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Chart from recommended resource Jensen's Survey of the OT - used by permission
2 Samuel Chart from Charles Swindoll

Timeline of the Books of Samuel, Kings & Chronicles									
1107	1011				971	931	853	722	586
1 Samuel	2 Samuel				1 Kings	1 Kings	2 Kings		
31	1-4	5-10	11-20	21-24	1-11	12-22	1-17	18-25	
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Legend: B.C. dates at top of timeline are approximate. Note that 931BC marks the division of the Kingdom into Southern Tribes (Judah and Benjamin) and Ten Northern Tribes. To avoid confusion be aware that **after the division** of the Kingdom in 931BC, the Southern Kingdom is most often designated in Scripture as "**Judah**" and the Northern Kingdom as "**Israel**." Finally, note that 1 Chronicles 1-9 is not identified on the timeline because these chapters are records of genealogy.



Map of David's Kingdom-[ESV Global](#)

Map of Cities in 2 Samuel

ARCHIVE.ORG BOOKS AVAILABLE TO BORROW OR READ

Explanation - The following list includes not only commentaries but other Christian works by well known evangelical writers. Most of the resources below are newer works (written after 1970) which previously were available only for purchase in book form or in a Bible computer program. The resources are made freely available by archive.org but have several caveats - (1) they do not allow copy and paste, (2) they can only be checked out for one hour (but can be checked out immediately when your hour expires giving you time to read or take notes on a lengthy section) and (3) they require creating an account which allows you to check out the books free of charge. To set up an account click archive.org and then click the picture of the person in right upper corner and enter email and a password. That's all you have to do. Then you can read these more modern resources free of charge! I have read or used many of these resources but not all of them so ultimately you will need to be a Berean (Acts 17:11+) as you use them. I have also selected works that are conservative and Biblically sound. If you find one that you think does not meet those criteria please send an email at <https://www.preceptaustin.org/contact>. The resources are listed in alphabetical order by the author's last name and some include reviews of the particular resource.

[David, a Heart for God](#) by Briscoe, D. Stuart

[Looking on the Heart](#) (Volume 2 - 1 Samuel 15-31) by Davis, Dale Ralph [A Study of 1 Samuel \(21-Part MP3 Series\) 2 Kings : the power and the fury](#) by Davis, Dale Ralph

Cyril Barber - Combines history and theology in his description of the events surrounding Israel's first two kings.

[The Communicator's Commentary: 1, 2 Samuel](#) by Chafin, Kenneth (Now published as The Preacher's Commentary)

James Rosscup says this is part of "A 12-vol. set done by 12 men selected for unusual ability to show the Bible is alive in biblical exposition, with spiritual refreshment and insight. The authors seek to combine scholarship on biblical meaning, illustrations to spark applications, and outlines."

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[1 & 2 Samuel](#) by Gordon, R. P

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[1, 2 Samuel : Bible study commentary](#) by Vos, Howard Frederic,

James Roscup - Vos was Professor of History and Archaeology, King's College, Briarcliff Manor, New York, In this conservative work he gives a long outline at the outset, then incorporates this in his survey of I and 2 Samuel. For many Bible teachers, preachers, and lay people the exposition helpfully sums up what is said and some implications. It offers brief explanation of some main problems, such as the number judged at Beth Shemesh in I Samuel 6:19ff. and how to fill in the number of Saul's years in 13:1.

[Samuel](#) -1 & 2 Samuel by Payne, David

[The Birth of a Kingdom : Studies in I-II Samuel and I Kings 1-11](#) - John James Davis

[Israel : from conquest to exile : a commentary on Joshua-2 Kings](#)- John James Davis

[David: God's man in faith and failure](#) by Getz, Gene (This book corresponds for the most part to his book "Men of Character: David")

[When you feel like a failure : take a lesson from David](#)by Getz, Gene

[Bible Exposition Commentary - Old Testament](#) - Warren Wiersbe - Always worth checking

[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe - chapter by chapter summaries

[Wiersbe's expository outlines on the Old Testament](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W

"Even the most difficult Scriptures come alive as Warren Wiersbe leads you book-by-book through the Old Testament and helps you to see the "big picture" of God's revelation. In this unique volume, you will find: • Introductions and/or outlines for every Old Testament book • Practical expositions of strategic chapters • Special studies on key topics, relating the Old Testament to the New Testament • Easy-to-understand expositions that are practical, preachable, and teachable If you have used Dr. Wiersbe's popular BE series, you know how simple and practical his Bible studies are, with outlines that almost teach themselves. If not, you can now discover a wonderful new resource. This work is a unique commentary on every book of the Old Testament. It contains new material not to be found in the BE series.

