**South Forsyth Church**

**Adult Class**

**Summer Quarter 1999**

Class Schedule for “Give Us A King–

The United Kingdom,” Part 1 of 2

Samuel, Kings, Chronicles and Selected Psalms

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| **Lesson** | **Date** | **Topics** | **Waldron Workbook****Pages** | **Biblical Text** |
| 1 Sun | July 4 | Israel Gets Their King | 4 thru most of 7 | I Samuel 8, 9, 10 |
| 2 Wed | July 7 | Saul’s Early Victories and Sin | Bottom of 7 thru most of 15 | I Samuel 11, 12, 13, 14 |
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| 4 Wed | July 14 | Saul Tries to Kill David | 23 thru 28 | I Samuel 18,19,20Psalm 59 |
| 5 Sun | July 18 | David Evades Saul | 29 thru top half of 34 | I Samuel 21, 22Psalm 34, 142, 52 |
| 6 Wed | July 21 | David Spares Saul’s Life | Bottom of 34 thru most of 37 | I Samuel 23, 24Psalm 54, 57 |
| 7 Sun | July 25 | David Marries Abigail, Among the Philistines | Bottom of 37 thru middle of 42  | I Samuel 25, 26, 27I Chronicles 12:1-18Psalm 63 |
| 8 Wed | July 28 | The Death of Saul & Jonathan | Middle of 42 thru 47 | I Samuel 28, 29, 30I Chronicles 12:19-22I Chronicles 10:1-14 |
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| 17 Sun | Aug 29 | Ammon’s Sin with Tamar and Absalom’s Revenge | Most of 80 thru most of 83 | II Samuel 13, 14 |
| 18 Wed | Sept 1 | Absalom’s Reconciliation and Treachery Against David | Bottom of 83 thru most of 86 | II Samuel 14:25 - 15:37 |
| 19 Sun | Sept 5 | Hushai and Ahithophel | Bottom of 86 thru half of 90 | II Samuel 16, 17Psalm 3 |
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🕮 lesson 1 - Sunday/July 4, 1999: *Israel Gets Their King*

*First, read I Samuel 8, 9, 10. Then read the workbook, pages 4 thru most of 7.*

1. How had the people of Israel rejected God, as He described in 8:7? What had they done?
2. List at least five of the warnings that God had Samuel tell the people about their new king.
3. In what ways does I Samuel 8:19 sound like some Christians? How does it sound like the world?
4. List Saul’s physical characteristics as given here. List his spiritual characteristics as given here.
5. Retell how Saul came to be in Zuph.
6. Write down what God said to Samuel about Saul. How does this differ from the Judges?
7. What did Samuel do and say to Saul? What was Saul’s reaction to Samuel’s words?
8. What did Saul and Samuel do later that evening?
9. Describe Saul’s annointment.
10. What did Samuel prophesy concerning Saul?
11. According to 10:9, what happened to Saul? What does this tell you about his “heart”?
12. Why was the proverb of 10:11 so ironic? Or was it ironic?
13. What did Samuel tell the people at Mizpah that God had to say about their new king?
14. Describe how the new king was presented to the people of Israel, including the reactions of Saul and the people.
15. What was Saul’s reaction to those of Israel who rejected him as king?

🕮 lesson 2 - Wed/July 7, 1999: *Saul’s Early Victories & Sin*

*First, read I Samuel 11-14. Then read the workbook, bottom of page 7 thru most of 15.*

1. Why did the men of Jabesh Gilead send messengers throughout Israel?
2. Why was Saul’s cutting his ox in pieces and sending it throughout Israel so ironic?
3. How many turned out at Saul’s call, and what message did he send to Jabesh Gilead?
4. What did the men of Jabesh Gilead say to Nahash the Ammonite?
5. How great was the victory? Describe the feelings of the people, of Saul, and of Samuel afterwards.
6. Chapter 12 is Samuel’s final sermon to all of the people of Israel, after the battle with Ammon. How great must have been their fear of Nahash, according to his words? What “great thing” did Samuel do? Bonus question: what made his sign so unusual and so terrible?
7. In 12:19-25, the people asked Samuel to pray for them. What did he say in turn?
8. How long did Saul reign before building a standing army? What nation did he first attack?
9. What was the reaction of the nation he attacked? How big of an army did they send?
10. Describe what led up to Saul’s offering the sacrifice. What did Samuel tell him was the result?
11. How were the Philistines able to keep iron weapons from Israel. Why was this significant?
12. What was Saul’s curse?
13. What’s the significance of Jonathan’s statement in 14:6? What does this tell you?
14. Describe how Jonathan and his armorbearer killed 20 Philistines.
15. How did God help him in the Philistine panic, and describe the panic.
16. What did Saul and Jonathan say about Jonathan’s transgression of Saul’s vow? The people?
17. According to the scripture, how “successful” was Saul militarily as king?

