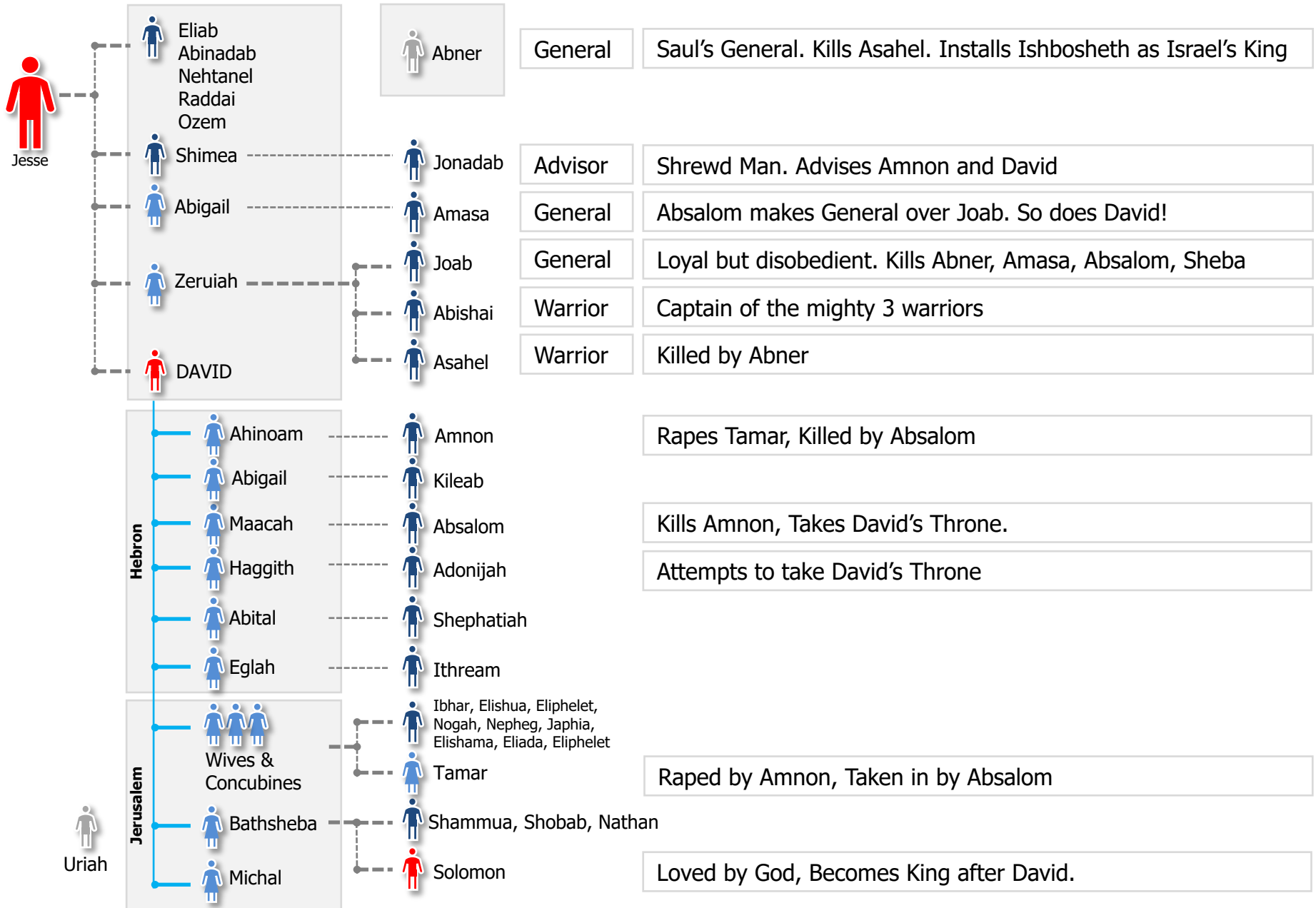
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- David’s private sin → Deals treacherously
- David’s family failing → Decade of destruction
- David’s kingdom regained? → Divided nation

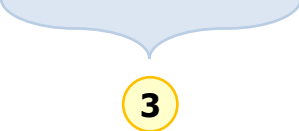
David is a great king – but clearly is not perfect.
David is unable to deal with Sin’s consequences

DAVID'S FAMILY TREE



2 SAMUEL – KINGDOM ASSESSED

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- Chiastic structure → Sections 'Mirror' each other. Focus is therefore on the middle section
- Despite David's military strength, it is God that is the cause of his victories
- Song in Ch 22 echoes Hannah's song in 1 Sam 2.
 - God opposes proud but exalts humble, God is sovereign and will achieve purposes, God will exalt his king.
 - David claims to be righteous! (David remained faithful to covenant, a right standing)
- Ch 24 incredible story, David admits his sin and says 'I, the shepherd have done wrong...Let your hand fall on me and my family'. Jesus said he is the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18)