[2 Samuel](#) by Barron, Robert, Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible

[The Second book of Samuel : commentary](#) and [The first book of Samuel](#) by Ackroyd, Peter -

James Rosscup - An attempt to meet general readers' needs. The approach is mildly critical. Ackroyd has a clear writing style and often is of help on the reading of a given text, historical setting, customs and explanation of the passage. The work is cursory.

[Desiring God's own Heart](#) -1 & 2 Samuel/1 Chronicles by Arthur, Kay

[1 & 2 Samuel : a self-study guide](#) by Jensen, Irving

[1 & 2 Second Samuel - Shepherd's Notes](#) by Bergen, Robert D - Not very detailed but occasional interesting insights.

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[The Prophets of Israel](#) - Leon Wood - 405 pages (1979)

James Rosscup - A thoroughly conservative work, very clearly written, in two sections, prophetism and the prophets. Wood under the first division goes into the identity, meaning of "to prophesy," function, the Holy Spirit and prophecy, and other aspects. In the second, **he discusses in some detail prophets before Samuel, Samuel, monarchy prophets, and the writing prophets from the ninth century to post-exilic days.** This is a fine book that gives the student or pastor a much better, integrated understanding of the prophets behind the prophetic books.

[KJV Bible Commentary](#) - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT - no restriction on length of time one can use it. No copy and paste. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective- it generally gets 4/5 stars from users.

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective (pre-millennial) _

The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

[NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H. Wayne; Very helpful notes. Conservative.

[ESV Study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) by MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages

Dr. John MacArthur, Jr. - "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen."

Warren Wiersbe - "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word."

[The MacArthur Study Bible](#) - John MacArthur. Brief but well done notes

[The David Jeremiah study bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[Disciple's Study Bible : New international version](#) Not that helpful for verse by verse study. Focuses on application of Christian doctrines. 10,000 annotations; doctrinal summaries, "Life Helps" section relate doctrine to everyday discipleship.

[New Bible Commentary](#) - (1994)

[Explore The Book - Judges to Esther](#) J.Sidlow Baxter:

[The Experiencing God Study Bible : the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#) - Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page! Read some of the

[Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - Charles Pfeiffer - 1560 pages (1962). Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary.

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M. Excellent notes for well known creationist.

[Life application study Bible](#) : New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes.

[Compact Bible commentary](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H Wayne, et al - 954 pages. Multiple contributors to the comments which are often verse by verse. The comments are brief but meaty and can really help your study through a given book. A sleeper in my opinion.

[The Holman illustrated study Bible](#) Includes the excellent Holman maps but otherwise of little help in serious study.

[The Lion handbook to the Bible](#) - (1999) 822 pages. This resource is absolutely loaded with very nice color pictures and charts.

[NIV archaeological Study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

[NIV cultural backgrounds study Bible. bringing to life the ancient world of scripture](#) Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors (2017)

[The NIV study Bible](#) by Barker, Kenneth L; Burdick, Donald W (1995) 2250 pages. Note this is the first edition. [Here is a link to the 2011 version of the NIV Study Bible](#) Note that this resource has been fully revised in 2020.

[The Ryrie study Bible](#) - Charles Ryrie (1978) 2142 pages. Conservative.

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages.

[Harper study Bible : the Holy Bible. Revised Standard Version](#)

[The Jewish Study Bible](#) - Only OT - Interesting Jewish perspective.