🕮 lesson 3 - Sunday/July 11, 1999: *Saul Rejected, David Annointed*

*First, read I Samuel 15,16,17 and Psalm 23. Then read the workbook, bottom of page 15 thru 22.*

1. What did Samuel tell Saul that God commanded concerning Amalek? Be specific.
2. How many men did Saul gather, and why did he allow the Kenites to leave the area?
3. What did Saul and his army do to Amalek, and what did God say to Samuel about it?
4. Try to put yourself in God’s shoes. Why was God so aggrieved about this?
5. What was Samuel’s reaction to God’s words? The next morning, what was told him about Saul?
6. Retell the sad, almost humorous conversation between Samuel and Saul at Carmel in 15: 13-17.
7. Do you think that Saul really did think that he had done the will of the Lord? Justify your answer.
8. Whose God did Saul refer to God as in 15:21? What does this tell you about Saul’s relationship with God?
9. When faced with his sin and his kingdom being taken away, what was Saul’s reaction?
10. What did Samuel tell Saul about God’s nature when Saul tore Samuel’s robe as he turned away?
11. What was Saul’s concern in 15:30? What did Samuel tell Agag before he killed him?
12. What was God’s reaction to Samuel’s mourning over Saul? What did God command?
13. What was Samuel’s worry? What conclusions do you draw from this?
14. What was the reaction of Bethlehem to Samuel’s arrival? What was his reply?
15. Apply what you learn in 16:6-7 to you and me today.
16. Retell how David was anointed as King of Israel by Samuel.
17. How was it that David came before Saul to play the harp?
18. How did Saul feel towards David as a result of this?
19. How was it that Israel came to battle Goliath and the Philistines?
20. Describe Goliath and his weaponry.
21. What was Goliath’s challenge? What was Israel’s reaction? How many days did this happen?
22. What was David’s reaction to Goliath?
23. What was Eliab’s reaction to David’s words? What did David tell Saul in turn?
24. What tools did David select to kill Goliath, and what lessons do you draw from this?
25. What was Goliath’s reaction to David?
26. What did David say in kind?
27. What happened?

🕮 lesson 4 - Wed/July 14, 1999: *Saul Tries to Kill David*

*First, read I Samuel 18-20 and Psalm 59. Then read the workbook pages 23-38.*

1. Why do you think that Jonathan loved David? What was the significance of his giving David his personal items, especially his armor and sword?
2. How long did it take for Saul to become envious of David, and what caused it?
3. What caused Saul to try to kill David, then “remove him from his presence” (18:13)?
4. Why did Israel and Judah love David?
5. How did Michal come to be David’s wife?
6. What dowry did Saul demand and how did David fulfill it?
7. Describe the discussion between Jonathan and Saul concerning David.
8. After David returned to be with Saul, what caused Saul to again try to pin him with the spear?
9. What did Michal do to save David’s life? What did she tell Saul that David said?
10. Why do you think that David took refuge with Samuel, rather than Jesse?
11. What happened to Saul’s messengers (soldiers sent to arrest David)?
12. Tell what happened to Saul on his arrival in Ramah.
13. What covenant did David and Jonathan make?
14. What sign did they agree upon to communicate Saul’s feelings towards David?
15. What was Saul’s reaction to Jonathan’s entreaties concerning David?
16. What sign did Jonathan give David, and as they wept, what was their covenant?
17. Read Psalm 59. Describe what David must has observed as Saul’s assassins lay in ambush.
18. What did David pray for God to do concerning this?
19. Name at least four of the things that David calls God (example., “O my Strength”) in this Psalm.

