## Promised Land 2 Study and Discussion Questions

Lesson Three: <u>David's God-Given Kingdom</u> - 2 Samuel 1-10, 1 Chronicles 11-19, selected Psalms

Read 2 Samuel 1-4	ᇽ.	
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- 1) Describe David's response to the news of Saul's death.
- **2)** Re-read 2 Samuel 2:8, 12-13, 17; 3:1, 6, 12, 17-19, 27. Who were Abner son of Ner and Joab son of Zeruiah (see also 1 Samuel 14:50-51, 1 Chronicles 2:13-16, 11:6)?

- 3) 2 Samuel 1, 3 and 4 record David's responses to the deaths of Saul, Abner, and Saul's son Ish-Bosheth, men he could have considered his enemies (see also David's instructions to his son Solomon concerning Joab in 1 Kings 2:5-6).
  - a) What do David's responses to the deaths of his enemies tell you about him?
  - **b)** 2 Samuel 3:36 tells us the eyes of all Israel were on David. Name several individuals who are watching your life and the kind of an example they need to see in you right now.

## Read 2 Samuel 5-6 and 1 Chronicles 11-16.

- 4) 2 Samuel 5 and 1 Chronicles 11, 12, and 14 describe David's receiving and securing of the kingdom of Israel.
  - a) List the main events described in these chapters, events that would have brought stability and security to Israel and to David's monarchy (skim section titles, if your Bible has them, and consider the commentaries in 1 Chronicles 12:22, 40b and 14:17).

	b)	According to 2 Samuel 5:12, for whose benefit did the Lord raise up David as king, and what principle (truth) does this verse teach about God's choice of any individual leader?
5)		uel 6 and 1 Chronicles 13, 15, 16 tell how David brought the Ark of the Lord to Jerusalem. What was the Ark and why was it important (see God's words to Moses in Exodus 25:8, 10, 16, and 22)?
	b)	What additional information do the Chronicles chapters give about why David's first attempt to bring the Ark to Jerusalem was unsuccessful, information that is not found in 2 Samuel (consider 1 Chronicles 13:7 with Numbers 4:15-16 [the "tent of meeting" is another name for the Tabernacle and the Ark was one of the "holy things"/furnishings within the Tabernacle] and 1 Chronicles 15:2, 13-15)?
	c)	Who was blessed, directly or indirectly, because David brought the Ark to Jerusalem (see all four chapters)?
	d)	Who was not blessed?
6)	thanks glorific "make	nicles 16:7-36 (portions of which are also found in Psalm 96, 105, and 106) records David's song of to the Lord for the Ark's arrival in Jerusalem, an event for which David wanted the Lord to be ed. Like many of David's other psalms, the one found in 1 Chronicles 16 calls on its readers to knownwhat God has done" (verse 8) and to "tell of all his wonderful acts" (verse 9). What has one for you recently that you need to share for the sake of His glory?

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7)	Summarize 2 Samuel 7 (you w	ill find additional info	ormation about this in 1 C	thronicles 28:2-3).

- 8) In 2 Samuel 7:11b-16, God promised David He would establish his house and kingdom.
  - a) What "house" is God speaking of in 2 Samuel 11b?
  - **b)** What "house" is God speaking of in verse 13?
  - c) Who is the son of whom God speaks in 2 Samuel 7:13 (see 1 Chronicles 28:5-7)?
  - d) What ancient promise of God is also implied in these verses concerning another son of David (see Genesis 12:2-3; 17:6, 16; 35:11, and 49:10, together with Matthew 1:22-25, 2:1-2; Mark 15:2; Luke 1:31-33; and Revelation 1:5; 19:16. This promise can actually be traced all the way back to the Garden of Eden [Genesis 3:15])?
- 9) Enjoy God's promises to you in Ephesians 1:3-14; 2:6-10; Philippians 1:6; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 1 John 3:2 and Revelation 21:3-4; 22:1-5. Then re-read the words of David in 2 Samuel 7:18-19. What will this change about the way you live your life today?

## Read 2 Samuel 8-10 and 1 Chronicles 18-19.

- 10) From 2 Samuel 8-10, list all the nations that David subjected. If you have access to a Bible atlas, indicate their location in relationship to Israel (southeast, southwest, east, etc.) alongside their names.
- 11) David was more than just a great military leader. What else does 2 Samuel 8-10 tell you about him?

12) What part of your life or personality needs to be developed so you can be characterized as a well-baperson?	alanced
Read the Psalms noted below.  13) David became king of Judah first and then king of all Israel. Some Psalms refer directly or indirectl future Messianic king. Read Psalm 45 and 110 and cite specific verses that seem to speak of a king the period of Israel's monarchy and other phrases and verses that seem to refer to a Messianic king.	living ir
<ul> <li>14) A number of the Psalms are imprecatory, meaning they call for a curse or judgment on someone or something. David was certainly a man who had enemies. 2 Samuel 8-10 record many that he subdu Read Psalm 58 as an example of an imprecatory psalm.</li> <li>a) How do imprecatory psalms apply to a believer's ultimate enemies today (see Romans 8:1-8 Corinthians 15:54-57, and Revelation 12:9)?</li> </ul>	ied.
<b>b)</b> Referring to Psalm 58:6, what would you like to see God "break" or "tear out" of your life?	,
15) In the chapters covered in this lesson, we read several times that David "inquired of the Lord." He language unsuccessful in his first attempt to bring the Ark to Jerusalem because he failed to consult God's we Skim Psalm 119 and list meaningful phrases that express the value of the written word of God.	