

David the Comeback King

Second Samuel 19:8b to 24:25;

First Chronicles 11:10-47 and 20:4 to 29:30;

First Kings 1:1-53 and 2:10-11

When **David** finally arrived in **Jerusalem**, it was a signal to the nation that the rebellion had ended and their true **king** was back on the throne. But en route to the **Holy City**, **David** had to make some royal decisions that sent out other important messages to the people (see **Ed - David Returns to Yerushalayim**). These chapters also tell of another rather short-lived rebellion against **David** led by a Benjamite named Sheba.

The last chapters of **Second Samuel** serve as an appendix to **David's** career. These chapters are not chronological, yet they tied the whole book together. Several events recorded or referred to in these chapters occur earlier in **David's** life but are presented here to show the other kinds of problems that **David** had to face - famine as a result of the slaughter of the **Gibeonites** and plague because of **David's** ordering a census of his troops (**Second Samuel 21:1-14** and **24:1-17**), wars against the Philistines (**Second Samuel 21:15-22**) - and how **David** learned to praise **YHVH** through his trials (**Second Samuel 22**, **Psalms 18** and **Psalms 22**). The section concludes with **David's** purchase of the site upon which **Solomon** would later build the Temple and his last prayer and words.⁴⁵⁰

In addition, these chapters reveal the transfer of power from **David** to his son **Solomon**. **Adoniyah** briefly tried to usurp the throne and set himself up as king, but was quickly put down when **David** sent **Zadok** the priest, **Nathan** the prophet, **Benaiah** son of **Jehoiada**, the **Kerethites** and the **Pelethites**, and put **Solomon** on the royal throne, his rule firmly established. Then **David** made the preparations for the Temple, made arrangements for the Temple services, prayed, said his last words, and was gathered to his people. He is **Israel's** greatest king and will rule the Jewish branch of government during the messianic Kingdom (see the commentary on **Revelation Fi - The Government of the Messianic Kingdom**).