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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, Psalm 18** and **Psalm 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 **Isra'el'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**).