

The Book of Second Samuel: 2 Samuel 24 and Review

Sunday, June 30

Note: The Quarterly Song Service will be held on Wednesday, July 3.

2 Samuel 24: Sunday, June 30

(1 – 2) Why was God angry at David for directing that a census of the people be taken? According to the account given in 1 Chronicles 21: 1, who tempted David to conduct the census? To whom did David give the task of conducting the census? (*Exodus 30: 11 – 12*)

(3 – 4) How did Joab and his captains respond to David's directive regarding the census? What was the result of their objections?

(5 – 9) How long did it take for Joab and his officers to conduct the census? How many men of military age were counted in Israel, and how many in Judah? (*1 Chronicles 21: 5*)

(10 – 13) When the census was completed, what acknowledgement did David make? Through the prophet Gad, what three options did God give to David as a consequence of his sin? (*1 Chronicles 21: 11 – 12*)

(14 – 16) Which of the three options did David choose, and what was his motivation for selecting that option? What was the result of David's selection, and what action did God take regarding the potential destruction of Jerusalem?

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(17 – 19) What request did David make to God when he witnessed the destruction that was brought upon the people? What direction did God give to David through the prophet Gad, and how did David respond?

(20 – 23) What question did Araunah ask to David, and how did David respond? What offer did Araunah make to David?

(24 – 25) Why didn't David accept Araunah's offer? What action did David take, and what was the result?

Review: Consider the following questions regarding David's character and relationship with God:

- What were David's strengths and weaknesses?
- How did David react when he committed sin, and what were the results?
- How did David's relationship with God develop throughout the narrative of the book?
- What can we learn about our relationship with God by considering David's actions and his relationship with God?