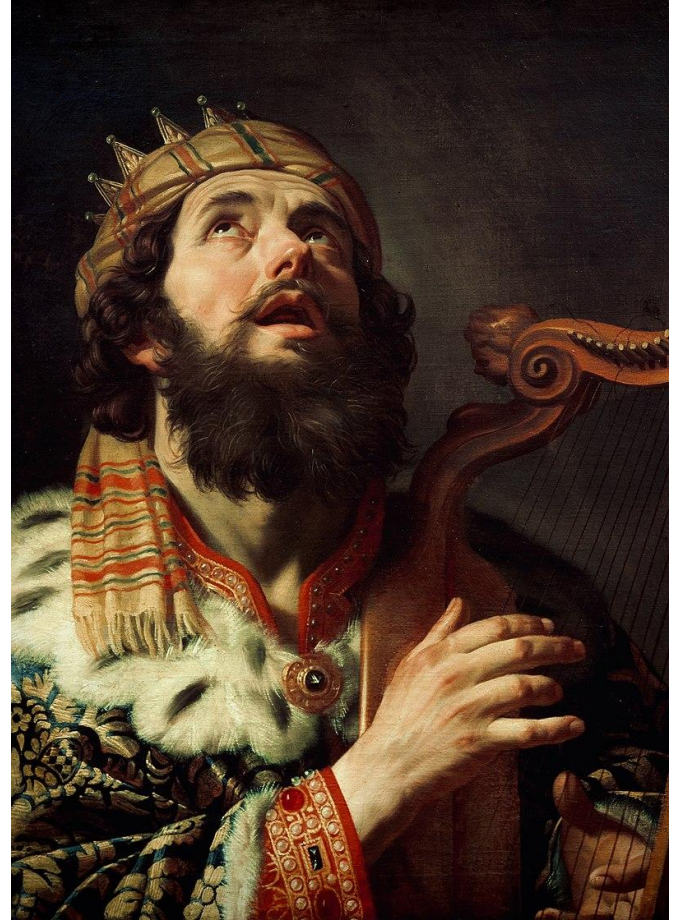


# King David's Last Words

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## Review - 2 Samuel 22:21-51

- 4. Reasons why God raised Messiah from the dead. - All the righteous attributes of God demanded that He bring the Savior up from the grave in the power of an endless life. *For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.*
- 5. The Messiah's Second Advent, in which He destroys His enemies - He will come from heaven "with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ"
- 6. The glorious kingdom of the Messiah - Following the crushing of His foes, Christ sets up His kingdom on earth and reigns as King of kings and Lord of lords.

# David's Last Words

- **2 Samuel 23:1 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Now these *are* the last words of David.

*Thus* says David the son of Jesse;

*Thus* says the man raised up on high,

The anointed of the God of Jacob,

And the sweet Psalmist of Israel:

- As we begin this lesson it brings a feeling of sadness as we read the first phrase in this chapter, “Now these *are* the last words of David.” David’s earthly days are almost ended. It is a reminder to us of the many we knew that have been called “Home”.
- These words are David’s last inspired words in song. These are not his final words as a man; more are recorded in the book of 1 Kings.

# King David's legacy

- Thus says David the son of Jesse;  
**1 Samuel 16:1-3** <sup>1</sup> Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite.
- Thus says the man raised up on high,  
For I have provided Myself a king among his sons."
- The anointed of the God of Jacob,  
<sup>3</sup> .... I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you."
- And the sweet Psalmist of Israel:    Attributed to David are 73 of the 150 psalms.
- **Psalms 3:3-4** <sup>3</sup> But You, O LORD, *are* a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head.  
<sup>4</sup> I cried to the LORD with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill.  
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- **Psalm 9:1-2 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> I will praise *You*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works.

<sup>2</sup> I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

- **Psalm 13:5-6 (NKJV)**

<sup>5</sup> But I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the LORD, Because He has dealt bountifully with me.

- **Psalm 18:2 (NKJV)**

<sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

- **Psalm 23:1-3 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

- There is a noticeable progress from the humble son of a Bethlehemite commoner to the poetically gifted king of Israel, a development which David attributed to his having been chosen and anointed by the Lord.  
The Bible Knowledge Commentary
- The first seven verses give **the very beautiful last words of David**—that is, his last inspired utterance in song. Believer's Bible Commentary
- In verse one he is referred to as the sweet psalmist of Israel. Attributed to David are 73 of the 150 psalms.
- **2 Samuel 23:2-3 (NKJV)**
  - <sup>2</sup> "The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, And His word *was* on my tongue.
  - <sup>3</sup> The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me: 'He who rules over men *must be* just, Ruling in the fear of God.
- God is emphasized 3 times, The Spirit of the Lord, The God and The Rock of Israel. Verses two and three refer to the verbal inspiration of the Lord. The Spirit of the Lord spake by or through David. Men scoff the verbal inspiration of Scripture. The original manuscripts of the Bible are inerrant, infallible, and inspired of God.

- [2 Peter 1:20, 21](#)—*Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*
- **The Bible does not contain God's Word. It is God's Word.** It is not a smorgasbord where we can pick and choose what is inspired and what is not; what we will obey and what we won't obey.
- [2 Timothy 3:16, 17](#)—*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*
- The 66 books recorded by 40 writers of different occupations over a period of 1600 years, separated by a distance of 1500 miles, is all ONE unified book. It bears witness to one God, tells one continuous story, tells of one redemption and one theme.... the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Treasures From the Scriptures

- **2 Samuel 23:4-5 (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> And *he shall be* like the light of the morning *when* the sun rises, A morning without clouds, *Like* the tender grass *springing* out of the earth, By clear shining after rain.'