[The student Bible : New International Version](#)

[Hebrew-Greek key word study Bible : New international version](#)

[Key word commentary : thoughts on every chapter of the Bible](#) by Water, Mark

[Eerdmans' family encyclopedia of the Bible](#) (1978) 344 pages

[Eerdmans' handbook to the Bible](#) (1983) 688 pages

[Tyndale handbook of Bible charts & maps](#) by Wilson, Neil

[Bible handbook and A-Z bible encyclopedia](#)

[International children's Bible field guide : answering kids' questions from Genesis to Revelation](#) by Richards, Larry

[The illustrated guide to Bible customs & curiosities](#) by Knight, George W. (George William),

[Today's handbook of Bible times & customs](#) by Coleman, William L

[The Shaw pocket Bible handbook](#) - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

[The new Unger's Bible dictionary](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick

[Survey of the Bible : introductory insights, background studies, book-by- book survey](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick

[The Hodder Bible handbook](#) by Unger, Merrill

[Nelson's expository dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill

[Kregel Bible handbook : a full-color guide to every book of the Bible](#) by Kerr, William

[The new encyclopedia of Christian quotations](#) by Water, Mark

[Zondervan handbook to the Bible](#)

[Dictionary of deities and demons in the Bible \(DDD\)](#) - 950 pages (1995) Read some of the. A definitive in depth resource on this subject. Very expensive to purchase.

WORD STUDIES IN OLD TESTAMENT

[Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words](#) - pdf. The old standby. You can also borrow [Vine's complete expository dictionary of Old and New Testament words](#)

[Theological wordbook of the Old Testament](#) by Harris, R. Laird - One of the best OT lexicons for laymen.

[Here is another link to the TWOT](#) which has **no time limit on use** and **does allow copy and paste**. Can be downloaded as PDF.

[Hebrew honey : a simple and deep word study of the Old Testament](#) by Novak, Alfons, (332 pages) Indexed by English words. No Strong's numbers to help you determine if you are researching the correct Hebrew word. Here is a "work around" - go to page 289 and see if there is an annotation of the Scripture you are studying. E.g., say you want to see if there is anything for "heart" in Ezek 11:19. In the Scripture list find an entry for Ezek 11:19 with the English word "Heart." Now go look up "Heart" (on page 123). It does take some effort, but you might glean an insight not described in other Hebrew lexicons.

[Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill. Indexed by English word and then any related Hebrew nouns or verbs. Definitions are solid and geared to the lay person.

[Zondervan NASB exhaustive concordance](#) - 1589 pages

[Analytical concordance to the Holy Bible](#) : containing about 311,000 references, subdivided under the Hebrew and Greek original with the literal meaning and pronunciation of each by Young, Robert,

[Girdlestone's Synonyms of the Old Testament](#) - [click](#) for list of 127 entries

MORE COMMENTARIES AND SERMONS

DON ANDERSON Verse by Verse Teaching Notes Life of David

- David #21: [2 Samuel 20:1 – 21:22](#)
- David #22: [2 Samuel 22:1-51](#)
- David #23: [2 Samuel 23:1 – 24:25](#)
- David #24: [1 Kings 1:1-2:12](#)
- [David Lectures - Mp3's](#) - Link to list of 24 lectures See below for Scriptures covered in each study
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David Study Notes - over 700 pages of notes

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PAUL APPLE 1 Samuel Commentary 189 page Pdf

- [2 Samuel Commentary](#)

ALBERT BARNES- Commentary

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

BRIAN BELL - Sermons - often has very helpful insights

- [II Samuel 21:1-14 Love Ignites Love](#)
- [II Samuel 21:15-22 Giant Killer Begats Giant Killer](#)

BENSON BIBLE COMMENTARY

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

ROBERT BERGEN - two resources that can be borrowed

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- [2 Samuel 21](#)

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- [Search of their excellent site for 2 Samuel Resources](#)

JIM BOMKAMP - Sermons

- [2 Samuel 20-21 The Revolt Of Sheba / Justice For The Gibeonites](#)

CAMBRIDGE BIBLE COMMENTARY

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

ALAN CARR - SERMONS

RICH CATHERS

- [2 Samuel 21:1-14](#)