🕮 lesson 5 - Sunday/July 18, 1999: *David Evades Saul*

*First, read I Samuel 21 & 22, Psalm 34, 142,52. Then read the workbook, 29 thru top half of 34.*

1. What lie did David tell Ahimelech? Since David was “after God’s own heart,” what do you think?
2. Where in the New Testament is David’s eating the show bread discussed? What is taught there?
3. Why did David make it a point to show that his men were holy, were consecrated?
4. Who was Doeg the Edomite, and what did he report to Saul?
5. What was the significance of David taking Goliath’s sword?
6. Thought question: why wasn’t Ahimelech suspicious of David? Were these actions normal?
7. Where did David flee to, and why did David feign madness in their king’s presence?
8. Who went with David to the cave of Adullam? How many men (of war) did he gather there?
9. Why would David put his father and mother in the protection of the king of Moab?
10. Who told David to leave the stronghold and go to Judah?
11. What salutation did Saul give his men when he heard about David? What does this tell you about those closest to him?
12. Describe the conversation between Saul and Ahimalech.
13. Why wouldn’t Saul’s guards kill the priests? How many did Doeg kill, and what else did he do?
14. Who escaped to tell David, and what was David’s reaction to the news?
15. Read Psalm 34. List at least three key points that David makes concerning trust.
16. Read Psalm 142. Describe in *only* three words how David was feeling as he wrote this Psalm.
17. Read Psalm 52. Can you think of any contemporary characters that come to mind? According to this, what would God do to Doeg? What were Doeg’s chief weaknesses?

🕮 lesson 6 - Wed/July 21, 1999: *David Spares Saul’s Life*

*First, read I Samuel 23-24 and Psalm 54 & 57. Then read the workbook, bottom of 34 thru most of 37.*

1. What caused David to go to Keilah, and what occurred in the battle there?
2. When David found out Saul had mounted an expedition against him, what two inquiries did he make?
3. Describe how David and Jonathan came to meet in the wilderness of Ziph. What did Jonathan tell David?
4. Re-tell the conversation between Saul and the Ziphites.
5. How did the Lord save David and his followers in the wilderness of Maon?
6. To where did David next take his followers to live?
7. Describe how David was able to cut off a corner of Saul’s robe, and what David told his men.
8. When Saul leaves the cave and returns to his men, David emerges from the cave and calls out to Saul. In a poignant speech, David shows Saul the corner of the robe he cut, proving his true intentions. List at least six points David makes to Saul.
9. David’s words affect Saul strongly. What does he call David, and what does he acknowledge?
10. What does Saul ask David to swear to do, and why was this significant?
11. Read Psalm 54. Who are the “strangers” mentioned here? The “oppressors”?
12. What does David say that neither had done, and what does he say that God will do as a result?
13. Read Psalm 57. Describe at least one of the metaphors that David uses, and parallel it with Saul.
14. What does David say here about God’s mercy and His truth?

🕮 lesson 7 - Sunday/July 25, 1999: *David Marries Abigail*

*Read I Samuel 25-27, I Chron 12:1-18 and Psalm 63 and the workbook bottom of 37 thru middle of 42.*

1. Why did the death of Samuel signify the end of an important Biblical era? Where was he buried?
2. What request did David make of Nabal, and what was his response?
3. What did Abigail’s servant tell her happened, and what did he say about Nabal?
4. In your opinion, is Nabal like most rich people? Why, or why not?
5. What did Abigail do to save the situation, and what words did she speak to David?
6. What did David tell Abigail his plans had been concerning Nabal, and why?
7. What was Nabal’s reaction when he found out what happened? How did David receive the news?
8. Who else became David’s wife? What became of Michal, daughter of Saul?
9. Describe the second time that David spared Saul’s life.
10. What did David call himself when he called out to Saul? What did Saul say in response?
11. Why did David decide to move to Philistia? Which wives went with him? Which did not?
12. What city was given David, and how long did he live there?
13. What lie did David tell Achish, king of Gath? What did Acish think accordingly?
14. In I Chronicles 12:1-18, why do you think these men came to side with David? What did they have in common?
15. In Psalm 63, David uses a beautiful metaphor to describe how he felt about God. Why would these be appropriate to a soldier and a wanderer? Explain verses 6-8.