<sup>5</sup> "Although my house *is* not so with God, Yet He has made with me an everlasting covenant, Ordered in all *things* and secure. For *this is* all my salvation and all *my* desire; Will He not make *it* increase?

- In verses four and five, David speaks of a future ruler who will shine like the morning sun. David knew his house was not worthy. His failures were short of standard. Yet, David fully trusted God to provide whatever was needed in the future to give rise to this righteous king. Others in scripture also saw the rise of the future King of the Earth.
- **my house is not so with God.** In response to God's standard for His ideal king, David confessed that his house had not always ruled over God's people in righteousness and in the fear of God and, thus, were not the fulfillment of 2 Samuel 7:12–16. (MacArthur Commentary)



- 2 Samuel 7: 12 – 16 “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.”
- Further, none of the kings of David’s line (according to 1 and 2 Kings) met God’s standard of righteous obedience.

- The promise given by the Lord to David recorded in 2 Sam 7:12–16 is here referred to as a “covenant,” a binding agreement from the Lord that He will fulfill. In spite of the fact that David and his own household had failed (chs. 9–20), David rightly believed that the Lord would not fail, but would be faithful to His promise of hope for the future in the seed of David, the eternal King, the anointed one (see note on 7:12), who would establish a kingdom of righteousness and peace forever.
- [Jeremiah 33:15](#)—*In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.*
- [Malachi 4:2](#)—*But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.*

- [Isaiah 11:1-5](#)—*And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: [2] And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; [3] And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: [4] But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. [5] And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.*
- All of these references pointed to the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ. The Millennial Kingdom will dawn as a morning without clouds and the wicked will be judged.
- [Habakkuk 2:14](#)—*"For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."*
- Treasures From the Scriptures

- Verses 2 – 4 begin the record of direct speech from God, whose ideal king must exercise His authority with justice, in complete submission to divine sovereignty. Such a king is like the helpful rays of sun at dawn and the life-giving showers that nourish the earth. This ideal king was identified in the OT as the coming Messiah.
- (cf. Is. 9:6, 7) For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting ather, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever.

- **2 Samuel 23:6-7 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> But *the sons* of rebellion *shall* all *be* as thorns thrust away,  
Because they cannot be taken with hands.

<sup>7</sup> But the man *who* touches them Must be armed with iron and the  
shaft of a spear, And they shall be utterly burned with fire in *their*  
place."

- The first seven verses give **the** very beautiful **last words of David**—that is, his last inspired utterance in song. He describes the ideal ruler, the Messiah, whose reign shall be a glorious dawn, **a morning without clouds** after a long stormy night. David realized that he did not fit the description, but he took comfort in the fact that God's covenant assured him that the Messiah would be descended from him. Verses [6](#) and [7](#) describe Christ's judgment on **the sons of rebellion** when He returns to set up His kingdom.

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- **Revelation 19:11-21 (NKJV)**
  - <sup>11</sup> Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.
  - <sup>12</sup> His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.
  - <sup>13</sup> He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.
  - <sup>14</sup> And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.
  - <sup>15</sup> Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

- <sup>16</sup> And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.  
<sup>17</sup> Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,  
<sup>18</sup> that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all *people*, free and slave, both small and great."  
<sup>19</sup> And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.  
<sup>20</sup> Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.  
<sup>21</sup> And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

# David's Last Psalm ?

- Psalm 72 is considered to be the last psalm that David wrote. David wrote it as a prayer and prophecy for his son Solomon, who would succeed him as king.
- Psalm 72 is a prayer for God to bless the rule of a king, and to make him an ideal leader.
- Some commentators consider Psalm 72 to be David's last will and testament, and that it expresses the most important lessons he learned in his life.



- **Psalm 72:1-20 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Give the king Your judgments, O God, And Your righteousness to the king's Son.

<sup>2</sup> He will judge Your people with righteousness, And Your poor with justice.

<sup>3</sup> The mountains will bring peace to the people, And the little hills, by righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, And will break in pieces the oppressor.

<sup>5</sup> They shall fear You As long as the sun and moon endure, Throughout all generations.

<sup>6</sup> He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, Like showers *that* water the earth.

<sup>7</sup> In His days the righteous shall flourish, And abundance of peace, Until the moon is no more.

<sup>8</sup> He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>9</sup> Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, And His enemies will lick the dust.

<sup>10</sup> The kings of Tarshish and of the isles Will bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts.

- 11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him.
- 12 For He will deliver the needy when he cries, The poor also, and *him* who has no helper.
- 13 He will spare the poor and needy, And will save the souls of the needy.
- 14 He will redeem their life from oppression and violence; And precious shall be their blood in His sight.
- 15 And He shall live; And the gold of Sheba will be given to Him; Prayer also will be made for Him continually, *And* daily He shall be praised.
- 16 There will be an abundance of grain in the earth, On the top of the mountains; Its fruit shall wave like Lebanon; And *those* of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.
- 17 His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun. And *men* shall be blessed in Him; All nations shall call Him blessed.
- 18 Blessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things!
- 19 And blessed *be* His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled *with* His glory. Amen and Amen.
- 20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.