KENNETH CHAFIN - BORROW

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- [2 Samuel 21](#)

THOMAS CONSTABLE - Expository Notes

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

RON DANIEL

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

DARBY BIBLE COMMENTARY

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DALE RALPH DAVIS - colorful speaker, writer

- [Sermons on 2 Samuel \(MP3\)](#)

JOHN JAMES DAVIS

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WILLIAM JOHN DEANE (AND THOMAS KIRK)

[Cyril Barber](#) "A pleasing exposition of the Biblical text." – In this treatment of the lives of Samuel and Saul, Samuel is shown to possess an inner Godward orientation that motivated all he did. Saul is revealed as being motivated by external considerations. These two men-contemporaries for a time-explain for us the dynamics of success from God's perspective. In explaining 1 Samuel, Deane and Kirk provide the kind of practical application that will delight every devout Bible student. Recommended.

- [Samuel and Saul: Their Lives and Times](#) (Or [Here](#)) - William Deane Publication Date: 1889 230 pp.

BOB DEFFINBAUGH - Sermons

- [Promise Breakers and Promise Keepers \(2 Samuel 21\)](#)

DICTIONARIES

- Baker's Evangelical Dictionary: [Samuel, First & Second, Theology of](#)
- Holman Bible Dictionary: [Samuel, Books of](#)
- Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible: [Samuel, Books](#)
- McClintock and Strong: [Samuel, First and Second Books of](#)
- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia: [Samuel, Books of](#)
- Kitto's Popular Cyclopedia of Biblical Literature: [Samuel, Books of](#)
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- [2 Samuel- the Great King of Israel](#)

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- [2 Sa 24:1-25; 1 Chr 21:1-26 Repentance](#)

EXPOSITOR'S BIBLE Commentary - William Blaikie

D Edmond Hiebert - A practical, warm-hearted exposition by a conservative scholar. Although written during the nineteenth century, it is rich in its interpretative contents, as, for example, on chapter 15.

Cyril J. Barber - One of the finest devotional commentaries ever produced.

Spurgeon on Blaikie's related life of David: "Dr. Blaikie is a good writer. This Life of David has supplied a great lack." ([Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries](#))

- [2 Samuel 21](#)
- [1 Samuel](#) - entire book on one page

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DON FORTNER

- [Sermons on 2 Samuel](#)

A C GAEBELEIN Annotated Bible

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

RALPH D GEHRKE - Lutheran commentator (1968)

- [Commentary on 1-2 Samuel - online](#)

GENE GETZ - short videos emphasizing application

- [2 Samuel 21:1-9](#); Making Restitution: Though leaders may not be responsible for the evil done by other leaders within their area of accountability, they should attempt to right the wrong. [Video](#)

JOHN GILL - Commentary

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

BRUCE GOETTSCHKE

- [Sin in 3-D \(2 Samuel 21:1-14\)](#)

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GOSPEL COALITION

- [Resources](#)

GOTQUESTIONS

- [Book of 2 Samuel - Bible Survey](#)
- [How could David be considered a man after God's own heart?](#)

L M GRANT - Commentary

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

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- Borrow [David - Shepherd and King](#)

DAVID GUZIK - Commentary

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- [2 Samuel 21](#)

MATTHEW HENRY - Commentary

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

F B HOLE - Commentary

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HOLMAN PUBLISHING - BORROW - Editor Jeremy Royal Howard

- [HCSB Study Bible : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#) - (2010) 2360 pages. Conservative. Good notes. Include Holman's excellent maps. **Borrow**

HOMILETICS

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

INTERNATIONAL CRITICAL COMMENTARY A Critical & Exegetical Commentary Henry P Smith (1904)

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

JAMIESON, FAUSSET, BROWN - Commentary

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

S. LEWIS JOHNSON Lessons from the Life of David Recommended

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- [2 Samuel 21, 24 - Famine and Pestilence](#)

KJV BIBLE PARALLEL BIBLE COMMENTARY - Edward Dobson, Charles Feinberg, E. Hindson, W. Kroll - NO RESTRICTIONS ON USE

Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective.- I have found the comments are very good but generally not in great depth. It is worth checking as you may glean additional insights on a passage. It is not strictly speaking verse by verse but does cover many verses.