🕮 lesson 8 - Wed/July 28, 1999: *The Deaths of Saul & Jonathan*

*Read I Sam 28-30, I Chron 12:19-22 & 10:1-14; workbook middle of page 42 thru 47.*

1. Why did Achish think that David would go to war with them against Saul?
2. Where did the Philistines encamp? Where did Israel encamp?
3. What methods did Saul use to inquire of the Lord? What was the Lord’s answer?
4. Describe how the woman of En Dor discovered that her visitor was Saul.
5. What did Saul ask Samuel?
6. List at least five of the points that Samuel gave Saul in answer.
7. What was Saul’s reaction to Samuel’s words? What did the woman of En Dor say?
8. What did she do for Saul?
9. Where did the Philistines next encamp? Where did Israel next encamp?
10. Why wouldn’t the other Philistine leaders allow David and his men in the upcoming battle?
11. What had happened at Ziklag while David and his men were away? What was the reaction of the people? What was David’s reaction?
12. Describe how David and his men inquired of the Lord and used local “intelligence” to find their families.
13. How did David re-take their families and their posessions?
14. Describe how David dealt with those who had remained behind. What was David’s key point?
15. What did David do on his return to Ziklag?

*Bonus: After reading the accounts in I Chronicles, take Israel’s temperature towards David. What do you think the average citizen thought of David and of Saul?*

🕮 lesson 9 - Sunday/August 1, 1999: *David Becomes King in Hebron*

*Read I Samuel 31 thru II Samuel 2, workbook pages 46 thru 1/3 of page 51.*

1. How was Saul wounded? How did he die?
2. Who died that day?
3. How did the Philistines come to take over many of Israel’s cities?
4. What did the Philistines do with the body of Saul and with his armor?
5. What did the men of Jabesh Gilead do? Why would they do this for Saul?
6. How long after David’s return to Ziklag did he find out about the death of Saul? How did he find out?
7. What was the reaction of David to the news? Why?
8. Who is David currently aligned with politically? What did he say about his allies in Song of the Bow?
9. What did David say about the love that he and Jonathan had for each other? Why?
10. How did David come to live in Hebron, and who anointed him King? How long did he reign?
11. What did David tell the men of Jabesh Giliad?
12. Who made Ishbosheth King of Israel? How old was Ishbosheth when he became King?
13. Describe how Joab and Abner’s men came to fight each other. What happened?
14. Describe the death of Asahel.
15. What did Abner say to Joab to cause him to stop pursuing him?
16. How many of Joab’s men were killed? Abner’s?
17. When did Joab and his men arrive back at Hebron?

🕮 lesson 10 - Wed/August 4, 1999: *Abner & Ish-Bothesh Murdered*

*Read II Samuel 3-4, workbook pages 51 thru most of 53.*

1. What led up to the “long war” between the houses of Saul and David?
2. List the sons born to David during this time with their mothers. What problems do you think this caused?
3. What were the key points in Abner’s rebuke of Ishbosheth regarding Rizpah? Your thoughts?
4. Why do you suppose (guesses ok!!) that Abner sent messengers to David?
5. Why did David demand Michal back as his wife, and how was she returned to David?
6. Describe the communications between Abner and the elders of Israel. What do you observe from this?
7. What did Joab say was Abner’s real reason for coming to visit with David?
8. What did Joab next do, without David’s knowledge?
9. How (and why) did Joab murder Abner?
10. What curse did David bring on Joab? What did David command be done? According to law, what should David have done about it?
11. List three of the things that David did to show his mourning for Abner. What was the people’s reaction?
12. Describe how Mephibosheth became lame.
13. Describe how Ishbosheth was murdered.
14. What did the murderers bring to David? What did he order done, and why?

🕮 lesson 11 - Sunday/August 8, 1999: *David King of All Israel*

*Read II Samuel 5, I Chronicles 11, 12 & 14, Psalm 30; workbook pages 53 thru middle of page 57.*

1. What incident prompted the tribes of Israel to come to David at Hebron?
2. What three reasons did they give for recognizing David as King? (thought: but why not earlier?)
3. Timeline question: how old was David when he first reigned over just Judah? All of Israel?
4. What was David’s first action as king, and why did the Jebusites believe that he wouldn’t prevail?
5. Describe how the city of Jerusalem was taken.
6. What caused the Philistines to go to war against Israel, and what was the outcome?
7. What did David order be done to the Philistine ‘gods’ captured?
8. What did God command David do in the second battle, and what was the outcome?
9. Why wouldn’t David drink the water from the well he had longed for?
10. In reading the exploits of the “famous men” of I Chronicles 11-12, what thoughts come to your mind?
11. Thought: why do you think that Hiram helped David by sending materials and craftsmen?
12. Read Psalm 30. What was it that “troubled” David? How could this happen?
13. Describe key words that stand out to you in this Psalm.

