

## In Search of a King 1-2 SAMUEL

What are we to think of King David?

### 2 Samuel 21-24: A Carefully Crafted Conclusion (a chiasm)

- A. Sin, Wrath and Atonement
- B. Warrior Stories & Philistines
- C. Psalm of David
- C<sub>1</sub>. Last Words of David
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- A<sub>1</sub>. Sin, Wrath and Atonement

2 Samuel 21:1-14

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#### ➤ *Portrayal of David*

##### (1) His pursuit of the Lord

- he was sensitive to the Lord's discipline
- he understood the binding nature and value of a covenant made before the Lord

<sup>13</sup> "This is another thing you do: you cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping and with groaning, because He no longer regards the offering or accepts *it with favor* from your hand.

<sup>14</sup> Yet you say, 'For what reason?' Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

(Malachi 2:13-14)

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#### (2) His execution of justice

- blood-guilt was atoned for by the death of the representative "guilty"
- the Lord's wrath was satisfied through this act of atonement

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#### (3) His display of mercy

- through proper burial he displayed a final act of kindness to the house of Saul
- his mercy, though kind, was very limited in its effect to comfort

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### ➤ *Pointing to the Greater Story*

- (1) A display of the awful penalty of sin and the reality of God's just wrath
- (2) A display of the satisfaction of God's just wrath through substitutionary atonement

<sup>13</sup> Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"—

(Galatians 3:13)

<sup>21</sup> He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

(2 Corinthians 5:21)