- [KJV Bible Commentary](#). - 3119 pages - allow copy and paste function

KJV STUDY BIBLE - General Editor - Edward Hindson - NO RESTRICTIONS ON USE

- [The King James Study Bible Second Edition](#) 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple contributing editors. Pre-millennial. See [introduction on How to Use this Study Bible](#)

STEVE KRELOFF

- [2 Samuel - Mp3's - Messianic Pastor](#)

PAUL E. KRETZMANN - Lutheran Perspective

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LANGE'S COMMENTARY - J J VAN OOSTERZEE - Lange's Commentary on the Holy Scriptures

Spurgeon writes "Oosterzee in Lange is excellent."

D Edmond Hiebert - In keeping with the series to which it belongs, the massive material is presented in three parts: exegetical and critical, doctrinal and ethical, and homiletical and practical. Conservative in viewpoint. Valuable for those willing to dig into its vast stores of material, much of which is definitely dated.

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CARL LANEY - BORROW - Everyman's Bible Commentary

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LIFE APPLICATION BIBLE - BORROW

- [Life Application Study Bible](#) - OT and NT study notes

JOHN LIGHTFOOT - Commentary

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ALEXANDER MACLAREN - sermons with a devotional bent

MAPS

- [David's Rise to Power](#)
- [David in Conquest of Canaan](#)
- [David's Wars of Conquest](#)
- [Kingdom of David and Solomon](#)

J VERNON MCGEE - Thru the Bible comments - often has pithy comments

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

EUGENE MERRILL - unfortunately some of margins slightly cut off but overall still usable.

James Rosscup - Professor of Old Testament at Dallas Theological Seminary surveys both books with conservative expertise, dealing with Hebrew meaning, problems, customs, etc. He has a high view of inspiration and a good use of literature relevant in the area.

- [Bible Knowledge Commentary - Old Testament](#) - 1 Samuel by Eugene Merrill (**Borrow**)

F B MEYER - Devotional

- [2 Samuel 21](#)
- [2 Samuel 21:1](#)

HENRY MORRIS - Defender's Study Bible Notes - well-known creationist. Conservative. Millennial.

- **BORROW** - [The Defender's Study Bible](#)
- [2 Samuel 21:1 the days of David slew the Gibeonites](#)
- [2 Samuel 21:6 of his sons](#)
- [2 Samuel 21:8 five sons of Michal](#)
- [2 Samuel 21:19 slew the brother of Goliath](#)
- [2 Samuel 21:22 born to the giant](#)

TOMMY NELSON

- [Click here for messages in his 2 Samuel Sermon Series](#)

WILLIAM NEWELL

- [1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings - Old Testament Studies- Being the Lessons Given at Various Union Bible](#)

NET BIBLE NOTES - somewhat technical but you can find some practical "nuggets"

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

PHIL NEWTON Sermons South Woods Baptist Church

- [Mp3 only - 2 Samuel 21 The Cost of Covenant Breaking](#)

JAMES NISBET'S - Church Pulpit Commentary

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

NIV STUDY BIBLE - notes are brief but helpful.

- [Zondervan NIV Study Bible](#) - (2011) 2570 pages - use the new edition if available. **BORROW**
- [The NIV Study Bible](#) by Barker, Kenneth L; Burdick, Donald W (1995) 2250 pages. Note this is the first edition. This resource has been fully revised in 2020. **BORROW**

NKJV STUDY BIBLE - no restriction for use - Earl Radmacher, Ronald Allen, H. Wayne House

- [NKJV Study Bible](#) - 2345 pages. Allows copy/paste - notes are brief but conservative and well-done

OUR DAILY BREAD

- [See also Onsite 2 Samuel Devotionals - Our Daily Bread](#)
- [2 Samuel 21:1-14 God's People, God's Honor](#)
- [2 Samuel 21:17 People Helping People](#)