🕮 lesson 12 - Wed/Aug 11, 1999: *David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem*

*Read II Samuel 6, I Chron 13, 15 & 16, Psalm 105 & 24; workbook pages middle of 57 thru most of 61.*

1. Who did David consult with to bring the ark back? How many did they gather?
2. Describe the happy scene of transport via the oxcart. Draw parallels with today’s religious practices.
3. What unexpected thing happened, and why?
4. What was David’s reaction?
5. How did David next move the ark? What does this tell you that he had done in the interim period?
6. Where did they place the ark? Again, what does this tell you that David had been doing?
7. Describe the scene between David and Michal. Do you think this conversation took place publicly, or privately? Why do you think this?
8. Briefly describe what David set up regarding the worship before the Lord. What does this tell you about his kingship and his attitude?

🕮 lesson 13 - Sun/Aug 15, 1999: *David Offers to Build God a House*

*Read II Samuel 7, I Chronicles 17, Psalm 89 & 132; workbook pages 61-65.*

1. Why do you believe David’s motives were in wanting to build a temple?
2. What did Nathan originally tell David? What did God instruct Nathan to tell David concerning His nature?
3. What did God tell Nathan to tell David that He had done for him?
4. Rather than have David build Him a house, what did God tell David that He would do for him?
5. What conditions did God set concerning this promise?
6. List three or more of the key points of David’s prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God.
7. Read Psalm 89. Who wrote this Psalm, and why does it belong here?
8. Put yourself in their shoes. From what you read in this Psalm, why would these promises of God cause such wonder in the infant nation of Israel?
9. List four or more adjectives that David is called (or will be called) by God in this Psalm.
10. List three or more adjectives that God is called in this Psalm.
11. Read Psalm 132. What vow did David make in this Psalm? Why wasn’t this considered a rash vow?
12. Describe the promise of God as told in this Psalm.

🕮 lesson 14 - Wed/Aug 18, 1999: *David Subdues His Enemies*

*Read II Samuel 8-9, I Chronicles 18, Psalm 16,110,60; workbook pages 66 thru top of 73.*

1. David attacked and subdued the Philistines. How was this different from the last battles?
2. What did David do to the defeated Moabites?
3. Who did David defeat to “recover” land to the Euphrates? What does this phrase mean?
4. Who came to assist Zobah? What happened to each of them?
5. Why did Toi send his son to greet and bless David? What did he bring with him?
6. What did David do with the spoils?
7. List the places that David established garrisons.
8. List David’s “cabinet” (war, priests, recorder, etc) as given in II Samuel and I Chronicles.
9. Describe how David came to send for Mephibosheth.
10. Describe the meeting between them.
11. Read Psalm 16. Where is this Psalm quoted in the New Testament, and in what context?
12. Read Psalm 110. List the passages where it’s quoted in the NT, and the context in each.
13. Read Psalm 60, the Psalm written when he defeated Mesopotamia, Syria, and Joab defeated Edom. Why doesn’t this Psalm sound victorious? Why do you think David (through the Holy Spirit) wrote these words, rather than words of victory and of pleasure?

🕮 lesson 15 - Sun/Aug 22, 1999: *War With Ammon; David’s Sin*

*II Samuel 10-12, I Chronicles 19, workbook most of page 73 thru half of 77.*

1. What foolish thing did Hanun, son of Nahash, King of Ammon do to David’s emissaries?
2. On their return, what did David tell the emissaries to do?
3. What did the Ammonites do in preparation for war with Israel?
4. Describe the outlay before the battle- how Israel and her enemies were situated.
5. What happened in this first battle?
6. What happened in the one to immediately follow?
7. Describe the circumstances which led to David and Bathsheba committing adultery.
8. Describe what David had to do in heart and in action to commit adultery. Bathsheba?
9. Describe how David tried to cover his sin by using Uriah. Describe Uriah’s actions.
10. What did David command Joab? What happened to Uriah?
11. What messages did Joab send back to David?
12. What did Bathsheba and David do when she found out about Uriah?
13. Re-tell the parable that Nathan told David. Did Nathan tell it as a parable?
14. What was David’s reaction to the parable?
15. What did Nathan say in turn to David about the blessings God had given- and of David’s sin?
16. What did Nathan prophesy to David would be the consequence of his sins?
17. What was David’s reaction to Nathan’s words? What did Nathan say in response?
18. How long did David fast and pray? Why did David arise and worship when the child died?

