

Apostle Paul spoke of David:

But God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.'²³ "And it is one of King David's descendants, Jesus, who is God's promised Savior of Israel!

Acts 13:22,23

The Best Is Yet To Come

David was thirty years old when he became king, and ruled for forty years. In Hebron he ruled Judah for seven and a half years. In Jerusalem he ruled all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years. 2 Samuel 5:4,5

**Under David's rule Israel expanded
from 6,000 to 60,000 square miles.**

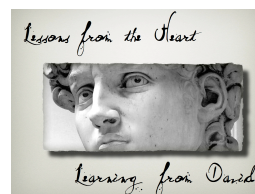
G Fredrick Owen a historian describes David's 40 year reign like this:

With a steady hand David set out to force back and defeat Israel's enemies who had constantly crowded, horned and harasses the Hebrews; Moab and Ammon were conquered; then the Edomites, alarmed at the ever increasing power of Israel, rose against David, but were routed ...

Commercial highways were thrown open and in came merchandise, culture, wealth from distant lands. To his people, David was king, judge, general, but to the nations around about he was the leading power in all the Near Eastern world-the mightiest monarch of the day.

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Part 10:



How to Ask for Directions

He chose his servant David, calling him from the sheep pens. 71 ...and made him the shepherd of ...God's own people, Israel. 72 He cared for them with a true heart and led them with skillful hands. Psalm 78:70-72

Samuel speaks to King Saul and says of David:

But now your kingdom must end, for the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart. 1 Samuel 13:14

Prophet Ahijah to King Jeroboam regarding David's character:

But you have not been like my servant **David**, who obeyed my commands and followed me with all his **heart** and always did whatever I wanted. 1 Kings 14:8

Saul is dead- 2 Samuel Chapter 1 and so after this:

After this, David asked the Lord, "Should I move back to one of the towns of Judah?" 2 Samuel 2:1

"Yes," the Lord replied.

Then David asked, "Which town should I go to?"

"To Hebron," the Lord answered. 2 Samuel 2:1,2

So David and his wives and his men and their families all moved to Judah, and they settled in the villages near Hebron. 2 Samuel 2:2,3

Meanwhile in the north Saul's General Abner sets up a puppet King Ishbosheth, Saul's son to succeed Saul's rule.

Now there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. But David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker. 2 Samuel 3:1

How Did David Receive Guidance From God?

David used the help of a priest and the Urim and Thummin

God's Instructions to Moses for the High Priest:

Also put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastpiece, so they may be over Aaron's heart whenever he enters the presence of the LORD. Thus Aaron will always bear the means of making decisions for the Israelites over his heart before the LORD. Exodus 28:30

An Example of the Urim and Thummin at work in David's Time
Then Saul prayed to the LORD, the God of Israel, "Why have you not answered your servant today? If the fault is in me or my son Jonathan, respond with Urim, but if the men of Israel are at fault, respond with Thummim." Jonathan and Saul were taken by lot, and the men were cleared. 1 Samuel 14:41

David had a priest and God's stones, the Urim and Thummin

But David did not have the Spirit of God dwelling within him.

We have "the" High Priest, Jesus Christ, and God's Spirit in us.

(Jesus teaching)

Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, ... 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you John 16

How Do I Receive Guidance From God?

1. _____

David asked the Lord, "Should I move back to one of the towns of Judah?" Then David asked, "Which town should I go to?"

2 Samuel 2:1,2

"You have not because you ask not."

James 4:2

2. _____

So David and his wives and his men and their families all moved to Judah...

2 Samuel 2:2

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

James 1:5-7

3. _____

"I'm a pilgrim here on earth and I need a map and your commands are my chart and guide."

Psalms 119:19 LB

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12