JOSEPH PARKER

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

DAVID F PAYNE

- [Kingdoms of the Lord. A History of the Hebrew Kingdoms](#) - 304 pages - (there are 27 total articles)

PENINSULA BIBLE CHURCH - sermons

- [2 Samuel 21:1-22 The King's Justice](#) Paul Taylor

PETER PETT - Commentary

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

ARTHUR PINK

- [2 Samuel 21 His Honorable Conduct](#)
- [2 Samuel 21 His Honorable Conduct \(Continued\)](#)

MATTHEW POOLE - Commentary

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

WIL POUNDS

- [1 & 2 Samuel - Israel's Greatest King](#)

PREACHER'S HOMILETICAL - Commentary - Includes Germ Notes, Illustrations, Homilies

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

PULPIT COMMENTARY

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

ALAN REDPATH - excellent insights and application based on his expository studies

- [The Making of a Man of God \(Life of David\) - 137 PDF book](#)

REFORMATION STUDY BIBLE - study notes

- [2 Sam 21:1](#)
- [2 Sam 21:2](#)
- [2 Sam 21:3](#)
- [2 Sam 21:6](#)
- [2 Sam 21:7](#)
- [2 Sam 21:8](#)
- [2 Sam 21:9](#)
- [2 Sam 21:10](#)
- [2 Sam 21:11–14](#)
- [2 Sam 21:14](#)
- [2 Sam 21:15–22](#)
- [2 Sam 21:16](#)
- [2 Sam 21:17](#)
- [2 Sam 21:18](#)
- [2 Sam 21:19](#)
- [2 Sam 21:20](#)
- [2 Sam 21:22](#)

HENRI ROSSIER

- [2 Samuel Commentary Notes](#)

ROB SALVATO - Sermons

- [2 Samuel 21 & 22 Our Deliverer](#)

JOHN SCHULTZ - 150 page commentary - Well done

- [2 Samuel Commentary](#)

SERMONAUDIO - PDF's of sermons - Be aware there might be some variation in quality so be a Berean!

- [2 Samuel 21 Sermons in PDF](#)
- [Audio Sermons](#) Select 2 Samuel and chapter of interest

SERMON BIBLE COMMENTARY

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

CHUCK SMITH - Sermon Notes

- [2 Samuel 21](#) Commentary
- [C2000 Series on 2 Samuel 17-24](#)

JAMES SMITH - HANDFULS OF PURPOSE

- [2 SAMUEL ARTICLES - see titles available below](#)

CHUCK SWINDOLL

- [David : a man of passion & destiny : Bible study guide](#)- 213 pages - Borrow
- [David : a man of passion & destiny : profiles in character](#)- 304 pages (Different from resource above) - Borrow

THIRD MILLENNIUM STUDY NOTES

- [Conclusion: Continuing Hope in David's House - 2 Samuel 21:1-24:25](#)
- [David's Intercession Stops a Famine - 2 Samuel 21:1-14](#)
- [David's Military Accomplishments - 2 Samuel 21:15-22](#)

DAVID THOMPSON - sermons - average about 6 pages, verse by verse exposition. Literal. Conservative. ([Audios are available](#) but only pdf's are listed)

- [2 Samuel 19:41-20:26](#)
- [2 Samuel 21:1-22](#)
- [2 Samuel 22:1-51](#)
- [2 Samuel 23:1-7](#)
- [2 Samuel 23:8-39](#)
- [2 Samuel 24:1-25](#)

TODAY IN THE WORD - devotionals

- [2 Samuel Study](#) - 40 page devotional
- [2 Samuel 21](#)

DAVID TSUMURA - BORROW - New International Commentary on the Old Testament

Mathison (Ligonier) - The best intermediate-advanced-level commentary on the first book of Samuel is now the commentary by David Tsumura in the NICOT series. It is very well written and very thorough. Tsumura's expertise in the languages of the ancient Near East is evident throughout.