***Thought question: why do you think that David was a changed person after this?***🕮 lesson 16 - Wed/Aug 25, 1999: *The Psalms of Sin & Forgiveness*

*Read in the following order: Psalms 38, 51 & 32; workbook last half of page 77 thru top of 80.*

1. Read Psalm 38, possibly written while David was praying after his sin with Bathsheba was named. List three analogies David describes about God’s displeasure with him in the first eight verses.
2. Why wasn’t David concerned about those who would help him and those who lay in wait for him?
3. What makes Psalm 38:17-20 key in our own relationship with God?
4. Read all of Psalm 51 before answering this question. From what you read here and in our study in II Samuel, did God forgive David’s sins or “roll the sins forward”? Support your arguments with scripture.
5. Knowing what all he had done, how could David say “Against You, You only have I sinned”?
6. What great teaching is there for the Christian in 51:6? Why?
7. Read Psalm 51:7-13. Explain the two references to God’s “Spirit” in this Psalm.
8. Read Psalm 51:14-19. List at least three wonderful teachings that are there for Godly people today.
9. Read Psalm 32, *The Joy of Forgiveness*. Explain David’s thoughts from 32:1-2, in light of his sin.
10. In Psalm 32:3-5, contrast his innermost feelings before and after confession. Why?
11. What does David say he will teach us in this Psalm? How does this work?
12. Contrast what he says will happen to the wicked and the righteous. Give examples today.

*Thought question: In light of these Psalms, why does God allow the righteous to suffer indignities and death at the hands of evil men?*

🕮 lesson 17 - Sun/Aug 29, 1999: *Ammon’s Sin, Absalom’s Revenge*

*II Samuel 13 & 14; workbook most of page 80 thru most of 83.*

1. Read all of II Samuel 13 & 14. (If you try to shortcut this step, it won’t work!) What problems do you think were at the root of Amnon’s sin with Tamar?
2. What relation was Amnon & Tamar? Tamar & Absalom? Amnon & Jonadab? Tamar & Jonadab?
3. What advice did Jonadab give Amnon?
4. What did Amnon do when Tamar came to him? What 4 things did she tell Amnon about his demand?
5. What did he order done after he raped her? What did she do in reaction?
6. What advice did Absalom give Tamar? What did David do about it? *Why!?*
7. What plot did Absolom make against Amnon, and what then happened?
8. What word came back to David originally? Who told David what really happened? How is this ironic?
9. What was the reaction of David and his sons when they were reunited? What does this tell you?
10. What plot did Joab hatch to bring back Absalom?
11. Re-tell the conversation between the woman of Tekoa and David.
12. In 14:18-21, what did David ask her, in turn, and what was her answer?
13. What did David order concerning Absalom?
14. Why, in your opinion, did Joab want Absalom back?

🕮 lesson 18 - Wed/Sept 1, 1999: *Absalom’s Reconciliation & Treachery*

*II Samuel 14:25-15:37; workbook bottom of page 83 thru most of 86.*

1. Describe Absalom’s appearance.
2. Describe his children. How long did he live in Jerusalem without seeing David?
3. What did Absalom do to be reunited with his father? What did David do on their reunion?
4. Thought: How was Absalom able to provide himself with chariots and horsemen?
5. What evil did Absalom do to win the favor of the people of Israel? Ok- how do politicians do this today?
6. What lie did Absalom tell David about going to Hebron?
7. What instructions did Absalom give his servants throughout the country?
8. How was David and his servants able to make their escape from Jerusalem?
9. Who left with David, and who was left behind?
10. Describe the conversation between David and Ittai the Gittite.
11. Why did David send the ark back to Jerusalem?
12. What instructions did David give Zadok?
13. Why did David walk barefoot with his head covered? What was the significance?
14. Why was Ahithophel’s defection to Absalom such bad news?
15. Why did David send Hushai the Archite back to Jerusalem?

🕮 lesson 19 - Sun/Sept 5, 1999: *Hushai & Ahithophel*

*II Samuel 16 & 17; workbook bottom of 86 thru half of 90.*

1. Who met David on the other side of the mountain with food and drink? What would he have to have done to have done this? What does this say about his character?
2. According to Ziba, why was Mephibosheth staying in Jerusalem? What did David tell Ziba?
3. Who was Shimei and what evil did he do?
4. What did Shimei call David and what did he say about David?
5. What did Abishai say about Shimei, and what was David’s response?
6. What good did David see in the evil that had befallen him?
7. Meanwhile… back at Jerusalem, Hushai greets Absalom with “Long live the king!”. Absalom’s response?
8. What reasons did Hushai give Absalom for his not going with David, his long-time friend?
9. Absalom asks advice of Ahithophel. What did he advise? What was his reasoning?
10. What did Absalom do?
11. In Chapter 17, what advice did Ahithophel give concerning the pursuit of David? How was it received?
12. According to Hushai, this was bad advice. What reasons did he give? What alternate plan did he offer?
13. Whose advice was taken? Why? How was the message sent to David?
14. Describe how Jonathan and Ahimaaz escaped from Absalom’s men.
15. Describe how Ahithophel committed suicide. Why?
16. Whom did Absalom appoint over his army? Who was he?
17. Who brought supplies for David’s army? Describe what was brought.

🕮 lesson 20 - Wed/Sept 8, 1999: *Absalom Defeated, David Mourns*

*II Samuel 18 & 19; workbook bottom of page 90 thru 2/3 of page 94..*

1. David prepared himself for battle against his son. How did he divide his army?
2. Why wouldn’t the people let David fight in the battle? What did David order concerning Absalom?
3. What happened in the battle?
4. How was Absalom caught in the terebinth tree
5. Re-tell the conversation between Joab and the man that discovered Absalom.
6. What did Joab and his armor bearers do?
7. What did they do with Absalom’s body? Why had Absalom erected a monument to himself?
8. In your opinion, why didn’t Joab want Ahimaaz to tell David the news?
9. What did Ahimaaz tell David concerning the outcome of the battle? The outcome of Absalom?
10. What did the Cushite tell David? How did David react to the news?
11. Why was it good for David to mourn for Absalom the way he did?
12. What did Joab tell David he was doing wrong, and what he must do?
13. What did David do to bring back the hearts of those who had rebelled against him?
14. What did Shimei tell David, and what was David’s response?
15. How do we know that Mephibosheth was really David’s ally during the rebellion?
16. What did Mephibosheth say Ziba had actually done? What did David order, and why?
17. Describe the conversation between David and Barzillai.
18. What dispute arose between Judah and Israel concerning David? What was this indicative of?

🕮 lesson 21 - Sun/Sept 12, 1999: *Selected Psalms*

*Workbook page 161 thru half of 164, Psalms 11, 13, 16, 18, 25*

1. Read Psalm 11. Explain verses 1-3.
2. How does the Lord “test the righteous”?
3. Read Psalm 13. What are David’s questions?
4. What is David’s request of God, and why?
5. Read Psalm 16. Explain verses 2-3.
6. What other gods do Christians run after today, and how are their sorrows multiplied?
7. What are the Messianic prophesies of Psalm 16, and where are they explained in the New Testament?
8. Read Psalm 18. When did David write this Psalm? What did David call God in the first 3 verses?
9. List what David said he had to face in his darkest hour.
10. Describe what God, in turn, did for David in verses 7-19.
11. Describe David’s righteousness as listed in this Psalm. Why would David’s fall be so hard on him?
12. In 16:25-27, David paints an interesting picture of the nature of God to all men. Describe it today!
13. Parallel 16:35 with 16:37-45. Why are these parallel passages?
14. Read Psalm 25. If you could only use a one-word title for this Psalm, what would it be?
15. What are David’s pleas for, and how do they parallel ours?
16. What is the secret of the Lord? Explain this.
17. Finally, what pleas do David make at the end of the Psalm?

🕮 lesson 22 - Wed/Sept 15, 1999: *Selected Psalms*

*Workbook half of page 164 thru half of page 167, Psalms 8, 19, 104, 105*

1. Read Psalm 8. What was set “above” the heavens, and what does this mean?
2. What attributes does David attribute to God in this Psalm?
3. What attributes does David attribute to man in this Psalm?
4. Read Psalm 19. In verses 1-6, David says there are obvious proofs to anyone. Imagine you’re having a discussion with a friend, and rather use a Biblical proof, you wish to do as is said here.
5. What is the Law of the Lord called? How?
6. What about the testimony? How?
7. The statutes? How?
8. The commandment? How?
9. The fear? How?
10. The judgments? How?
11. Lastly, what two earthly examples are these compared to be better than?
12. What are “secret faults”?
13. What are “presumptuous sins”?
14. How can sins have “dominion over” us?
15. Lastly, describe the importance of Psalm 19:14.
16. Read Psalm 104. Describe six or more things that God does for His creation.
17. Read all of Psalm 115. Why, according to this Psalm, are any of mans’ idols futility?
18. Describe three idols that men and women worship today.