- [The First book of Samuel](#)

JOHN TRAPP - Commentary

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

BOB UTLEY 1 Samuel Commentary - brief notes but offers interesting insights including Hebrew words with frequent topic addendums

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

HOWARD VOS - BORROW

James Rosscup - Vos was Professor of History and Archaeology, King's College, Briarcliff Manor, New York, In this conservative work he gives a long outline at the outset, then incorporates this in his survey of I and 2 Samuel. For many Bible teachers, preachers, and lay people the exposition helpfully sums up what is said and some implications. It offers brief explanation of some main problems, such as the number judged at Beth Shemesh in I Samuel 6:19ff. and how to fill in the number of Saul's years in 13:1.

- [1, 2 Samuel : Bible study commentary](#) 1983. 166 pp.

DANIEL WHEDON 1 Samuel Commentary

- [2 Samuel 21](#)

WARREN WIERSBE - BORROW - Always worth checking for preaching/teaching points.

Rosscup - One of America's most appreciated staunchly evangelical Bible conference teachers gives diligent, refreshing expositions. These are all of his 23 separate, earlier books in the "Be" series on the New Testament. He strikes a particular appeal with lay people as he crystallizes sections, deals with some of the verses, handles certain problems and backgrounds and applies principles. He is premillennial.

- [Bible Exposition Commentary - Old Testament](#)
- [With the Word](#) - Excellent chapter summaries. Good ideas for preaching or teaching.
- [Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the Old Testament](#) - useful for preaching or teaching
- [Be restored : 2 Samuel & 1 Chronicles](#)

JOHN WHITCOMB AND JOHN J. DAVIS - Borrow - well done chapter summaries

- [Israel: from conquest to exile : a commentary on Joshua-2 Kings](#)- Saul: A Rejected King - see pages 212-222

WYCLIFFE BIBLE COMMENTARY - BORROW

- [Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - Charles Pfeiffer - 1560 pages (1962). Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary.

SERMONS BY VERSE - Older expositions

Seeking God's Face	G. Wood	2 Samuel 21:1
Conscience Assertive	T. Guthrie.	2 Samuel 21:1-14
Famine	B. Dale	2 Samuel 21:1-14
Famine and War	C. Ness.	2 Samuel 21:1-14
Famine in the Days of David	G. T. Coster.	2 Samuel 21:1-14
God's Delays in Punishing	J. Armstrong, D. D.	2 Samuel 21:1-14
Punished Sin Expiated	J. Parker, D. D.	2 Samuel 21:1-14

The Enquiry into Sin	R. W. Evans, B. D.	2 Samuel 21:1-14
The Quickening of David's Conscience by Rizpah's Example	C. Vince.	2 Samuel 21:1-14
Unrighteous Zeal	B. Dale	2 Samuel 21:2
A Mother's Love and Grief	G. Wood	2 Samuel 21:10
A Mother Buries Remains of Her Executed Sons	Memoir of Lord Tennyson.	2 Samuel 21:10-14
Changes of Fortune	T. De Wilt Talmage.	2 Samuel 21:10-14
Rizpah	G. F. Cushman, D. D.	2 Samuel 21:10-14
Rizpah	J. W. Burgon, M. A.	2 Samuel 21:10-14
Rizpah: Or, Relative Suffering	F. Hastings.	2 Samuel 21:10-14
Rizpah's Watch; Or, the Story of a Mother's Love	L. A. Banks, D. D.	2 Samuel 21:10-14
Sins of Lathers Visited Upon Children	T. De Witt Talmage.	2 Samuel 21:10-14
The Courage of Woman Amid Great Emergencies	T. De Witt Talmage.	2 Samuel 21:10-14
Giants: a Sermon to Young People	B. Dale	2 Samuel 21:15-22
Giant Killers	G. Wood	2 Samuel 21:16-22
The Lamp of Israel	B. Dale	2 Samuel 21:17
The Unquenchable Light	G. Wood	2 Samuel 21:17
Action More than Knowledge	General Sherman.	2 Samuel 21:18-22
Deeds	H. W. Beecher.	2 Samuel 21:18-22
On Doing Valiantly	Spurgeon, Charles Haddon	2 Samuel 21:18-22
What One Can Do		2 Samuel 21:18-22