🕮 lesson 23 - Sun/Sept 19, 1999: *Selected Psalms*

*Workbook half of page 167 thru half of 169, Psalms 1, 14, 37, 73 & 112.*

1. Read Psalm 1. In modern language, re-describe verse 1.
2. In today’s busy times, how can we meditate day and night in God’s law?
3. Explain Psalm 1:3. What does this mean?
4. Can you think of any situations you’ve personally seen (or lived) as described in Psalm 1:4-5?
5. Read Psalm 14. Why is it foolish to say, “There is no God.”?
6. According to this Psalm, how does God judge the hearts of men while they walk the earth?
7. How do the workers of iniquity “eat up my people as they eat bread”? What does this mean?
8. Lastly, what is meant by verses 5-7?
9. Read Psalm 37. What does it mean to “trust”, “dwell”, “delight”, “commit”, and “rest” in the Lord?
10. What fate do evildoers and the wicked eventually face?
11. What is meant by Psalm 37:11-15?
12. Finally, what observations does David make as an old man looking back?
13. Read Psalm 73. What sins seem to go hand-in-hand with the wicked?
14. And yet, their destruction comes “in a moment”. Why is this?
15. What does David contrast with the failure of man’s flesh and heart?
16. Read Psalm 112. What earthly blessings do those who fear the Lord enjoy?
17. What spiritual blessings do those that fear God enjoy?

🕮 lesson 24 - Wed/Sept 22, 1999: *Selected Psalms*

*Workbook half of page 169 thru top of page 171, Psalm 49, 72, 75, 90.*

1. Read Psalm 49, *The Confidence of the Foolish*. What are “the days of evil”?
2. What can those that trust in riches not do?
3. How do those that trust in wealth look upon their wealth, their homes and their lands?
4. Explain verses 18-19 in light of then and now.
5. Read Psalm 72, *The Glory and Universality of the Messiah’s Reign*, a Psalm of Solomon. How will He judge the people, the poor, the children and the oppressor?
6. Explain the portions of the Psalm relating to His dominion. When?
7. What about His name? How will men be blessed in Him?
8. Read Psalm 75, *Thanksgiving for God’s Righteous Judgment*. When will God judge? Give New Testament scripture to support your answer, with additional explanation.
9. Explain verses 4-8.
10. Read Psalm 90, *The Eternity of God, and Man’s Frailty*, a Prayer of Moses. How has God been “our dwelling place for all generations”? Explain.
11. Explain 90:4-6.
12. What does it mean to set *“our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.”*?
13. How long does man live, according to this? Yet, what is our “boast” while on earth?
14. Explain verse 12.
15. Explain 90:13-15.

🕮 lesson 25 - Sun/Sept 26, 1999: *Selected Psalms*

*Workbook pages 171-175, Psalms as assigned in workbook.*

🕮 lesson 26 - Wed/ September, 1999: *Review*

1. List at least five of the warnings that God had Samuel tell the people about their new king.
2. What sin did Saul commit which caused his lineage to be rejected by God?
3. What sin did Saul commit which caused God to reject him as king and decide to replace him?
4. What did David say on hearing Goliath’s challenge to Israel?
5. While meeting David’s brothers, what did God tell Samuel about how He selected men?
6. Describe the spiritual characteristics of Samuel, Saul, Jonathan and David.
7. What covenant did David make with Jonathan? What did David do to keep this in later years?
8. Describe some of the misery that Saul put David and his followers through over the years.
9. How did Saul die?
10. How long did David reign over just Judah? Over all of Israel?
11. What sins did David commit concerning Bathsheba?
12. What did God tell David He would do because of David’s sins? How were each of these carried out?
13. What sins of Joab are recorded in the text during David’s reign?
14. What five reasons did Tamar give to her brother for him not committing fornication with her?
15. How did Absalom win the hearts of the people? How did David act during and after the rebelllion?